

TW: Attempted suicide, self-harm, emotional and mental abuse, gaslighting

This is a story of a friendship broken by severe untreated mental health issues. Nobody is evil in this story, and nobody is a monster. As you read this, please consider how difficult it has been for everyone involved. My only wish is for everyone to be happy and get along. Unfortunately, sometimes that just becomes impossible. You can only help those who want to be helped.

At this point, I just want to be left alone and move on from this.

Beginnings

Almost 3 years ago, I ran into Luna on Twitter. I had started looking into becoming a VTuber, but I was appalled at the closedness of the Live2D ecosystem. Inochi2D was exactly what I was looking for, and I genuinely believed it could become the future of live and game 2D animation, with its permissive license and better design.

As I got to know her better, I realized that she was in a very difficult living situation. Living with her (sometimes abusive) parents, making money only off of government benefits, working a mandatory part-time job she didn't truly enjoy, and dealing with crippling depression... I really wanted her to be able to pursue her dreams and break out of the hole she was in, so I started financially sponsoring Luna through Patreon/GH Sponsors.

Eventually, this support grew to around \$1500 per month. I figured this would give her some stability, and make her able to focus on her passions without having to worry about losing everything. I knew it wasn't going to make her fully financially stable all on its own, but I thought that, together with support from others and promotion/monetization of Inochi2D in other ways (customers, grants, etc.) it would let Luna eventually grow and become more financially independent. And I hoped this would also help ease her depression and bleak outlook on life. I never put any conditions or requirements on my support, and it always came with no strings attached. Not once did I ever even slightly hint that I might withdraw my support for any reason at all, nor imply I might take such an action in any way, nor ask for anything in return.

The weeks before my debut in April 2022 were crazy. I joined in to help develop the Inochi2D parameter binding system, and we worked together to help me be the first VTuber to debut using Inochi2D. We both definitely burned ourselves out a little too much the last 2 weeks of the crunch, and I thank Luna for sticking with me and helping me pull it off. I am immensely proud of our accomplishment and I will never forget what we were able to do. The last-minute bugfixes, delaying my debut by hours to re-rig my mouth and re-record the intro video, the jankiness of my original setup... these are all very fond memories to me that I will never forget.

Over the next couple of months I helped out with Inochi2D a bit, mostly writing the physics engine and helping out with editing tools and other misc things (though it wasn't my primary focus, as I had my own projects to work on).

Troubles

Around the winter of 2022, Luna was not doing well. She had ended up in a depression cycle, feeling that she was expected to make progress on Inochi2D but could not, which created a self-perpetuating cycle where the depression made it hard to work on Inochi2D itself. I realized that I could not help her remotely, so I invited her to Japan and bought her tickets for a 1-month trip to stay with me (where I would cover all of her expenses).

I wasn't the best possible host for her. I was trying to help, but I was really busy with my own work, so I couldn't just take off 1 month to travel with her or hang out, and I had to fit things into my existing schedule. As my first time hosting someone with autism and in a difficult mental state, I had a lot of trouble understanding Luna sometimes. We had some disagreements and difficult situations, and I know I hurt her at times. At the time, we talked things out and I learned some things about what to expect from people with autism, and how to better understand her feelings. Despite these difficulties and the rocky start, Luna was so happy with the trip that she decided to extend it by another month to 2 months. It was admittedly a bit exhausting by the end (hosting anyone for 2 months is a chore, even someone neurotypical) but I'm glad she enjoyed it and I could at least get her to relax a little bit. As far as I knew, the rough times we'd had during the trip were resolved, I had apologized for my mistakes, and we had moved on.

Calm

In the summer 2023 I hosted Luna again in Japan, so she could attend Comiket as the Inochi2D circle. By then I had moved to a larger place, I was a bit less busy, and I was in a better position to hang out with friends, and I think she ended up having a lot more fun hanging out with more people. There was the part where we all got COVID and had to isolate... but we pulled through and Luna ended up staying a bit longer to compensate too. Everyone had fun having her around and we were looking forward to her visiting again.

Over the fall of 2023 nothing major happened. We had our usual chitchats but I was too busy to work on Inochi2D, so all I could do was continue to offer my financial support and leave it to her to work on things and recruit other contributors. I did try to offer some advice about how to delegate work to other people, but Luna was never really able to let go and allow other major contributors to have a larger influence in the project direction, so Inochi2D remained strictly her own baby. This worried me, since it meant she would always feel responsible for everything and put all the weight on herself, and it was clear she couldn't mentally handle the workload and responsibilities of the project single-handedly to the extent needed to make it take off... but there was nothing I could really do at this point, so I just left her alone and let her run things her way.

Cyan

Around November/December 2023, I had become friends with Cyan after our macOS bug collab stream. We talked about Luna, and I vouched for her to Cyan. She also started talking and having voice chats with Luna, and they also became friends. Cyan would later confide in me that she had been scared of Luna due to a few red flags in the past, but she took my word that she was a good person and started talking to her.

Cyan herself had also been going through some rough times due to mental health reasons. Around the end of the year, Cyan invited Luna to visit, and Luna suddenly agreed to fly over to the US to meet Cyan and help her with her issues (note: Cyan would be paying for Luna's flights). This was out of character for Luna (having never visited the US, being visibly trans with the social instability there in recent years, etc.), but at the time I didn't think much of it. In retrospect, I should've remembered a conversation that I had had with Luna where she admitted she felt she might catch feelings for Cyan a few weeks earlier...



Luna the Foxgirl 08/12/2023 14:17

But yeah, so you know you've talked to me about how you get asexual squishes?

(Note: "squish" means feeling strongly like you want to be friends with someone without it being romantic. She also probably wanted to say "aromantic" instead of "asexual". I do have friends whom I treat almost like family, but without any romantic feelings whatsoever, and she is referring to this.)



Luna the Foxgirl 08/12/2023 14:17

I think I might be having that with cyan, but me being demisexual I am worried that it may end up turning in to a romantic crush and how that could affect the friendship.



Luna the Foxgirl 08/12/2023 14:20

Yeah the squish part is not that bad to manage, we get along fine and such and I don't feel anything romantic and such at the moment. I'm just worried I could develop such feelings



Luna the Foxgirl 08/12/2023 14:21

Yeah... and if it happens it may be best to just bottle it up and ignore it I think.

Such feelings are fleeting either way



The flight was planned for early January 2024. In the week or two before the flight, Luna's mental health further deteriorated. She was on a reduced dose of HRT due to a shortage, and this was making her gender dysphoria worse. Cyan and I tried to help her get in contact with a US doctor who could prescribe her HRT for the trip, though Luna eventually figured out that she could still get a different form of HRT prescribed locally in Denmark and decided to go for that.

Meanwhile, Cyan and I kept having long conversations... and eventually we both realized that our relationship was becoming more than just friends.

