Subject: Re: Dying Ren

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Hello,

I'm here to speak on behalf of what I consider to be the Coop Community of Renegade. I'm formerly a community member from Renz0r-Gaming, which has merged with Exodus about 2-3 months ago. Also a member of [MC] Clan (Mission Coop Clan), my passion and interest in Renegade is playing on the Coop Servers. I don't play AOW, Marathon, or DeathMatch, and I find little reason to do so considering all the competitive egos, name-calling, insulting, and negative put-downs that happen many times between players.

As a Coop player, and member of [MC], I've had a lot of fun playing on the Exodus Coop Server as well as on the other Coop servers in the community. However, the merge with Exodus from Renz0r has already placed what small Coop Community there is into a delicate balance amidst all the other activity going on at Exodus. The last thing I want to see is another merge into another well known community that might bury the Coop Community among the masses of people who play AOW.

As for the server merging, I hope you didn't mean for the Coop Servers to merge as well. There are really only three major Coop Servers I know of; Exodus, MP-Gaming, and St0rm. Exodus' Coop Server is already under heavy modification activity by the Renz0r crew in the Exodus Community, more specifically by the clan-leader of [MC], Zorid. He alone has made significant updates to the Coop Server that has made the server a continued place to have fun. As of the merge from Renz0r to Exodus, I have never seen higher numbers of players on the Coop server than before either. From my perspective in the Coop side of the Renegade community -- things are very much alive here. The [MC] Clan has had several new members, the Coop server has seen an increase in players, and Exodus has a relatively new addition to the community in terms of forum members and activity. I know that Zorid is also working on some future projects that will be eventually installed onto the server, and I also know Zunnie from MP-Gaming is also working on new improvements for Coop.

The AOW community may be inactive to some of you, but that doesn't mean merging all the communities together will work. If Exodus merged again, I am almost confident that whatever foundations for a Coop Community there would collapse as well.

Maybe the Coop Community over at Exodus isn't a good reason to not merge, but still, I think we have just as much right to exist as any other Renegade community. Exodus is our home, and to see it merge again would cause a lot of problems for the Coop Community.

Also, I have to say that I think St0rm-Gaming deserves some say here as well. They may not want to merge, but I think their AOW server is quite popular on it's own, and their community is also strong. Maybe I'm wrong here too, but I think a lot of players continue coming back to play on the St0rm AOW servers all the time.

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