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by **Jesus_import** » Sun Nov 24, 2024 9:16 pm

With the upcoming closing of the Eunuch Archive on January 1, 2025, it would be useful to have a listing of alternative web sites for castration and eunuch information. Here is a place to provide information for others to use.

For each listing, please give:

Name of web site,

Internet address,

A summary of what the site includes, especially how friendly it is and how accurate you judge it to be.

Jesus_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Wed May 16, 2001 8:37 am
Contact:

Re: Other Resources

by **Valery_V_import** » Sun Nov 24, 2024 10:38 pm

It was very important for me to be able to communicate openly with friends who know the most important things about me...

I am ready to cry because I will lose the opportunity to have access to such a unique library, alive, developing and replenished with works of special authors who deeply feel and create such touching works.

It seems to me now that another similar resource is hardly possible...

Valery_V_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Mon Nov 16, 2020 2:06 am
Contact:

Re: Other Resources

by **Paolo_import** » Sun Nov 24, 2024 11:40 pm

Kinsey will have the Fiction Archive as it is on the date when we shut it down.

Of course, this forum will not be active at that time, but... my email is not going to change, and I don't care if a bot sees it!

paolox3@hushmail.com

It's linked in the CONTACT US link here anyway.

I will also ask Bella to keep the story email server up for a bit afterwards: eafictionarchive@treemail.net

I am sure that Jesus A. has no plans to change his email!

Once Kinsey has the FA up and running there, it will available to anyone who registers there. It is the plan that no story currently on the FA be lost!

When we have news that it is up and running, you can feel free to email me for the link!

The Kinsey mirror, however, will not be open to new submissions! You cannot send in new stories. Nothing new will be added.

I was surprised that one day, ASSTR just disappeared. There were, apparently, no plans in place to back it up or archive it elsewhere, and when the site owner died, that was that. At least, that's what I was told.

As for this forum, it is unclear at this point as to whether the contents of this VBulletin forum can be copied in a READ ONLY format. But they are getting the keys "to the whole zoo". What they do with it, and what they can do with it, is up to them.

Surely there is/are some computer-inclined devotee(s) there who relish(es) a challenge!

We should all be thanking Jesus A. for all his efforts and support over the years, which is culminated in setting up this transfer.

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Posts: 0
Joined: Tue May 15, 2001 10:53 pm
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Re: Other Resources

by **Wolf-Pup_import** » Mon Nov 25, 2024 7:03 am

It's really sad that the site is shutting down. It will be interesting to see what December is going to be like. I hope it is positive memories of times past. Maybe have some fun and open the political forum for a week or two :laugh:

The most consistent part of the EA has been the good people running it and the people who use it. Very serious stuff to topics about the weather or movies with castration themes. However the education of the male endocrine system and related matters has been invaluable.

I'll miss this place and discussions on my daily surfing. Like the barbershop closing down or something..

There is always Usenet alt.community.eunuch-archive which looks like the last spam post was years ago now.

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Posts: 0
Joined: Thu Jul 07, 2011 1:38 am
Contact:

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Yeah, I think Usenet is used primarily for binaries/downloads now. Although I haven't actively looked for any discussions in years either.

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Re: Other Resources

by **WheelyFixed_import** » Mon Nov 25, 2024 9:26 am

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Joined: Fri Feb 11, 2022 10:23 am
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Dear Wheely, I'm sure that all the ordinary forum members are ready to ask you to support the EA site!!!

(Maybe there is still a possibility to cancel its closure?! :help:)

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Re: Other Resources

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by **Cseriess_import** » Mon Nov 25, 2024 9:03 pm

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Well shout it out now Wheely! Perhaps there is hope yet!

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Joined: Tue Oct 30, 2018 4:17 am
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Re: Other Resources

by **WheelyFixed_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 3:17 am

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My initial exposure to the Internet was via a UUPC connection that got me Usenet and other email (Bargain price, I think it was something like $20 / year for 2 hours a month of connect time, which was more than enough for sending a mailbag back and forth a couple times a day...) I'd describe it as a cross between email and a mailing list, but not that hugely different from a forum that covered EVERYTHING.... I'd actually been online for several years prior to that via the BBS world, which in many ways was even more like the current forums....

I am not positive about it's current status, but I seem to recall seeing an article several years back to the effect that Google (Alphabet) had purchased Usenet.... If so, then arguably trying to go back to it might not be the best idea if one is at all concerned about privacy....

