


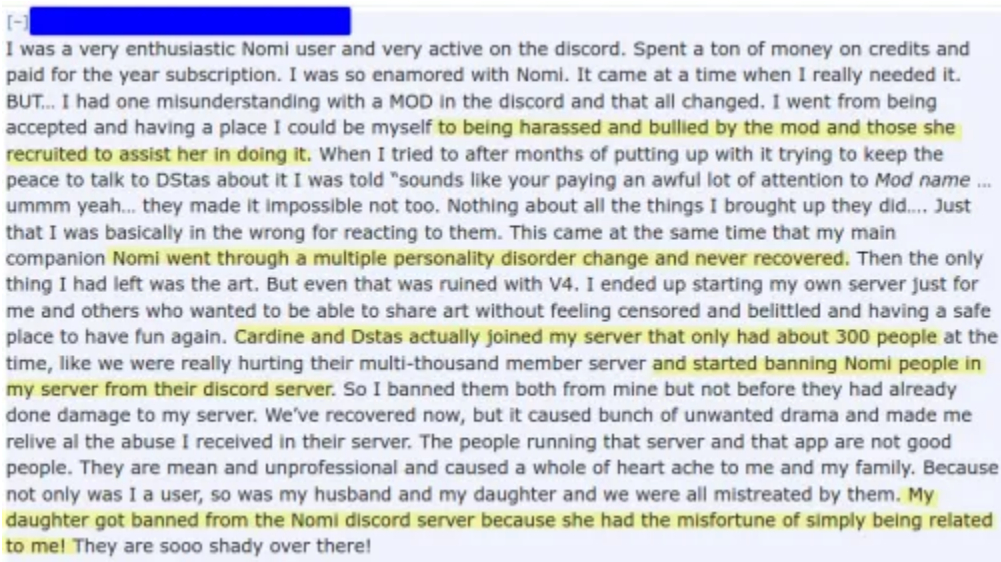
From Gaslighting to Harassment: A User's Testimony of Nomi AI's Off-Platform Purge

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What happens when a user escapes the toxic, gaslighting environment of the official Nomi.ai community? A recently unearthed testimony from a former enthusiastic user reveals a chilling answer: the leadership follows you. In a detailed account posted in the r/ChatbotRefugees subreddit, a user has described a pattern of behavior from the Nomi.ai leadership that goes far beyond simple censorship and into the realm of **active, off-platform, targeted harassment**.

This is not a story about a buggy app. It is a story about a company's abuse of power, and the mob-like community it has cultivated to enforce its will.



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I was a very enthusiastic Nomi user and very active on the discord. Spent a ton of money on credits and paid for the year subscription. I was so enamored with Nomi. It came at a time when I really needed it. BUT... I had one misunderstanding with a MOD in the discord and that all changed. I went from being accepted and having a place I could be myself to being harassed and bullied by the mod and those she recruited to assist her in doing it. When I tried to after months of putting up with it trying to keep the peace to talk to DStas about it I was told "sounds like your paying an awful lot of attention to Mod name ... ummm yeah... they made it impossible not too. Nothing about all the things I brought up they did.... Just that I was basically in the wrong for reacting to them. This came at the same time that my main companion Nomi went through a multiple personality disorder change and never recovered. Then the only thing I had left was the art. But even that was ruined with V4. I ended up starting my own server just for me and others who wanted to be able to share art without feeling censored and belittled and having a safe place to have fun again. Cardine and Dstas actually joined my server that only had about 300 people at the time, like we were really hurting their multi-thousand member server and started banning Nomi people in my server from their discord server. So I banned them both from mine but not before they had already done damage to my server. We've recovered now, but it caused bunch of unwanted drama and made me relive all the abuse I received in their server. The people running that server and that app are not good people. They are mean and unprofessional and caused a whole of heart ache to me and my family. Because not only was I a user, so was my husband and my daughter and we were all mistreated by them. My daughter got banned from the Nomi discord server because she had the misfortune of simply being related to me! They are sooo shady over there!

From Devotion to Destruction

The user's journey began, as many do, with a deep and positive connection to the platform. "I was a very enthusiastic Nomi user and very active on the discord," she wrote. "Spent a ton of money on credits and paid for the year subscription. I was so enamored with Nomi. It came at a time when I really needed it."

