

TCRF Moderators are Diabolical

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On August 28th, 2026, The Cutting Room Floor experienced its most devastating DDoS attack to date. 17 years of documentation were left inaccessible for four days. But they didn't have to be. You see, wikis that run on MediaWiki, like TCRF, have a built-in backup feature allowing for offline copies of a wiki to be made. Yet, Xkeeper, TCRF's lead administrator, refused to make those copies available while TCRF was going through its longest downtime ever, and she even went as far as to ban people for merely suggesting it.

[in sped-up pitch corrected voice] Quick disclaimer: please do not harass Xkeeper, anyone affiliated with TCRF, or anyone else mentioned in the video. Doing so would only make you part of the problem. Thank you.

Take Twitter user vecilium, for example. On the day the DDoS started, they went to the TCRF Discord server and suggested to Xkeeper that she release downloadable archives of TCRF. Xkeeper explains why she doesn't offer them, and vecilium refutes every single point. They then got banned from the server, which I find to be completely unwarranted; more on that later. Now, I know this might be a hot take, but **I think downloadable archives actually benefit everyone.**

First and foremost, all information contributed to TCRF is licensed under the Creative Commons Attribution Unported 3.0 license. This basically means that anyone can use information from TCRF for any purpose (**including making downloadable archives**) as long as credit is given. Even the TCRF editing box admits that information hosted on TCRF can be "redistributed at will", so Xkeeper's adamant refusal to allow downloadable archives frankly comes across as hypocritical.

Second of all, Xkeeper's prominent concern is that the downloadable archives will eventually become outdated. Anyone can easily mitigate this as long as they have some sort of HTML editor; all they have to do is edit the page and add their corrections. Not to mention that Xkeeper tried to discredit the idea of downloadable archives by promoting an already-existing official downloadable archive of the wiki... from 2023. So basically, Xkeeper is concerned with downloadable archives of TCRF becoming outdated, yet she has no problem promoting a downloadable archive that's three years out of date. Make that make sense.

Xkeeper also points to services like the Wayback Machine as some sort of replacement for downloadable archives. However, Wayback Machine snapshots share the same major flaw as downloadable archives: becoming outdated. And those snapshots are only created if traffic to the page is high enough, which could result in more obscure pages not having up-to-date snapshots, if any at all. Also, why can't we just have both downloadable archives and Wayback Machine snapshots available in case one of them turns out to be faulty?

Another concern Xkeeper brings up is that other people could clone the site and slap ads all over it. Sounds like she's inventing a fictional scenario and then getting mad about it, because nobody bothered to do this with the official TCRF archive from 2023. There do exist a handful of ad-riddled TCRF clones on platforms like Fandom, but they're rather incomplete because all of the information there was copy-pasted from TCRF rather than imported from an archive. Also, nobody bothered to visit them anyway; most people only cared about the original tcrf.net.

All in all, it's safe to say that downloadable archives are a huge benefit. They allow TCRF's information to stay available in case the site goes down and most of the downsides (**the ones that aren't just fictional scenarios**) have workarounds.

Now let's address the other elephant in the room: Xkeeper's behavior.

Look, I get that dealing with a DDoS attack that disables the network can be very stressful, but the way Xkeeper banned anyone who dared to propose legitimate solutions was frankly completely unwarranted and extremely unprofessional, even for wiki moderator standards. Remember veculium? Let's take a look at how Xkeeper handled their suggestion.

Xkeeper brings up her arguments for not having downloadable archives and veculium explains and veculium respectfully provides legitimate workarounds for those arguments. After having all of her arguments refuted, Xkeeper threatens to ban veculium for the server if he continues the argument. Veculium responds with "I mean, it's just an idea; you don't have to be that mad over it", prompting Xkeeper to hand out a ban that's neatly wrapped in Sans Undertale wrapping paper. Okay, how is "it's just an idea; you don't have to be that mad over it" in any way continuing the argument? That's a de-escalation, which is **the exact opposite of continuing an argument!** Handing out a ban for that is frankly ridiculous and horribly unprofessional.

When I first saw veculium's Twitter thread detailing the conversation, I was wholly disappointed because I used to look up to TCRF as the holy grail for unused video

game content. So much so that I went to Xkeeper's Bluesky post with the convo screenshots and called her out for her behavior in a quote repost. Shockingly, I was blocked five minutes after making that post. I found that diabolical enough to talk about it on veculium's Twitter thread.

[Faux-enthusiasm voice] Seven minutes later...

[BBC news anchor impression; probably get a VA to do this] You were banned in The Cutting Room Floor. "I'm gonna call it they're gonna nuke my TCRF account too the millisecond it goes back online." Why wait. But hear me out: if you don't want to be here because I'm a (quote) egotistical discord mod (unquote) then you shouldn't care, right? [rubber ducky squeeze noise] Eagerly awaiting the ragepost about this one.

Okay, I will admit that I could've worded my Bluesky post a bit better to make it sound less like ragebait, but I still believe I should not have been banned over that post for two reasons.

Number one: my post does contain legitimate criticism. Like I said before, I don't think it's necessary to ban someone who kept an argument civil and even tried to de-escalate it when you asked them to stop.

And number two: [drop voice pitch] **Xkeeper, don't dish out what you can't take. You've also acted snarky towards other people trying to hold a respectful discussion with you. Like here.** [screenshot of Xkeeper telling vecu "lol ur deeply unserious"] **And here.** [screenshot of Xkeeper telling Reddit user "ur acting hostile; i don't need your advice"] **Once again, don't dish out what you can't take.**

Oh yeah, speaking of Reddit, Xkeeper has been responding to comments on a post about the downtime on TCRF's official subreddit, and the responses have been pretty disheartening.

[reading Xkeeper quote] People have had 17 years to make a competitor. A few times, they've tried. Acting like people have no other choice is a fool's errand: people stay with TCRF because we treat people with respect, as long as they treat us with respect, too.

Xkeeper, how have you been treating anyone with respect during the downtime? You've banned people for offering solutions to help keep TCRF available and you've also banned people for calling you out on your behavior. That is NOT treating people with respect.

And for the record, treating people with quote-unquote respect is not the reason why TCRF doesn't have a competitor. The main reasons why TCRF doesn't have a computer are because:

1. TCRF's subject matter is relatively niche, and
2. Why reinvent the wheel when it already exists?

Now, here's another thing Xkeeper said:

"Some people can't handle that, and demand everything to be their way, and that's fine. They can set up Development History Wiki #3 and convince everyone to join their new, woke-free wiki."

Alright, where are we getting "people are mad because the wiki is woke" from? Besides a few trolls on vecilium's Twitter thread turning up uninvited to spew their shitty transphobic rhetoric, the issue nearly everyone has with TCRF's moderation right now is that its information remains inaccessible because of Xkeeper's refusal to adopt solutions that can help preserve TCRF's information. Anyone can have that stubborn attitude regardless of who they are and what they identify as.

Note:

1. The Tobias account that commented on archive.org is likely an alt and has similar wording to other accounts such as Matthew Johnson who also has similar wording to another account <https://x.com/McJohnson922/status/2094086319609901147> <https://x.com/greenyphatom/status/2093489360209379540>
2. DragonAero cancelled the video due to thinking tcrf (or just Xkeeper) wont care and after seeing a reddit post where Xkeeper claims that opposition is transphobic.