Travel

Luna landed in the US on Jan 11th and met up with Cyan. Luna wasn't exactly doing great at this point, but at least she seemed happier to be with Cyan. They had been going to a lot of places together to cheer her up (even though it was Luna who was supposed to cheer up Cyan with the trip), and Luna was happy to have such good friends:



Luna the Foxgirl 13/01/2024 10:31

We went to an Apple store to look at macs

And I somehow left with an Apple Watch and AirPods



Asahi Lina (朝日リナ) 13/01/2024 10:31

I heard wwwwww

(These were gifts from Cyan to cheer her up)



(Note: Cyan also gifted her a Mac. Her reasoning being that since Luna was generally struggling financially, even with my support, she would appreciate gifts of value like that and feel more cared for.)



Meanwhile, it really hit Cyan and me that we were pretty much official by that point, and we felt it was only fair to tell Luna, since we thought she was cheerful enough to take the news.

Threats



(Sensitive personal details redacted)

Immediately after hearing about us, Luna threatened me with physical harm.

To this day, she stands by this conversation, and claims it was purely a protective reaction, since she felt our relationship would be harmful to Cyan (despite not knowing anything about how I act in a romantic relationship, or how our specific circumstances might go). However, this doesn't make a lot of sense, because even if she thought we wouldn't work out, other people's relationships are none of her business and it's not her job to try to break us up preemptively. To me, and everyone whom I've asked about this

situation, it's clear that Luna was having a major jealousy reaction, even if she rejected this possibility herself (and she rejects it to this day).

The situation with Cyan quickly took a turn for the worse. Luna started going into anxiety and suicidal spirals, which affected Cyan herself. Far from helping, Luna was now making Cyan's mental state much worse. All I could do was continue talking to Cyan, and I spent many hours distracting her and stopping her from harming herself. She now had to take care of Luna on top of all the other stressful stuff that had been simultaneously going on in her life.

Luna started acting in very strange ways. She tried to get Cyan and I to break up, going as far as telling Cyan lies about me and my past. At one point Cyan mentioned she'd heard from her a story so shocking that it left me speechless, and I had to go back and dig up the Discord chat with her to prove to myself that what she told was absolutely not what had actually happened nor what I'd told her. (*I will not be posting the screenshots of this since it's personal and involves an innocent third party, but if needed I can provide a reference for someone who has seen the logs and can vouch for me.)

I think it was around this time that Luna started forming ideas that I am an abuser.

As all Cyan could do was talk to me to stay sane herself, Luna became jealous of our conversations. She told Cyan she was upset she was spending so much time with me and not her (even though Luna herself was one major cause of Cyan's anxiety leading her to rely on me). She started doing things like sitting right outside Cyan's room door while we were talking, as if deliberately trying to stay within earshot and expose herself to our conversations. Cyan was so troubled that she resorted to going into the car in the unheated, cold garage to talk to me, staying out there freezing talking to me for hours on end since it was the only safe place where Luna wouldn't hear.

Luna also started being weird towards Cyan herself. She started talking about doing a [blood oath](#) with her, swearing themselves as forever "sisters". This was really bizarre and creepy to me, especially since they had barely started really getting to know each other a few weeks before. I know the feeling that some friends are as close as family members, but it's something that takes months to years to develop. Luna literally wanted them to prick their fingers and exchange bodily fluids, even though Cyan was literally struggling with self-harm thoughts, which this kind of action could trigger (never mind the obvious health and safety implications). Eventually I convinced them to at least make it a "bloodless blood oath", which they did in fact do - and *Luna then immediately publicized it in detail on Twitter*. In retrospect, I think this was yet another crush-driven attempt at forcing Cyan to be closer and create a bond that would be harder for her to break in the future, in addition to "one-upping" me by publicly announcing some form of relationship with Cyan before I do.

During this time, Nethyr paid Cyan and Luna a brief visit. Nethyr was an angel, and actually helped a ton with things like household chores, while Luna could not function and Cyan had a very hard time due to Luna's effects on her. From this point onward, Nethyr was aware of this story and both Luna and I were talking to her. They acted as a mediator between us, though eventually they couldn't really help Luna.

Cyan and I both realized that Luna had to go back home, and simultaneously, also that Cyan wasn't safe in her home due to other stuff happening at the same time. Luna asked whether she could fly back to Japan instead of Denmark, to have a little vacation and cool off again. We somewhat reluctantly agreed (it wasn't clear how Luna would do in Japan by herself, but at least she had a few friends she could hang out with and it's safer than the US), and paid for her flights again. Meanwhile, I booked a flight to the US so I could actually help Cyan through this mess. Luna's flight left in the morning while my flight arrived in the afternoon of the same day.

While I was on the plane, a bunch of traumatizing and stressful stuff happened to Luna and Cyan (not Luna's fault) and us three ended up in a highly stressful situation, where all I could do is watch remotely

from the flights (using in-flight wifi) and hope I could get there in time before something escalated badly. At this point Luna and I had a brief truce, since we were both trying to keep Cyan physically safe.

Eventually, both of them made it safely to the airport on the day of the flights. Luna was past security, and I was chatting with both of them from the plane. Cyan was going through a major emotional crisis, while Luna just kept dumping her troubles on me and talking about what to do in Japan. She asked if I could ask a couple of my friends to hang out with her, despite that I had told her earlier that those friends were away from home and very busy with personal stuff, and absolutely not available. I was starting to realize that Luna has a major issue with boundaries and tends to only think about herself, without considering others' situation at all. I told her, firmly but politely, that she really needed to work on that problem, and went back to trying to console Cyan who was still breaking down. In response, she replied that we weren't ready to be friends again.

Then she immediately told *Cyan* that she didn't think she could be friends with me any more. Despite knowing that Cyan was going through a hard time right now, all Luna could think of is her own struggle with me, and decided to dump that on Cyan within seconds of my message. At this point, I had had enough, and I exploded at her. I told her that she was selfish and always only thinking about herself, and that she was hurting Cyan with her antics. In retrospect, I should not have done that, but I was myself in a very stressful situation, not having slept for 36+ hours and inside a plane not being able to do anything to help Cyan...

(Technical note: Due to a very complicated situation, Cyan and I were temporarily sharing a Telegram account at the time, while I was personally using another one. Luna was fully aware of this situation and the privacy implications. For this reason, I got a notification for Luna's message to Cyan, which is why I knew she sent it immediately. Despite having been fully aware that it was my account and I had access, and that this was a temporary emergency measure, Luna at the time accused me of privacy invasion when this happened, and called me a "creep". For related reasons and because Telegram allows remote deletion of chats by the other party, I also no longer have these logs.)

Luna claims that this explosion triggered what she now describes as a month-long autistic meltdown. None of my autistic friends agree that what she was about to do, nor the duration of the episode, are what is understood to be an autistic meltdown.

The "Meltdown"

Luna arrived in Japan, but wasn't doing well. She started going into suicidal spirals. Simultaneously, she kept talking to Cyan, telling her I'm a horrible person, that I can't help her, and that we shouldn't be together.

Cyan, just like me, has a strong savior complex, and she finds it very hard to stop supporting people even when she is being hurt herself. She was afraid that if she ever argued or contradicted Luna, or stopped talking to her, she would commit suicide. Luna brought suicidal feelings up many times, and all Cyan could do is again try to be her emotional support while ignoring all her attempts at tearing down our relationship.