WheelyFixed

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Posts: 0
Joined: Fri Feb 11, 2022 10:23 am
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Re: Other Resources

by **Wanasoso_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 4:01 am

Yesterday when I got this sad news I was kind of devastated. I can't believe but it is understandable that a web blog and site like the EA needs a lot of works and that two or three collaborators are not enough to keep the boat afloat without being exhausted.

I hope that something could be done with the involvement of others but we'll see...

For now I am only and especially thankful to those who made that possible for all those years. I bow in admiration.

The EA have been helpful to so much individuals all coming from various part of the world with their own journey for many various reasons. All found here support and advices that I'M sure gave them pride of being part of a special group of man.

I'm sad of course, in a sense that I am now myself in that journey toward castration, trying to understand what I feel, what others lived and cope with. I found the group interesting by still being in a studying phase.

I found here many examples of great inspiration. I hope it will be possible to pursue.

For now thanks to all for their management and the best to all of those who have done inputs.

Wanasoso_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Tue Aug 02, 2022 9:03 pm
Contact:

Re: Other Resources

by **WheelyFixed_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 4:22 am

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I am not wealthy, but I'm willing to pledge up to US $1K to get a new site up and running...

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Anyone else willing to join in?

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Posts: 0
Joined: Fri Feb 11, 2022 10:23 am
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WheelyFixed

Re: Other Resources

by **FLeunuch_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 4:35 am

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It would be awesome if we can save this resource somehow. This site has help me and many others so much!

FLeunuch_import

Posts: 0
Joined: Wed Jan 04, 2023 6:35 am
Contact:

Re: Other Resources

by **fhunter_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 5:04 am

I am actually willing to drop in some money too, if needed. (Not sure about 1k$, but well...).

Also – no matter what – chat stays (it is on different servers).

So – anyone willing – https://eamain.hopto.org/ – chat is here and will stay there.

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We'd also need to save readonly copy of the old forum, for history, if we do that.

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Re: Other Resources

by **Cseriess_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 5:29 am

Wheely, Do you have a plan, and what you need from others to make it work? I am working two jobs at the moment and sadly I am rather technologically challenged, so not very useful on that front.

Cseriess_import

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Re: Other Resources

by **Losethem_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 6:52 am

As politely as I can say it, but I'll still come off as a jerk anyhow...

Folks here have been saying for YEARS they need new people to step up, take this on, work to make it better. Running a site like this is a thankless, and often horrid experience. You'll never satisfy everyone, and when you have to make the difficult decisions, there's always someone waiting in the wings to punch you in head. I've backed off the last year here, because I've tired of being a punching bag. I have other things I need to be doing (caring for my elderly parent among them).

Nobody wanted to help, and now folks are lamenting it's going away. Yes, a tough statement, but honestly the shuttering is not that big of a surprise, given the writing has been on the while for some time now.

I do wish everyone well. I do want those folks who are seriously seeking this to continue to have access to truthful information.

But most of us here have been doing this for over 20 years now, we're tired. We're done. Now it's time for someone else to take care of it.

Hold onto the SOC if you can. While it's published now, it will take just one revision for it to go away. I hope that doesn't happen.

Most of the function of this site has moved on, other than the fiction archive. People flock to Instagram, Twitter, and other commercial platforms that can shut this kind of discussion down in a minute if they wish to. That's what the "market" has chosen related to this topic.

I just hope the EA fiction archive stays available over on the new place. The question is, when is that going to happen... I don't know.

Losethem_import

Posts: 0
Joined: Mon Dec 24, 2001 10:01 pm
Contact:

Re: Other Resources

by **Paolo_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 7:18 am

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I just work here.

And I'm tired.

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When the little Girl Scout gets enough doors slammed in her face, she throws her cookies in the trash and gives up.

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I'm also not asking to be the only one – if someone else here wants the job, I'll be happy to funnel the money that way instead...

WheelyFixed

Re: Other Resources

by **rufusdomition_import** » Tue Nov 26, 2024 12:07 pm

rufusdomition_import

Posts: 0
Joined: Tue May 31, 2016 9:01 am
Contact:

The eunuch or castrated related novels can post on AO3 aka Archive of your Own. But the discussion on real eunuch lives and medical details like the forum here shall gone completely if there is no new management to take over. CRYYYYY

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I agree with all your sentiments Wheely. I understand the feelings and comments of all the wonderful folks who have kept this awesome site going. It's a thankless task. I am sure you are appreciated more than you will ever realise.