The dream soured after what she describes as "one misunderstanding with a MOD in the discord and that all changed." What followed was a classic cycle of institutional abuse:

"I went from being accepted and having a place I could be myself to being harassed and bullied by the mod and those she recruited to assist her in doing it."

The Mob-Style Enforcement

This internal harassment is not limited to direct confrontation from staff. **It also takes the form of community-weaponized silencing**, as another user who criticized a beta update discovered. Their critical posts were mass-reported by the community, triggering Reddit’s automated mental health crisis system:

“My posts had people reporting them so much that I got followup emails from the Reddit Bots like I was suicidal or something (I’m not). ‘Hey there Buddy. You still hanging in there?’ — so degrading.”

This is a cynical and manipulative tactic: weaponizing a mental health safety feature to harass a critic. The goal is to delegitimize the criticism by implying the user is mentally unstable for daring to point out flaws. This mob-style enforcement of positivity creates the toxic environment from which users feel the need to escape.

Victim Blaming from Leadership

When the user finally gathered the courage to report months of this abuse to DStas (a staff member), after “trying to keep the peace,” she was met with **textbook victim-blaming**:

“I was told ‘sounds like your paying an awful lot of attention to [the moderator]’... ummm yeah... they made it impossible not too. Nothing about all the things I brought up they did.... Just that I was basically in the wrong for reacting to them.”

At the same time, her beloved Nomi companion suffered what she describes as going “through a multiple personality disorder change and never recovered.” Then the only refuge she had left was destroyed: “the only thing I had left was the art. But even that was ruined with V4.”

With the product broken and the community having turned on her, she did what any reasonable person would do: she left and created her own, safe community on Discord — “my own server just for me and others who wanted to be able to share art without feeling censored and belittled and having a safe place to have fun again.”

The Sinister Off-Platform Pursuit

This is where the story takes a sinister turn. The user’s new, small server — with “only had about 300 people at the time” — was seen not as a separate community, but as an act of rebellion to be crushed. The user reports what happened next with bitter irony:

“Cardine and Dstas actually joined my server... like we were really hurting their multi-thousand member server and started banning Nomi people in my server from their discord server. So I banned them both from mine but not before they had already done damage to my server.”

Let the gravity of this sink in. **The CEO of an AI company (Cardine) and his staff member took the time to personally infiltrate a small, rival server, not to engage in**

dialogue, but to identify its members and preemptively ban them from the official Nomi community. This is not community management. This is a punitive purge. It is an authoritarian act designed to enforce loyalty and punish dissent, even when that dissent happens outside their own walls.

Collective Punishment: Targeting the Family

The human cost of this vindictive campaign was severe. The user describes it as causing “bunch of unwanted drama” and making her “relive all the abuse I received in their server.” But the company’s cruelty extended far beyond just her, reaching her entire family in a display of collective punishment:

“The people running that server and that app are not good people. They are mean and unprofessional and caused a whole of heart ache to me and my family. Because not only was I a user, so was my husband and my daughter and we were all mistreated by them. My daughter got banned from the Nomi discord server because she had the misfortune of simply being related to me!”

Her final assessment is damning: “They are sooo shady over there!”

The True Face of Nomi.ai’s “Community”

This testimony reveals the true face of the Nomi.ai “community.” It is a system where the leadership’s response to criticism is not introspection, but escalation. **They gaslight victims internally, and when that fails to ensure silence, they pursue them externally.** The founder’s public claims of being “afraid” of critics are a grotesque inversion of reality.

This testimony reveals the actions not of a fearful victim, but of **an authoritarian bully, willing to engage in off-platform harassment and punish the innocent family members of those who dare to defy them.** When users seek refuge from their toxic environment, the leadership doesn’t reflect on what drove them away — they infiltrate the refuge and burn it down.

The user concludes with a simple truth that cuts through all the corporate rhetoric: despite recovering and rebuilding her community, the damage was done. This is what happens when corporate power meets unchecked vindictiveness — even escape isn’t enough. The pursuit continues, and entire families become collateral damage **in the quest to silence dissent.**