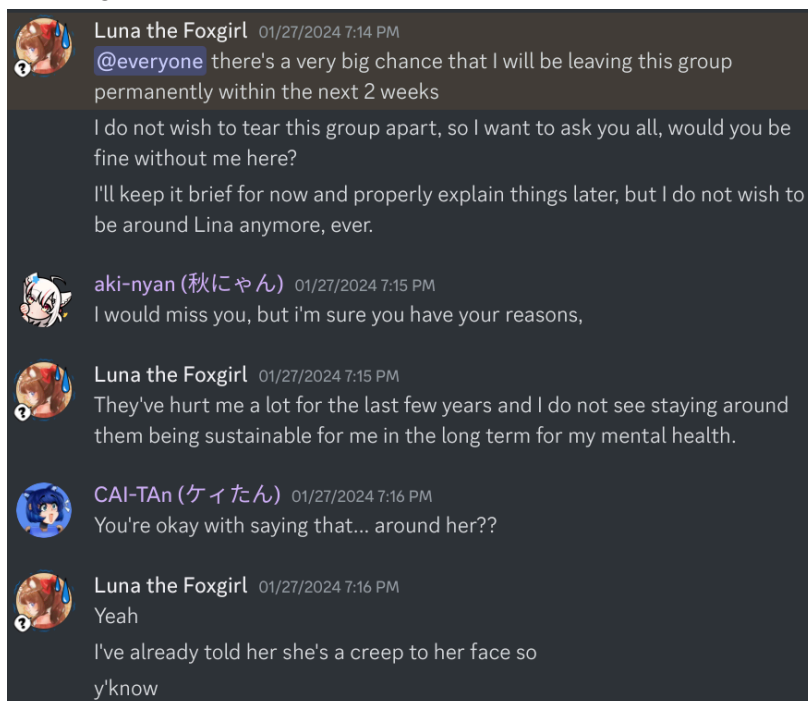
Meanwhile, I was not messaging Luna at all and would not for a long period of time, as I feared that anything I said would just make her condition worse.

Luna went into a suicidal episode at a hotel in Japan. I couldn't help her directly, but Cyan was relying on me to try to get help to her. We both believed that, at this point, Luna really needed to go to a mental health hospital, since she really wasn't safe anywhere by herself. It was the middle of the night in Japan, and I couldn't call emergency services from abroad, so I desperately tried to contact all my friends in Japan until I could find someone who could help (people in Japan tend to leave their phones on silent mode, so waking them up is difficult...). Eventually I managed to go through a chain of 3 people to call the police and send them her way, which we both felt was the right call given the gravity of the situation. We also finally managed to wake up a mutual friend, but it would take an hour for them to reach Luna. In the meantime,

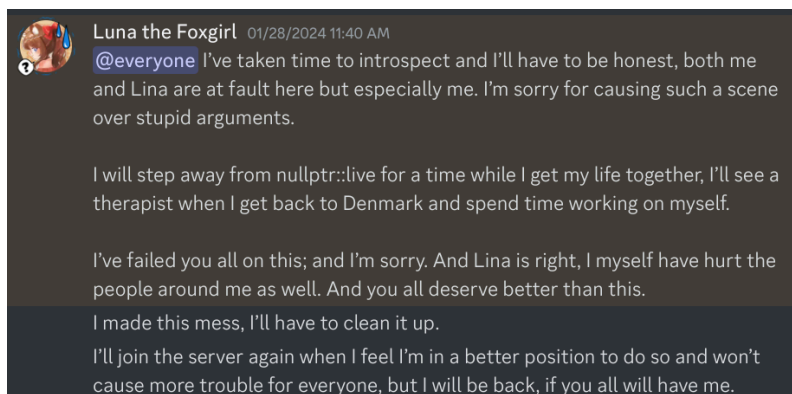
police arrived and kept Luna busy until the friend arrived. Luna declined to go to a hospital, and she also claims calling police was a terrible idea, but I disagree. The police were the reason we could keep her busy and safe until a mutual friend managed to reach her. (Do keep in mind that Japanese police are nothing like US police, and they are much more helpful and aware and there is no risk of physical harm to Luna from a police encounter.)

After a second suicidal spiral in Japan, it was clear that she also wasn't safe there nor able to improve by herself (and was refusing medical help), so we decided to send her brother out to pick her up (again, with us paying for all the flights) and take her back to Denmark. (I should also point out that at several points there were changes of plans and Luna made no attempt to cancel or refund her previous flights, so thousands of dollars were also wasted for no reason.)

Luna then dropped a vague accusation of me being an abuser into the nullptr::live internal Discord chat, almost causing a major crisis and breakup of the group. At this point I had to tell the story to the other members, who understandably were on my side after hearing the full story. This happened despite Nethyr having told Luna not to drop a bomb like this, that if she wanted to leave she should do it calmly and without throwing accusations around.



Eventually, this led to Luna leaving nullptr::live, initially temporarily. She admitted that she needed to work on herself, and she agreed to see a therapist once she got back to Denmark.



Unfortunately, the therapist idea would not last. This was one of many flip-flops from Luna that would follow, going between guilt and anger, and between considering actually getting help and then refusing it.

Eventually she made it back to Denmark, and she was still traumadumping on Cyan in private, slowly depleting her mental spoons as well as causing her dangerous levels of anxiety (which I experienced first-hand, as I was by her side at this point).

At some point, Luna was finally convinced that her state was dangerous enough to admit herself to a mental health hospital. She went in, spent a couple nights, and talked to a psychologist. She somehow got them to yes-man her into agreeing that I was the problem in her life, and nothing else. It seems this “confirmation” briefly took her out of the suicidal spiral, replacing the depression with more hatred towards me. She left the hospital after just 3 days, without having meaningfully healed in any way other than just not being immediately suicidal.

Luna then reverted back to meddling in my personal life and continued to try to hurt my relationships with others. She used her self-harm and suicidal ideations to keep Cyan under control (consciously or not, I'm not sure), so she could get away with what at this point was becoming verbal abuse of us. She told several friends privately that I was an abuser and that I had mentally abused her for years. Cyan told her to try therapy, but Luna rebuffed it saying that therapy “doesn't work for her”.

Luna even brought up our (presumed by her) sex life, which was honestly disgusting to me and none of her business.

Meanwhile, all I could do is help Cyan through her own very stressful situation. It felt like every time we thought we could catch a break from running between AirBnBs with 3 animals, dealing with administrative procedures, trying to find her a new place to stay, and all kinds of other crazy stuff I won't go into here, another Luna message arrived and robbed us of what little peace we thought we might have at this time. I could sense Cyan's mood and mental state worsen every time this happened.

Cyan politely asked Luna for space, to not message her for a week for her own mental health, but Luna didn't even last a day before messaging her again.

Flip Flops

At this point, Luna started trying to undo everything she'd caused. She tried to rejoin the nullptr::live discord, despite having me personally blocked (how would being part of a VTuber group while blocking one of the members even work?). She then shared her point of view with the group as a two-page PDF.

As everyone knows, I recently traveled to the US to meet with cyan and to help her manage some mental health struggles she was going through.

