

↑ [-] [argon-aschleman](#) [S] -180 points 5 days ago

↓ Yup, totally a spammer. That or I just happen to see that Deadspin has the best quality videos and yet Reddit has a vendetta against them, so I try to get them some more attention.

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↓ Listen mystery guy, I googled "Argon Aschleman" and found this old message board.

Clicking on Argon's name shows an old Hotmail address for "bubbaprog," which just happens to be Deadspin writer Timothy Burke's username on Twitter.

EVERY link you've submitted so far is for a Deadspin article written by Timothy Burke. Also, while your current username is [argon-aschleman](#), I noticed that the similar user [argon\\_aschleman](#) ALSO took 100% of his links from Timothy Burke articles.

I wouldn't be annoyed, except previously when you got banned for spamming you went onto Twitter and placed the blame on Reddit for wanting "to protect pedophiles." A total falsehood.

Take some responsibility. When you get caught spamming, the proper thing is to apologize, not to get mad at the person who caught you and then continue on lying.

I know that exposing a person's identity is frowned upon here, but as far as I'm concerned you aren't a member of this community; you're just a spammer who spreads nasty lies about Reddit whenever you get caught.

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8. Redditors applaud. The Deadspin employee is exposed as a liar and douche.

Posted by Drew Johnson at 11:56 AM 2 comments:

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Sunday, December 9, 2012

## Finding Mobutu

Most people reading this are probably familiar with Gawker Media properties. They're the collection of news and gossip sites run by Nick Denton.

Recently they've positioned themselves as the morality police of the web. If you say something deemed racist or sexist, or if you act like a troll, they'll plaster your personal information online for everyone to see, and generally make you look bad on any future Google searches. They even did this with the [Horse\\_ebooks](#) guy, even though his only infraction was having a popular twitter account.

Now mothers everywhere are telling their little kids, "Eat your vegetables, or else Gawker is going to expose you."

Well I'm not the least bit intimidated by Gawker. Their "morality" is corrupt. And I want to give them a taste of their own medicine.

The only Gawker writer who avoids revealing his true name is Mobutu Sese Seko. Mobutu runs the website *Et tu, Mr. Destructo?*. He has operated it for four years, and back in February he was hired to be Gawker's "screaming conscience," which means he's their main political columnist.

Mobutu, if you're reading this, prepare to get--as the trolls like to say--butthurt.

I went to Mobutu's blog, and looked at who'd left the earliest comments beginning in 2008. Two of the earliest comments were left by Cory Harris and Christian Lund. As luck would have it, Cory Harris and Christian Lund both have public Facebook profiles and their friends lists are visible. They aren't friends with each other, but they share a mutual friend: [Jeb Tennyson Lund](#).

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Mobutu mentions that he is married (Jeb Lund is married) and that he attended a small liberal arts college in Florida (Jeb Lund attended New College of Florida). What sealed the deal was a 2008 *interview* from *Metal Hammer* with Robert Schober, who at the time had just directed a music video for Metallica. In it, Schober says: "I was able to create an entire viral campaign with a blog about the cold war and propaganda films (written by Mr Destructo author Jeb Lund), produce fake news stories, and even had Kirk do a vlog on youtube about 'finding' these films when they were touring in Russia."

I'm not surprised a Gawker writer made his start by producing fake news stories.

So...What sort of writer was Jeb Lund before becoming Mobutu? It turns out he was a professional wrestling columnist. He wrote extensively for the wrestling website Online Onslaught, providing Raw and Smackdown recaps and PPV predictions. Above all, Jeb enjoyed unloading his screaming conscience onto WWE's youngest star, Randy Orton. He would call Orton an "effete water-headed mutant shit-heel," and a "human toadstool," among other things. (Bear in mind, Jeb was around 27 then.)

I actually have nothing against professional wrestling; it's kind of like a ballet in which the performers occasionally fall onto thumbtacks. But quite a few commenters on Gawker have wondered whether "Mobutu" was the pseudonym for some established celebrity, and the answer is clearly no. If Nick Denton truly wants to create a society where everyone's secrets are known—as he explained in a recent panel—then he should welcome having Mobutu Sese Seko's identity be known. For him to claim anything else would be a double-standard.

Posted by Drew Johnson at 1:54 PM 8 comments:



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Thursday, December 20, 2012

## Was a Gawker writer fired for posting child porn?

On Friday, October 12th, Gawker published a [story](#) which revealed the identity of an internet troll known as Violentacrez.

Violentacrez, whose real name is Michael Brutsch, was a moderator on the website Reddit. He was associated with several NSFW forums, two of which—Jailbait and Creepshots—seemingly catered to would-be pedophiles and would-be sexual predators.

A lot of fellow moderators felt this article broke community rules that were meant to protect Redditors' online anonymity. (For a detailed summary of the drama between Gawker and Reddit, I recommend this [Quora answer](#).) News sites quickly cast the battle as one between anonymous internet creeps and the people who wished to expose them. Many sites used headlines to mark a clear stance, such as when The Atlantic Wire baldly declared, "[Redditors Stand Up to Gawker to Protect Child Pornography](#)."

Something else occurred during that week, however, which received very little notice. On October 11th, Louis Peitzman, an evenings and weekend editor who had worked for Gawker since January, [wrote](#) on his Twitter: *"I'm out at Gawker, effective immediately. Thank you to those of you who have read and supported my work there. It's been stressful but fun."* No reason was given and no official announcement was made on the website. Usually when a writer leaves amicably there will be a farewell post. I began looking for a possible reason why Louis had left, and soon found one.

One day earlier, on October 10th, Louis had written this [post](#) about an unverified photo that allegedly showed Justin Bieber posing nude in a full-frontal position. As of this writing, the post has received over 216,000 pageviews. Louis spent the post comparing the body in the picture with what was publicly known about the 18-year-old Bieber. In the comments section, several readers expressed concern over the material:

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# Gawker Sucks

Thursday, February 28, 2013

## And now he's gone

Mobutu Sese Seko has left Gawker. He revealed his true name in the process, and several commenters pointed out that, in fact, this blog revealed Mobutu's identity back in December.

Was there a direction connection between my blog post and Mobutu's decision from earlier today? I have no idea.

But I nailed it.

Posted by Drew Johnson at 10:39 PM

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## 6 comments:



**Anonymous** February 28, 2013 at 11:12 PM

I figured out who he was \*by accident\*. You're no friggin' genius.

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