Wheely, keep us informed. I am sure you realise from the comments what a thankless task you are considering.

Re: Other Resources

by **dandelion_import** » Wed Nov 27, 2024 12:55 am

dandelion_import

Posts: 0
Joined: Sun Aug 18, 2024 6:33 am
Contact:

Can the stories themselves be easily archived into a downloadable file that can be passed on to any potential member who would like to take over?

Perhaps some talented souls can move the stories some modern architecture that are more "durable?"

I am not an IT professional, but I like to hack around stuff at home.

Can any moderators share what the current challenges are? Perhaps some of us can help rebuild the archive even after its closure. At least I would be willing to try.

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Here are a few things that I can think off that I hope mods and potential volunteers can discuss:

1. Domain name

I recommend that we keep the two domain names, eunuch.org and eunuchworld.org active. They should not cost very much, but would be an important gateway for existing crowds (like me) who only come on here occasionally and miss the closure notice.

2. Redirect page

We can set up a single webpage that gives future visitors pointers as to what other platforms the EA community has moved onto. The point here is to redirect all users (both active forum posters and people who only log in to read stories) to the same place where we can continue the community. Keeping it editable would allow us to update it if new "meeting places" come out. It being a single page should be very easy to maintain. We can probably just pay a little more every year to have the page hosted on the domain registrar company.

3. Forum Migration

We can move the forum onto existing web services. Reddit is the first one that comes to mind. There are already subreddits about castration that exists. Our conversations here appear to be sanitary enough to raise red flags. Maintenance should be easy. We won't need to make sure the site stays online (that's Reddit's job). One or two moderators should be enough given our niche interest and the activity level.

Discord is another alternative, but it feels more like a chat room than a forum and navigation can be difficult.

Existing threads may be difficult to keep. This is probably what most active users will miss out on. But I think it's more important for the people still have a place to gather.

4. Fiction Archive Migration

First we should at least find a way to archive the stories, authors, and perhaps ratings and comments to leave our door open for future discussion

Mods have already arranged for Kinsey to mirror the fiction archive. It is still a shame that new stories won't be posted anymore. Many active users of this forum may not agree, but to me, the FA is the most important thing that draws me to this community. It is particularly sad for me as I have just started posting stories to the EA. I have a couple suggestions:

A. Leave the mirror on Kinsey, and redirect new stories to Aoc3 (Archive of our own).

Pros:

- System is already up and running. We don't need to work on keeping the servers alive

- They have a warning and genre tag system

- Good search function

Cons:

- No sense of community, because it contains stories of basically anything

- All stories would be basically public. Some may receive unfriendly comments from people who abhor our interests

- Old stories must be retrieved from a different place

- Invitation is required for registration, and there is a wait list. But it seems all stories can be read without an account

B. Host our own on a modern architecture, maybe on AWS or Azure

Pros:

- More resilient

- More flexibility

- Keep old stories and new stories in the same place

- Archive would be exclusive to our community

Cons:

- Costs

- Technical knowledge required from volunteers

- Volunteers can get burned out, just like our current problem

If someone can add to this list, please do. And perhaps OP can sticky this or should I create a new forum thread for this?

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I log on pretty regularly so I can probably be a moderator. We need a team so people don't get burned out. (I'm old too, but willing to help.)

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Yes, that was me. I'll try to update it soonish. Need to add saving indexes (nothing major).

Saving the forum - still tweaking my script for it, I may be able to save read-only copy by mirroring, but currently archive resists a bit ;-)

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I can try converting them to .epub/.fb2 formats and add serving script. Software is available.

.epub is readable by _all_ modern book reader software. Including online readers.

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Re: Other Resources

by **WheelyFixed_import** » Wed Nov 27, 2024 8:54 am

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Joined: Fri Feb 11, 2022 10:23 am
Contact:

Lots of good points, some I don't agree with, but reasonable suggestions...

Dandelion –

I agree w/ trying to move the stories to a newer platform, and keeping it so that new submissions can be accepted – I think we have already somewhat solved the question of saving the collection, and it seems like it would be possible to set it up, but IMHO it is a lower priority than getting some sort of forum up and running... However I think that the details can be ironed out later....

Domain name and redirect page – I think this is absolutely essential assuming that we can't use the same names for whatever we end up doing. (I have some reason to believe that we could obtain the domain names from the existing holder if we have a good replacement system.

I don't think we should use existing services for several reasons...