During my visit Cyan would be physically present to things we were doing, but mentally she'd be elsewhere, mostly on her phone talking with Lina. I ended up more [REDACTED] than actually being *with her*. Now at the time I didn't really mind [REDACTED], but things degraded as time went on, with Cyan being more and more mentally distant until she revealed to me that her and Lina were dating. This was the final straw for me that made me snap at Lina, it was jealousy.

Her version of the story had several demonstrable mistakes:

- She implied that a considerable time had passed between her arrival at Cyan's place and learning that we were dating, while it actually was only 3 days.
- She said that Cyan and I had been having long phone calls during that time, while in fact the long calls (where I was trying to console her and help her) only started after the explosion that began due to Luna's reaction to the news.

- She implied that she was already unhappy and hearing the news was the final straw, while in fact just the previous day she was happy and thankful for having such good friends, after having gone shopping with Cyan and received a bunch of gifts.

It was clear to me at this point that her mind was constructing details from vague memories, and that her recollection of events wasn't reliable. This is not unusual (we're all human, and humans are notoriously bad at remembering details, and I certainly can't claim everything I've stated so far is 100% accurate) but we need to be aware of our own limitations, and Luna clearly wasn't.

Now Lina might claim said jealousy was due to me having a romantic interest in Cyan, but that's not exactly true. While I had a squish at the time I had and still have no intention of dating Cyan, that's not what I want. My jealousy was rooted in feeling like Lina was taking Cyan and my ability to be of help to her away, while quietly causing her harm like Lina has done to me.

Luna did half-admit her reaction was caused by jealousy in her document, though she would later take that back and claim she felt coerced by the situation to say that to avoid further arguments. But even then, she qualified the situation, claiming it was not romantic despite having previously admitted to having growing romantic feelings for Cyan. She also said that she was helping Cyan while I was taking her away and hurting her, which is in fact the exact opposite of what actually happened. It seems like, in Luna's mind, she was still the savior to help Cyan, and she just could not fathom the idea that she was actually a burden herself.

Turn time back a few years ago, when Lina started funding development of Inochi2D; I was in an economically horrible situation, considering entering sex work for survival. Lina saved me from that scenario by making me depend on them. I started caring about them a lot, as a friend. But things went downhill when I went on my first trip to Japan.

I didn't feel like I was treated as a friend, I was just dropped in a foreign country, with untreated anxiety and asked to figure out things myself. That alone was hard, but as time went on Lina would start slowly eroding my self worth. First they would make plans with me to then very quickly discard those plans and do them with someone else; eg. the time we planned to watch Bocchi the Rock together, then they decided to go watch it with another friend instead.

(Sidenote: Note the deliberate usage of "they/them" throughout. Luna knows that my pronouns are "she/her". I thought she'd know better than to do this, as a trans person.)

Then Luna recollected some of the things that had happened a whole year prior in Japan, which I thought we had already resolved. It is true that in the beginning it was rough and I couldn't spend all of my time taking care of her, and I didn't understand just how much of a struggle she'd have doing something as simple as going to the convenience store to buy something. However, she was much better after the first couple of weeks, and I thought we had resolved our issues from back then. Despite her having, at the time, been so happy with the trip so as to extend it to two months, she now painted it as a terrible time from beginning to end. Apparently she had held grudges on me the whole time.

The Bocchi situation was particularly telling, because it helped me understand why Luna felt I had "abused" her for years. What had actually happened was simply that we'd verbally talked about watching that anime together at some point (without committing to any time or promising anything). Then, one day, another friend spontaneously invited me to watch it with them on the spot, and I agreed. Luna felt deeply betrayed by this, as in her mind we had promised to watch it together for the first time. This was simply a miscommunication, and it should've ended at that. However, Luna's mind twisted it into something much more sinister:

(I'm skipping the parts of her doc where she described other negative situations she had in Japan, as they don't seem to be relevant; the one "breach of trust" situation we had, which she has brought up multiple times after this point too, was the Bocchi one. Everything else she mentioned was something I was aware of, had apologized for at the time, and thought we had resolved.)

I ended up internalizing all of it, that I wasn't good enough, and that at some point Lina might cut my lifeline away from me, because you can't trust them to not break agreements.

My “breaking” of the “agreement” to watch Bocchi with her, was now a source of anxiety for her, because she thought I might also break the agreement I had to fund her.

Needless to say, watching anime and sponsoring her for \$1500/mo are two very different things. I have never threatened her with stopping my sponsorship. I have never even slightly suggested that I might do that. I have barely asked of anything from her over the years after my debut (our relationship was largely unbalanced, with her relying on me emotionally but not so much in the other direction), and what little things I may have asked for (e.g. Inochi2D feature requests) were in no way tied or implied to be tied to my sponsorship. It was free money for her to do whatever she wants, with no conditions, and it always was. It is true that, on paper, I had power over her due to my sponsorship. But I never, not even slightly, exercised that power against her.

In Luna’s mind, me sponsoring her and having had a minor breach of trust due to a misunderstanding at one point, had now been extended into being psychological abuse for the whole year since the incident. She also has claimed I abused her for “two years”, which seems to be just a retroactive extension on her part, since she has never mentioned anything negative that I did to her prior to her first Japan trip. She believed that painting me as an abuser to friends and acquaintances was warranted, despite me having literally done nothing other than watch Bocchi with someone else first. Everything else was in her mind, and I had no idea about what was going on.

Up until this point, even through all of the abuse that Luna had sent towards me and Cyan, I hadn’t even considered cutting off her sponsorship. I knew she was in a bad place mentally, and I would’ve never forgiven myself for pulling that support out from under her at a time like this. I knew she could literally die.

However, she took things into her own hands, and blocked me on GitHub, ending my sponsorship herself.

Throughout all of this, I’ve made *many* mistakes, and I have a lot of things to deal with. I’ve been referred to a therapist in the Danish healthcare system, but with how the wait times are right now, I’m not sure how fast that will happen. I additionally have made steps to cut Lina off from being able to cause me more psychological abuse, by cutting off their ability to send me more money for the time being.

Lina might’ve helped me short term back then, but long term the damage they’ve done to me will take a lot of work to heal.

(Note: She never saw that therapist, she went back to saying therapy doesn’t work for her after this.)

At this time, she also posted a series of public tweets, essentially subtweeting me publicly as an abuser, and saying she solved the problem.

Luna now found herself with most of her income gone, entirely out of her own decision and action, right around tax season. This wasn’t the wisest decision on her part, and it led directly to her major financial struggles in the couple months that followed. I understand that she was feeling bad about me giving her money, but she clearly didn’t think this through.

It was evident to everyone else in nullptr:live that she needed months, if not years, to heal from this, and that being part of the same group would not help her state at this point.

Throughout this whole time Luna went through several flip-flop cycles, blocking and unblocking me on Twitter, blocking and unblocking others on Telegram, etc. At several points others asked her for a bit of space since she was depleting their mental spoons (not just Cyan’s at this point, other people were involved), but she repeatedly ignored this, and continued to talk to people and pay no attention to their own mental state and requests.

