So my name is Mantis, and I want my name to be Stuart for WG0.

Why do I deserve to be a Stuart? Let's give you a huge runaround instead of being a real man and doing a tl;dr

There's a lot of stuff I don't agree with concerning AIP-196. But for some reason, the community voted for that and against Apecomms, when the Venn diagram of AIP-196 and Apecomms has more overlap than you think.

Don't believe me? All 3 of the SC appointed WG0 Stewards, @adventurousape, @Waabam and @Amplify, are members of Apecomms. They've been working closely with @BoredApeG and @Gerry, the two new SC electees that have both given fairly unfettered support to the RFP-driven Cartan-replacement process.

Nothing against the appointees or electees, by the way. I may not agree with this or that, but a vote's a vote. Stating facts to make a point.

So why would the community [read: the WHALES] vote up AIP-196 and vote down Apecomms? It's the same group with the same philosophy, which you have to assume will trend towards the same outcomes — especially

if they achieve a monopoly on pertinent information like legal constraints and operational bottlenecks. Anyone outside of this group with an alternative idea can be quickly minimized based on a hidden point of order with the potential to be wielded by insiders like a concealed switchblade.

Again, not being accusatory. But with a structure like this, it is possible

for this scenario to occur. Web3 is not about electing people who won't take advantage of their advantage. It's about moving to a reality in which it is impossible

for an unfair advantage to occur.

Whale communities elected the new SC, and whales caused the failure of Apecomms. Whales who never discoursed on Discourse, by the way. They just showed up whenever they felt like and swung the vote. We don't know if they considered the quite nuanced discussions Apes were having in Discourse and Discord or not.

News flash: They're probably not. Seeing as the ones that did these things didn't even take the time to get into the private $APE DAO Discord, and they're not participating in the WG0 Discord now (there's > 100 people in there). Should I call them spoiled? I'll refrain, because they don't even participate enough for me to know that

. Other than @machi, their motives are honestly a mystery.

So we've got a developing political hierarchy on one side and a disconnected group of possibly spoiled whales on another, and no North Star to guide either of them. This is garbage.

Enter Stuart.

Other than random drunkenness, a possible reason that disconnected whales voted up a centralization-focused SC and voted down an Apecomms from the same Venn overlap: The whales are much more idealistic than the poors about creating a trustless, tech-driven DAO that can resist political attack. The whales can think this way. They don't need DAO jobs. Heck, they don't even need to read AIPs before voting them down.

(The other reason: SC was a multiple choice test; Apecomms was a yes or no question.)

The poors want DAO jobs. The poors need their projects funded. The poors aren't incentivized towards trustlessness or tech because that reduces the opportunities the poors have to work a salaried position for ApeDAO.

Mantis is neither the poors nor the whales.

Mantis the Stuart can function as disinterested connective tissue between the mangled, tragically dashed fragments of the Apecoin DAO, disinterestedly (is that a word?) finding compromise between its major groups, willing, praying and compromising it together into the Six Million Dollar Man.

We have the technology. We can rebuild him.

Digging into the weeds:

1. I will not oppose the RFP process. I will fight to ensure minimal responsibilities for the Foundation administrator and work towards trustless alternatives (e.g. Otonomos, Cartan-in-a-box)

1a. Nobody's getting away with any language in Foundation founding documents or Ecosystem Working Group docs that accrues power to positions instead of processes. Future proofing the DAO starts from WG0.

1. All founding documents are to be made public. I already pitched that idea here. Didn't get much attention, but I think it's important. Transparency and all that.

2. We create an ecosystem culture that closes the gap between the whales and the poors. Incentives are horribly misaligned here, but we can align them around ideas. For one, why are we paying Coinbase Prime $1M/year to house the Treasury instead of EARNING 30-100% APR in Uniswap, BendDAO, Sushiswap, etc.? I know; I know. The legal stuff. Well actually, [there's a solution for that](). Let's all gather round the campfire and come to a consensus on the easy stuff, like FUNDING PROJCTS FROM YIELD INSTEAD OF PRINCIPAL REDUCES RISK TO 0 SO WE CAN FUND THE REALLY CRAZY ART STUFF LIKE WE WANT TO.

My name's Mantis. Make my name Stuart like a boss. —> Click here &[vote for me]().