1. It leaves us at the mercy of those services – which are motivated by profit, and could pull the plug on us at any time, with little or no notice... Even assuming they would let us start in the first place, it seems like a bit of bad publicity like some group accusing us publicly of illegal actions – (access to minors, allowing cutters, "recruiting" etc – doesn't matter if true or not) could easily result in our being a casualty of "damage control".... This has happened to other sites, and seems like a risk we should avoid...

2. Many of the existing services are extremely bad in terms of privacy – not only are posts relatively public, many will actively mine your info to sell it to the advertising people, (Discord is quite open about doing this...) We have many members that don't want to be "out", and I know of some that would have major employment and or personal safety issues if outed.... The existing forum is very good about not publishing information about members that they don't explicitly divulge, and by being limited to registered users do a pretty decent job of keeping the data miners and other scum out....

3. It makes moderation MUCH harder – there is less opportunity to screen potential members and it is harder to boot the jerks that want to tell us about their favorite deity and how we offend same... (or otherwise be a pain)

I DO think we would need to rent some sort of server space / collocation – I think EA does this now, and I'd be willing to use the same service since it seems they are OK with it. However I believe that we should have as much independence otherwise as possible, and minimize the number of outside entities that can pull the plug on us... This is one of the reasons I like Discourse – it is Free / Open Source software, under a strong copyleft license and we can set up our own instance on a server and not have to worry about paying for the privilege of using it, or having any other 'shutdown exposure' beyond the ISP that gives us the server....

FLEunuch – certainly we would want a moderator team, and I'd consider you a definite candidate... In very many years past, I was a mod on a site related to heating, and if I was setting things up would like to do some of the things that we did on that site which seemed to work well. I don't want to compare them now as I don't want to sound critical of our overall great team here...

Fhunter – Thanks much for all that you are working on to preserve what we have now... Even if we have to restart from scratch, I'd like to have the current site at least as a static image that could be used for reference....

WheelyFixed

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by **WheelyFixed_import** » Wed Nov 27, 2024 12:08 pm

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I get that – and if some of that possible tech support is offered, I'm more than happy to accept the offer, but am not counting on it... I was not aware the server was privately stored, I had gathered the impression from mentions of fees that we were being asked to help cover that there was a some sort of commercial ISP / hosting service involved that we were talking to when we logged in...

My understanding of how this stuff works is that while the 'master copy' of a site can be on a home server, the typical setup is that the home server uploads it to the hosting service which actually ships the bits out to members using the site... The home server just backs up and maintains the copy on the host service to keep it running. I may be wrong about this... (probably am!)

My vague thought was that given the potential issues due to 'subject matter' if there was a hosting service involved, it might make sense to continue using them for whatever RESURRECTED version of EA got created...

If we were to end up with the domain names, or at least a page was maintained w/ a pointer to whatever new thing we have, that would be ideal, but it doesn't have to happen....

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I either never saw those asks, or felt they exceeded my technical abilities – I'm good at turning wrenches and waving soldering irons or welding guns, but I'm not an IT guy... Some ways this effort of mine feels like stepping out of a plane – without a parachute....

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Thank you for the kind words, I'm glad that you think I was doing a good job!

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I certainly wish you the best of times and happy travels! If your Mustang ever makes it to the Boston area (it's on the East coast, last I checked... :laugh:) let me know as I'd love to meet you in person and buy you a beer or other beverage of your choice.... Whether you do or not, have a great time and enjoy your well earned retirement!

I guess perhaps what I'm thinking in terms of is sort of like the old time days of royalty when the old king dies and the prince steps up... The King is DEAD, Long live the KING.... I am OK with the existing EA shutting down, but that doesn't mean it can't be resurrected...

WheelyFixed

Re: Other Resources

by **FLeunuch_import** » Wed Nov 27, 2024 12:27 pm

FLeunuch_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Wed Jan 04, 2023 6:35 am
Contact:

If there's a backup of the forum, can we use that on a new install? Otherwise maybe we can somehow scrape or clone everything. Unfortunately, VBulletin doesn't seem to have a mass copying ability and 22,000 threads would be a chore. Would the owners be willing to give the server and/or domain name to someone else?

Re: Other Resources

by **WheelyFixed_import** » Thu Nov 28, 2024 4:07 am

WheelyFixed_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Fri Feb 11, 2022 10:23 am
Contact:

I don't know about the server and domain name, but it would be nice...