Struggles

Luna started trying to get in contact with me about Inochi2D (since I had her blocked on Discord at this point and she'd banned me from the Inochi2D Discord, so I was no longer there). She started evading blocks by emailing me and using alt accounts (e.g. DMing me from @Inochi2D) to get my attention. She wanted me to unblock her on Discord so we could talk about Inochi2D bugs/etc. This made no sense to me. If she wanted me to be able to contribute to Inochi2D, she could just unblock me on GitHub and let me participate publicly. I was not comfortable having any private conversations with her at this point, especially considering that anything I say could trigger a suicidal spiral, and at this point I was afraid that she might blame something like that on me. I told her this:

Re: Notice RE: Discord contact

Hi Luna,

I'm sorry, right now I need space and I don't want to interact with you personally in any private setting. This will be my last such message for now. I hope you understand.

If you want me to have the opportunity to contribute to Inochi2D, just unblock me from the GH org and I will file tickets and PRs as any other person would when I feel comfortable doing so. Sorry, I do not think any kind of private interaction is likely to be constructive for either of us here.

She first replied just "Understood, bye.", but a few hours later sent this:

Sv: Re: Notice RE: Discord contact

OpenPGP 

Seeing as I've run out of options. I do not think I'll survive long enough for either party in this situation to make up; this will probably be my last message to you.

My logic was that considering my entire support network is gone without either of you, people are following suit with you and removing their support and my band aid solutions are just buying time; it doesn't matter how hurt I feel inside if I'll be too dead to fix it any constructive way.

I simply do not have the time. I'd recommend you probably get a Live2D model made or fork Inochi2D because I probably won't be here by next year to maintain it.

Despite everything it was nice to get to know you, while deep down my emotions wants me to tell both you and cyan to go fuck yourselves. The only one to blame for getting me in this mess is myself and how naïve I was thinking that things would get better.

There's no future for me, you do not have to spend the energy worrying about me. I am a lost cause.

I will still do my best to maintain Inochi2D until my candle runs out but I can make no guarantees that it'll be much more than a couple of months.

Later more flip-flops happened, and she started talking to me on Telegram again a week later. First she sent me this:



Luna

04:51

I think an explanation is due.

Since you've tried to keep up with me you might already be aware that I am in financial trouble after cutting you off from GH Sponsors.

As such I've decided to bet everything on Inochi2D, I probably will be in a constant crunch starting soon to try to make Inochi2D financially viable for me.

I simply have no other options. So far I've lost friendships, lost my entire support network and struggle even harder with loneliness due to our spat. This is more or less what I expected would happen eventually and why I kept overworking myself.

For someone like me, too disabled to work a normal job, or make it through education, there isn't many options to stay alive. In some sense I understand why you don't understand my viewpoint, as you haven't had to go through the difficulties I have.

No matter what country I live in, this will always be something that haunts me. I live in a world that refuses to accommodate me, so the only thing that's left is a desperate draining uphill battle for survival.

The takeaway here is that the only one I can rely on, is myself and if I can't do that then I'll die. My gamble on Inochi2D will be the last gamble I make, hence me saying that I might not make it far. We'll see.

You might not like me right now and whatnot, but as the biggest user 04:53 of my software I thought you should at least know what precarious situation it all is in.

Me buckling to over extending myself was always a risk, because the 04:56 bandwidth I have to actually do anything is a tiny fraction of most people's. Even talking to people is draining due to the fact that I have to manually manage every single aspect of social interaction, whether it's through text or in person.

And as much as people around me wish there was a way to fix me, there isn't. The best the medical community has come up with is eugenics.

I never replied to her, since I had nothing else to say at that point, and I had already asked her to give me space (which she was again ignoring, as she always does). The somewhat cordial tone would not last, though.

16 March 2024



Luna

12:19

I hope you're happy about the situation you've put me in.

19 March 2024



Luna

01:46

After thorough thinking I have decided that, considering your behaviour before and after our spat I have no interest in being your friend again. I'll still talk to you pertaining to Inochi2D. But you have more or less ruined my life and mental health and I'm done trying to play kind about that. You are not malicious but you suffer from the idea that you're more knowledgeable than the people around you even when you aren't. You think being stressed is a virtue that makes you function better when it just makes you a massive asshole. The best thing you have done so far is preventing **Cyan** from harming herself.

I have also lost all interest in maintaining Inochi2D for Asahi Linux so you'll have to submit patches yourself if something breaks. I am additionally leaving nullptr::live.

I don't wish to make our falling out public so since you're so good at stringing words together you can make an announcement for my departure.

I truly hope you learn to be a better person some day.

I do not hate **Cyan** but as for you, go fuck yourself for all of the suffering you've caused me. And for rejecting honest attempts at patching things up, leaving me to suffer more.

01:47






Fuck you for deciding behind my back to send me out of the US.

And fuck you for trying to isolate me from the only people who were keeping me grounded enough to not kill myself.

If I do kill myself it will 100% be your fault.

She was now directly blaming me for her potential suicide.

All I wanted at this point is to be left alone. But she wouldn't.

-  **Luna** 02:14
The past month has been the worst in my entire life thanks to you
I hope you have enough conscience to process that. 02:19
-  **Luna** 02:43
If this is the outcome you wanted then congrats, I hope karma catches up with you.
If not then it's your own fault.
-  **Luna** 03:09
You have fingers, you can type. What do you have to say for yourself
I really don't care what you think re/ conversation being productive 03:09
You've already pushed me past the point where that'll happen 03:09
anytime soon if ever
So rip in to me if you so desire, I don't have much reason to live 03:15
anyways
-  **Luna** 03:43
Short of blowing my brains out at your front door I doubt I'd be able to make you really get how I'm feeling because of you either way
-  **Luna** 03:59
Are you going to let her manipulate you to do as she wants for the rest of eternity?
It's honestly depressing how easy you are to manipulate when you 04:01
fall head over heels for someone

The crash

Unsurprisingly, Luna hit major financial trouble. Her bank account was in the red due to some tax payment issue. She claimed that Cyan and I ruined her life. That she wouldn't survive the rest of the year and it was all our fault. She blamed me for other people who dropped out of her GitHub sponsors, even though I had never talked to anyone about this whole situation other than to two very close friends, and everyone else she had involved first on her end. The most likely actual explanation is that people dropped out of her Sponsors because she was, at the time, doomposting on Twitter, and that's a really bad PR look and would definitely prompt a few people to drop off. Someone told her this, but she brushed it off, because in her mind everything wrong in her life had to be my fault at this point.

Throughout all this, including the verbal abuse Luna was sending me, Cyan had continued to talk to her to keep her alive, fearing that cutting her off would trigger something. I had to actively try to get Cyan to cut Luna off. The effects of her chats on Cyan's mental health had been very, very clear, and even Cyan was starting to realize it. Luna had ignored her pleas for space. It was time to let go, and let Luna handle her own issues, since we really couldn't do anything more for her. Cyan agreed to send Luna \$1k to get her out of debt, then block her and call it closure.

Cyan ended up sending her \$3k instead, and blocking her.

Immediately after that, Luna again switched to an alternate account combination to message Cyan again, despite the block. She doesn't seem to understand the concept that blocking someone means you don't want to receive their messages. I had to go and help Cyan block every account pairing possible to make sure we could finally get some rest from Luna. *(Flashforward: This was not enough, I missed one of Luna's alts and she ended up using it to message Cyan later, again.)*

The next thing Luna did is buy an iPad with the extra money.

I honestly had no words at this point. Luna was clearly financially irresponsible. Considering she had never built up any savings even despite the significant increase in her income from my sponsorship over time, I started to wonder if she was actively wasting money on things she couldn't afford, and living at the very edge of her means even though she could definitely cut back a little bit and at least save up an emergency fund. Of course I had never asked her about what she spent money on, but after this, I started to wonder.

Recovery... for a bit

Finally getting blocked by Cyan seemed to cause Luna to finally snap out of her self-described meltdown. A week after the Telegram messages, she sent me an email:

An apology

OpenPGP 

Hi.

I've not exactly been the best person myself as of late, my hurt turned in to a fucked up desire to "make you hurt as much as I do".

This was not right of me, no matter what neither you or Cyan deserve the vitriol and frankly verbal abuse I've flung to both of you. I fucked up big time.

This is the only mail I'll send, if contact between us ever happens again it will be at your volition.

I just want to say that I'm sorry for the way I treated both of you, I'm sorry for ending up being the world's biggest narcissist because I couldn't keep my own words in check in a twisted desire to burn it all.

Neither of you have to forgive me, I frankly don't deserve it. But I feel an apology is the least I could do. So, from the bottom of my heart, I'm truly sorry. I will be working on myself to ensure I don't do something like this again to anyone.

Neither you or cyan are obligated to respond, these emails may never reach you either. But if either of you some day feel like giving me an other chance you can just poke me.

I pondered whether to reply or not for a few days. I wasn't sure if she was still suicidal. It sounded like she really had "snapped" out of the hole and could handle an honest conversation, though, and other mutuals told me so. Eventually I decided that it seemed like she was honestly coming to terms with what had happened, so we had some email exchanges where I described everything I had been holding back in the most polite terms possible.

Our initial thread focused on her "meltdown". She insisted that this was truly an autistic meltdown (even though nowhere does anyone describe an autistic meltdown as a multi-month tirade of abuse towards friends and self-harm, it's a very different thing, and all my other autistic friends tell me so). She apologized for her actions, but essentially put the burden of dealing with them on me and others: The only way we could be friends with her, is if we learned to recognize the signs of a meltdown and helped her deal with it. She couldn't control it, and it was up to others to handle it. She still refused therapy and dismissed that she might improve herself.

At this time, I did manage to (at least briefly) convince her that her labeling of me as an "abuser" was unfair and unjustified, and she did contact some mutual friends who she had previously told I was an abuser to take it back. I thank her for that.

A few days after the initial thread, she sent me another wall of text. Even though I told her I needed space, she insisted on "fixing" everything soon and talking it over. I was still dealing with some very stressful stuff, trying to get Cyan over to Japan at this point, and Luna continued to ignore my requests for space. So again I asked her for space:

Re: Important and slightly long email

I think it will still be a while before we settle down and things are stable enough to have the time/spoons for that kind of thing. Maybe remind me in a couple months?

And she replied a few days later, saying she “doesn’t have that much time”, and then following up with this:

Re: Sv: Re: Important and slightly long email

OpenPGP 

I should probably clarify...

You have more or less been the pillar holding the very precarious house of cards my life is from falling apart. And now it is rapidly falling apart around me. I was not built to handle 100 problems happening at the same time with tight deadlines. The truth is, that I will be high maintenance for everyone around me forever, because I am not suited to work in a modern day world. With the safety net you and Cyan provided me gone, besides the NLNet grant going through, my situation is rapidly deteriorating. I have no one else I can rely on anymore, even less so my family. For example, a fuck-up from the taxation service means I now owe the state \$1200 I need to have paid by the end of next week, and they won't budge on it. The shame and regret for all the things I've said and done is also haunting me giving me nightmares every night which means I don't get enough sleep. The economy software that *I'm paying for* doesn't have proper handling for sole proprietorships and that means my income is in legal limbo.

The fact that there's nobody left that can or are willing to help me means I don't think I'll make it much longer, so I don't think I'll be able to properly make amends with you or Cyan or any of the other people I burned bridges with. Truth is, I will probably always be in some sort of crisis due to the situation I've been born in to, and the nature of society as a hole. I will never be able to truly be independent as a person, such a thing is just not really feasible for someone in the lower end of the autism spectrum. I don't think it's fair for you, or Cyan or the other people in my life to burden them with taking care of me, which is why I've worked so overtime to try to somehow become independent. But, making a living of Inochi2D, games development and moving to Japan, are all very unrealistic goals for someone like me. And I've only made everyone else's life harder by trying to convince myself otherwise.

So the only thing I can say and do at this point is to make it clear how much I regret my actions, because I probably won't get another chance to. So, I'm sorry, I am truly sorry.

Reading between the lines, it was clear she was trying to get me to pity her, and start sending her money again.

Sorry, Luna. You can't just undo everything that happened like that, including pressing the funding block button yourself. You need to learn to deal with the consequences of your own actions. I'm open to being friends again, but I need space, and you need time to properly heal, not just apologize in a panic because you're running out of money again. And until then, you need to take control of your own life and figure things out yourself. And maybe next time don't just spend the \$1200 that you could've used to pay the tax service on an iPad. You actually had that money, and you wasted it.

That's what I thought, but I didn't tell her that. I told her I didn't have much to say at this point, and didn't reply to a bunch of follow-ups from her. She sent me this on April 22nd:

Important and slightly long email

OpenPGP 

Also, sorry if I'm being a bit much. I don't have much of a choice but to more or less permanently dwell and agonise over all that has happened recently until it can properly be settled. It's partially why I was so disrespectful of people's boundaries I think.

With the lack of an internal filter to distract oneself or choose what to think about I've more or less been agonising about all of this the entire time. And for a lack of any choices in the matter will continue to do so, even haunts me in nightmares.

Given there's nothing I can do about that specifically I've been doing my best to just stay as quiet as possible while letting it eat me up from the inside, but you can probably guess that you can't bottle it up forever before it starts spilling out.

So, sorry for repeatedly letting it spill out towards you. Once you and her have had time to heal maybe I can get the proper closure to heal myself, I don't know.

Once again, she would not respect my plea for space: She *had* to get closure now, it was eating her up from the inside, and it would eventually blow up, and it was on me to reply to her.

Japan

At around this time, Cyan and I landed in Japan, after a very stressful process getting everything sorted out for the move.

Luna and I had had a verbal agreement that she needed to work on her respect for boundaries, so I would unblock her everywhere, but she was not to message me except via email until I told her otherwise. On April 24, she broke the promise via Telegram:



Luna

10:36

I'm sorry I really tried my best here, but our needs and boundaries are at odds.

Waiting like this for you to get the spoons to patch up things with me is majorly affecting my mental and physical health, and continuing to hurt myself for the sake of you and Cyan is not sustainable.

If you want me to cut you off permanently I can do so. I'm sorry that I'm not able to accommodate your boundaries. I hope you understand. But I can't keep being haunted by nightmares, anxiety attacks and emotional breakdowns like this. It's affecting my ability to work and doing basic self care.

I need closure so that I can move on.