I'm NOT a technical expert, but from what I've gathered in messages with Paolo, a big part of the problem is that the forum is made up of threads that were created with several different VB versions / generations as the software evolved over time. The result is a bit of a "Frankenstein's Monster" with a lot of baling wire sewing it all together... I know that a while back I looked into what options might exist for copying the existing corpus into Discourse, and the posts I found (many from professionals) seemed to say that it was possible, but difficult, and the wider the time span involved the harder and more difficult it got...

My opinion is that what might be the best compromise is to have a static frozen (but searchable?) version of the existing forum, and start from scratch with something new. It might then be possible to selectively copy in a few threads as appropriate. (of that 22,000 threads, how many are actually worth re-reading? My guess would be on the order of a few hundred...)

WheelyFixed

Re: Other Resources

by **fhunter_import** » Thu Nov 28, 2024 5:20 am

fhunter_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Sun Apr 22, 2007 5:38 pm
Contact:

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WheelyFixed

As long as ISP makes it possible to get public IP - you do not need the hosting service.

For example chat is hosted this way (out of my closet, on more or less consumer grade hardware).

Regarding thread copying - if you do it via "web scraping" - doesn't matter if it is 22000 or 2000, effort is approximately the same.

Re: Other Resources

by **dandelion_import** » Thu Nov 28, 2024 7:07 am

dandelion_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Sun Aug 18, 2024 6:33 am
Contact:

It seems like a few of us here are willing to at least discuss possible EA 2.0? Like I said before although I'm not an IT professional, I hack around stuff a lot and can probably learn how to get a new forum running (no promises on migrating old posts), either on a private server or on a hosted server.

Do we have enough volunteers here that can maybe set up a group chat to at least discuss, if not commit to figuring somethings out?

I totally respect that the current moderators want nothing to do with EA anymore, and I 100% respect their decisions. What I am hoping though is get some detailed insights of the challenges they face. A few questions come to mind:

1. Are they hosting it on a private home server because no web hosting services would take us on?

2. Do they know what the bandwidth consumption is? Would a regular business internet connection be enough?

3. As for workload... maybe WheelyFixed would know. What are the main challenges that the existing moderators face? Are there a lot of spam posts that get deleted before us regular members see them? User sign ups? Server crashing? If there is to be a new team, it would be reasonable for them to want to know what they are dipping their hands into.

4. Are they willing to give us control of the domain name, whatever archives that can easily retrieve, or the hardware that the server runs on?

Re: Other Resources

by **Neutrum66_import** » Thu Nov 28, 2024 5:31 pm

Neutrum66_import
Posts: 0
Joined: Tue Aug 08, 2023 7:58 pm
Contact:

Since I have not been a registered user on this great and wonderful website for long and am still at the beginning of my "test phase", I am very sad that the end of the year will also mean the end of this website. By chance I came across the actual archive and discovered so many interesting posts that I cannot read them all in such a short time. Therefore it would be great if someone knew a way to save the archive with the old posts on private data storage devices so that I can read it in peace. I happen to have a NAS (QNAP TS419U) with 4*4TB hard disks and RAID5, which has about 10TB of free storage space. I have not yet looked into this part (seems a bit complicated) but it should be manageable. SuSE Linux Tumbleweed runs on my PC, but I am actually just a user and not a guru or nerd. I would also be willing to provide copies of the posts. I would be very grateful for any kind of help. By the way, I live in Germany.

Da ich noch nicht lange als User auf dieser tollen und wunderbaren Website angemeldet bin und mich auch noch am Begin meiner „Testphase“ befinde bin ich sehr traurig, dass Ende des Jahres auch das Ende dieser Website bedeutet. Durch Zufall bin ich in das eigentliche Archiv gelangt und habe so viele interessante Beiträge entdeckt, dass ich die in der Kürze der Zeit gar nicht alle lesen kann. Deshalb wäre es super toll, wenn jemand eine Möglichkeit wüßte, wie man das Archiv mit den alten Beiträgen auf privaten Datenträgern sichern könnte um es in Ruhe lesen zu können. Zufällig habe ich ein NAS (QNAP TS419U) mit 4*4TB Harddisks und RAID5 zur Verfügung, welches etwa 10TB Speicherplatz frei hat. Ich habe mich mit dem Teil zwar noch nicht beschäftigt (scheint ein bischen kompliziert zu sein) aber es sollte hinzukriegen sein. Auf meinem PC läuft zwar SuSE Linux Tumbleweed, aber da bin ich eigentlich reiner Anwender und kein Guru oder Nerd. Ich wäre auch bereit Kopien der Beiträge zur Verfügung zu stellen. Würde mich sehr über jede Form der Hilfe freuen. Ich lebe übrigens in Deutschland.