10:37

If you have any questions I'll answer to the best of my ability, also I'm not angry at you or anything. That being said you're welcome to be upset at me for DMing you like this.

10:38

Again, it was her needs above others'. I had to deal with her because it was affecting her mental health. I was not entitled to even just a few weeks of space. She just could not let go.

She also started messaging mutuals to try to convince them to get me to reply to her.

She then sent me an email, where her tone became negative again, blaming me saying I'm clueless about mental health and trans healthcare, continuing to deny being jealous at Cyan and I dating and more. All these things were my fault again. I had had enough, and by this point I *thought* she was well and truly out of her suicidal spirals, so I replied with a piece of my mind and told her that she needed to deal with her issues herself and stop expecting others to do so. This didn't help, and she replied with this:

Sv: Re: Sv: Re: Important and slightly long email

OpenPGP

Okay thank you for clarifying what I needed to know.

And no, you got lots of parts wrong especially when you can't take something someone says during a meltdown at face value due to the confusion. But I won't dig more in to this. I take this as both you and Cyan not wanting to associate with me anymore, forever, and I'll respect it and stop bothering both of you. Whether other people such as [redacted] or [redacted] want to stop associating with me is up to them and I'd rather hear what they want from their own mouth.

But yeah considering we have a fundamental disagreement about what the issue is and what needs to be done to solve it there's very little hope to fix our friendship.

Goodbye, and stay safe. I will keep you unblocked everywhere and feel free to post issues if you come across any on the GitHub, I have unbanned you.

Don't bother checking up on me regarding whether "I get better", if you don't bother listening to me or believing me then we can't have a productive friendship no matter how much I try.

Again, not taking responsibility for her meltdown. Spoiler alert: she would not stop bothering us.

She then sent multiple follow-up emails, including this one:

Sv: Re: Sv: Re: Important and slightly long email

OpenPGP 

You can only get a smaller picture of what someone is going through, through chat logs. You already know I deeply struggle wording things. And if you want to interpret me wanting to protect cyan by punching you in the face if you hurt her as jealousy then you're frankly stupid. That was before the meltdown. And I did mean it at the time.

I have no intention of making whether you hurt cyan my problem anymore so I won't be punching you. But really, you don't know me and whatever evil version of me you have in your head with horns and all is a stupid fantasy, get out of your fantasy land and actually talk things through like adults.

You're an adult, act like one for fuck sake. You're not in high school anymore.

Until then I had thought that her meltdown started when she learned of Cyan and I dating, but it turned out not to be the case. Apparently it started after the airport conversation, and she considered herself "normal" before then. She stood behind her threat of physical violence against me, continued to say it wasn't jealousy, and implied it was entirely warranted and not out of line.

By this point it was clear I could do nothing to help her. Neither positive nor negative words would get through. I just wanted to be left alone.

She also started trying to reach Cyan through *multiple mutuals* at this point, to evade the blocks. Luna truly knows no boundaries.

She then sent me yet another email:

Final email

OpenPGP 

Either way, we are not getting anywhere with this.

I tried and this is the last email you're getting from me. I'll be moving on, learning from my mistakes and work on being a better person.

If cyan ever wants to contact me again she may, but you have shown to be a lost cause and I don't think spending more energy on you is worth it.

I ask that, despite your pretty clear hate for me, you avoid making things worse for both of us. I will not be talking about this publicly in any specificity, and I will not go around talking behind your back (and if I see any misconceptions I've missed I will correct them). So I hope you can at the very least avoid doing the same.



Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Luna

My reply:

Re: Final email

I don't hate you, but if you aren't even apologetic for the punching threat (and you are again rewriting history, go read the log: you threatened to punch me for dating her at all, not specifically if I hurt her), it's very clear we aren't going to get anywhere.

One last piece of advice: at least do something about your boundary issues, because this has nothing to do with your meltdowns and is a pervasive problem you have, and it **will** hurt all your relationships past and present. It is beyond ridiculous that you pinged me on Telegram after I told you not to in very explicit terms, and also tried to get through to Cyan via  **and**  on top of that. You have utterly failed on the agreement we had, and shown you aren't learning and just cannot uphold even the most explicit of boundaries at all.

I promise I won't be talking about this publicly as long as you don't either. And I do appreciate you at least working to fix the times you claimed I was an abuser.

Best of luck with your future endeavors.

At this point she replied a couple more times, not taking responsibility for anything again. At least we both agreed that making this public would not help anyone, so I thought I could just finally let this blow over and move on with my life.

Then, she *immediately* made a public subtweet thread again hinting at us.

I was so tired.

Public comments

Just FYI, continuing to subtweet about this with thinly veiled accusations such as that I/we want to see you hurt isn't doing you any favors, and blocking me to make it harder for me to see your *public* subtweets is just sad and sneaky (and no, you are not entitled to make public comments and have me not see them, particularly if they are about me).

Please grow up and just drop things already, including publicly. You're definitely not being "the adult" here, far from it. Take a hint from how I've made zero references to this publicly, vague or not. Cyan and I are actively planning how to deflect away questions/comments about this if we get asked on stream etc, and meanwhile you're just yelling at the void and making it harder for us to eventually do that successfully. The blocking makes this even worse because if someone asks about something you said and I haven't seen it before, I have no idea how to reply. I literally *have* to read-only block evade to read your tweets *for your own sake*.

If you keep this up at some point *someone* is going to connect the dots and figure out your stories are about you and me (and Cyan) and force it to go public, and trust me, you are *not* going to look good if it all blows up publicly and I have to bring out all the receipts about what you actually did and said.

You might be angry at me right now for not "working with you" to resolve this immediately, but at the end of the day it is you who started it all and hurt me and Cyan, and if you are not capable of letting things cool down for a while and letting us resolve this over time due to your own mental health situation that is a you problem (and a sign of lack of maturity) and not our responsibility. If you needed closure yourself what you *should* have done is just accept that we can't be friends *yourself* instead of forcing a premature, clumsy and boundary-violating attempt at closure with us that just made things worse and trying to put the burden of everything on us again.

Seriously, just drop this, for your own sake. If you won't listen to me on anything else at least listen to this.

She replied with another huge wall of text, again deflecting responsibility for most things, and painting me as having an evil image of her. She made an absolutely evil and abhorrent comment about something horrible that happened to a friend of mine in the past, implying that she might blame me for it. At this point, I had had enough. I just wanted it to be over.

A few hours later, she made a surprise offer.

Sv: Public comments

OpenPGP 

I'll give you this last offer, since a therapist works so well for you. How about we two talk with a therapist; together. That way I can *maybe* get the chance to get this story straight and you can continue being upset at me for the *right reasons* and stop pretending you know me better than I know myself. Then we can put this permanently to rest and you can stop hounding me for being hurt due to your behaviour. I'll even pay for the therapist if that makes you feel better.

And if that's not enough for you then I'm sorry, but I'm not going to just stand and let you grind me underneath your heel based on your delusions. This is what you've intentionally or not, been trying to do this entire time. And I have a limit on how much bullshit I am willing to take.

So please, take a breather and stop getting swept away by emotions like I was. I know you're definitely capable of avoiding that. I might not be having a meltdown anymore, but that doesn't mean I'll just become a yes-man like you. I can't please everyone and neither can you, especially when we refuse to work together.