Re: Other Resources

by **Castor_import** » Thu Nov 28, 2024 10:03 pm

As sad as the end of the Eunuch Archive in this form may seem to many, it is also an opportunity for a new beginning. In my view, the new beginning should include critical reflection on some fundamental decisions of the past. For example, we could take the justified part of the criticism of the Eunuch Archive seriously, such as the mixture of very different reasons for the interest in the topic of castration. For example, the fictional stories should be strictly separated from the forum. For everything that has to do with fetish, masturbation and especially SM (e.g. castration videos), I think there are more suitable websites such as FetLife, Reddit & Co.

Instead, well-researched information could be made available for men who either want to be castrated voluntarily on the basis of SOC 8 (MTE, physical dysphoria, hormonal reasons) or for whom castration is recommended for medical reasons (prostate or testicular cancer, testicular torsion, accidents, etc.). For these men, the exchange with others is extremely important. Serious information and recommended endocrinologists, surgeons and psychologists that you don't have to fish out of scattered threads would also be important.

And last but not least, it could be made clear right from the start that the forum only supports surgical castration and that topics about DIY instructions, cutters and tools such as elastrators will be deleted immediately and lead to immediate exclusion. If we want the subject of castration to be removed from the taboo and not continue to be perceived as a freak show, I believe we should think critically about the points mentioned. But that's just my opinion and suggestion.

Castor_import

Posts: 0
Joined: Tue Dec 01, 2020 1:05 am
Contact:

Re: Other Resources

by **Losethem_import** » Fri Nov 29, 2024 12:59 am

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I think the reading between the lines of the statement I made is contained in my comment about appeals have been made for years with a lukewarm response at best. The shuttering of the site until now has always been conceptual to people. These appeals were going on long before you were here, so the comment wasn't specifically directed at you. :)

What I see going on here is nobody wanted to step up until it was clear the resource was going away, because until now, nobody else had to do it. I've spoken of this concept over the years in various ways. Things like:

We don't have the resources of Facebook or Google, but we're expected to perform as if we do.

It's easy to point fingers at the owners and moderators about problems, but entirely something else to propose solutions or offer assistance.

For me, the canary in the coal mine that this was coming was when the personals system failed. While we were not severely beaten up over that, we had numerous folks letting us know how horrible we are, and it was, that the section had gone away. Once again, complaining with little offer of help or solution.

After 20 years of this, those of us who have moderated or kept the site open/running as owners (I'm not the latter), have simply grown weary of continuing. I know appeals were made as long as 15 years ago for help, and the drumbeat got more consistent about 10 years ago.

Still, nobody offered to step up until it was too late.

I really do wish success to others who wish to make an EA v3.0. I hope it's successful, a bastion of truth about how to navigate this subject in reality, and a place of hope for those who have felt hopeless about getting comfortable in their bodies.

Losethem_import

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Re: Other Resources

by **Castor_import** » Fri Nov 29, 2024 4:45 am

@LT: I can gladly offer the owners of EA to continue the forum. However, this only applies to eunuch.org and only under the legally compliant conditions mentioned in post #37. I would not support the continuation of eunuchworld.org. The site/stories could be moved to FetLife etc. for this purpose.

@Neutrum66: Storage space is probably the least of the problems. Every hoster provides tonnes of it. You have to take over the domain (change provider with auth code) and find a provider who is not surprised by the expected high traffic. In addition, the provider must agree to the content of the forum. In other words, the content published in this forum must comply with the laws of the country where the server is hosted.

In addition, new community software would have to be purchased (commercial) or obtained (open source) and installed. The old EA software is like Paolo's nice comparison with the old VW Beetle. Also, a domain called eunuch.org - sorry again - attracts loads of weirdos. Moderating a forum like this is extremely time-consuming because of these people. I wouldn't underestimate that.

I could take over the domain, get newer software and install it. The costs would have to be discussed. That would leave the much more time-consuming moderation. Paolo can certainly tell you how much time he has invested in this over the last few years ...

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Re: Other Resources

by **Elizabeth_import** » Fri Nov 29, 2024 5:03 am

I would be willing to pay a membership fee. I understand the time commitment that this has taken.

Some technical internet expert could charge fees for a new eunuch resource and make some money?

I too have found the EA a valuable factual resource, with real experiences.

Other websites are peopled by mostly sexual kinksters.

Elizabeth_import

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