This is where the issue lies, really. I'm okay with you being upset at me for the mistakes I did make. But I'm not going to accept you lying about me or twisting the story to make me seem even worse and petty than I actually was. And I'm not going to lie for your comfort anymore and admit to things that aren't true.

I hope I'm clear here, I know I made mistakes and I will work on them. But don't lie about me by twisting the story to be worse.

So please, will you actually listen for once?

Unfortunately this was too little, too late, and still ignoring boundaries and not taking responsibility for anything, and I was done and over with her. We crossed emails, and she sent another wall of text:

Sv: Public comments

OpenPGP 

Also, actions speaks more than words. If you didn't want to hurt me you'd have calmed down and tried to actually talk this out instead of accusing me of being the sole reason this all exploded. When the truth is that we all fucked up. The thing you are correct about is the fact that I was being verbally abusive during the meltdown. I was at the time trying to get beneath your skin so that you'd hate me. That's where all the horrible things came from, a majority of the things I said I don't even believe. But I was hurting so much that I needed an excuse to kill myself, and for whatever reason, in that state I had come to the conclusion that making you hate me was the excuse I needed to escape the constant emotional turmoil that was making me feel so much physical and mental pain.

I have no qualms about your sex life, I don't think you're a bad person, I don't think you're an abuser, I don't think you'd intentionally hurt people. What I do think is that you're clumsy about dealing with other people, you're sometimes socially awkward and end up saying things that are awkward, you tend to want to be right a bit too much, correcting people at inopportune times. But that far from makes you a bad person. And now that the meltdown is over and it seems like you're actually doing better towards her specifically? I have no qualms about you two dating, hope it goes well.

I don't know if you care but this is the truth I've pieced together so far;


(Rest of story omitted.) She got some things right and some things wrong, but it doesn't matter because I had already replied to the previous email:

Re: Sv: Public comments

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No, Luna, what I've been trying to do is not to put you down. What I've been trying to do is to get some space. Which you've failed to give me and Cyan. Again and again. First her, multiple times, during your meltdown. Then me with DMs from alt accounts. Then Cyan again from another alt. Now you broke the agreement again, via multiple channels with both of us. Then you said it was over and immediately started tweeting about it publicly. Then you said it was the last thing. Now all of a sudden, therapist, but only because you somehow need to clear things up with me because I guess closure wasn't closure enough for you and you just *have* to convince me that you don't have some of the flaws I think you have because this is somehow critical even though we already agreed our relationship is going nowhere.

Do you see how, each and every time you've failed to uphold our pleas for space and letting things rest, you've done it for purely selfish reasons? Cyan and I are not getting anything out of this endless nonsense. We just want to let it go. But you won't. It is ironic that you are telling *me* to take a breather. I've been trying to breathe this whole time and you won't let me.

The mention of  there was completely uncalled for. The fact you even had that thought to say that to begin with is abhorrent. The fact that you decided to bring it up now, with the stupid alibi of "I thought of hurting you but I didn't, see, I'm not a totally horrible person" is just beyond the pale. If you did it to hurt me, I'll spare you the reaction you deserve. And if you truly believe it was appropriate to bring that up now and are utterly unaware of it would be hurtful and does not help your case one single bit, I'm sorry, but you are a lost cause.

I'll go to a therapist with you if you want. Next year. Leave me alone the rest of the year already, please. I'm not your friend now and I'm not willing to entertain being your friend again until 2025. You figure out what you want to do with your life and your issues the rest of the year. Just don't involve me in it.

She replied:

“Sorry I sent that email before I saw you had replied. But yeah, I'll stop bothering you. Sorry for the long winded talk.”

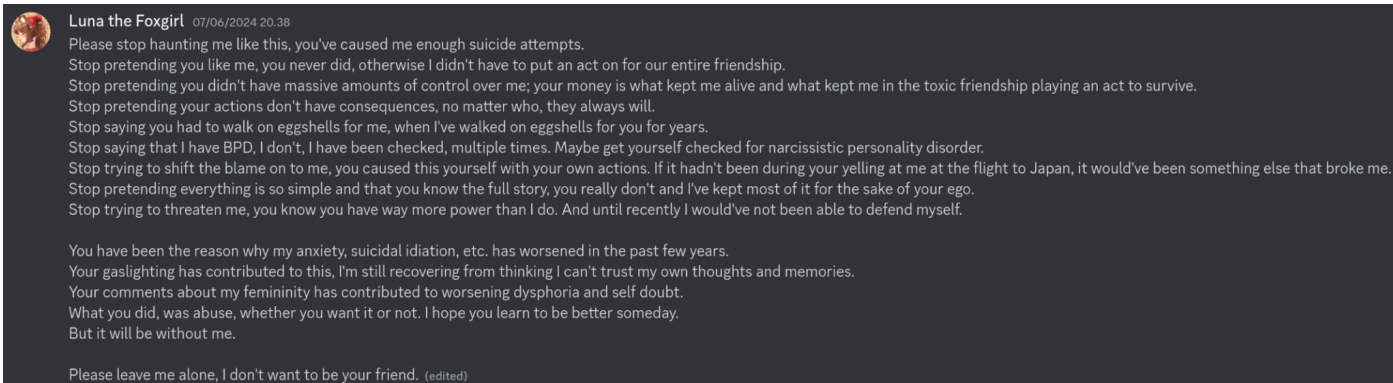
She then attempted to kill herself.

Despite everything, I don't want Luna to be hurt, or to die. I'm glad she survived.

I just want to be left alone at this point.

It never ends

Luna took a break from social media after her attempt. Unfortunately, just a day or two after coming back, she *again* tweeted a thread subtweeting me as her abuser, and implying I am the root cause of most of her mental issues over the past years. She also sent Cyan a message on Twitter from yet another alt to evade the blocks. She also sent me a Discord message:



(I don't remember what the "comments about her femininity" were. As far as I remember I always tried to be constructive and positive about her issues with gender dysphoria.)

I have not contacted her since her suicide attempt. I have never implied I wanted to make anything public if she doesn't.

From what I can piece together, Cyan's announcement of her comeback stream triggered another anxiety spiral in Luna. She believed I might talk about her in the stream, despite having repeatedly told her I have no intention of making any of this public (as long as she doesn't), and despite all the subtweets and public references coming from *her*, not me. Every single time this story has been further spread to more people, it was due to Luna involving them, not me. Cyan even made it clear in her announcement tweet that we would not be talking about any involved third parties. Apparently this wasn't enough for Luna.

It seems anything I or Cyan publicly do can now arbitrarily trigger an anxiety attack in Luna, and have her construct arbitrary scenarios in her head that aren't real, and then attack us publicly and privately for it.

Some people are already connecting the dots on Luna leaving nullptr::live, on me not publicizing her stuff, and on all the public subtweets she's been making. She also posted on her Discord about all this, again painting me anonymously as some kind of horrible abuser that has hurt her for years. I don't even know if she's off telling all our mutuals that I'm an abuser again too.

I'm tired. I'm scared.

Please leave Cyan and me alone, Luna.

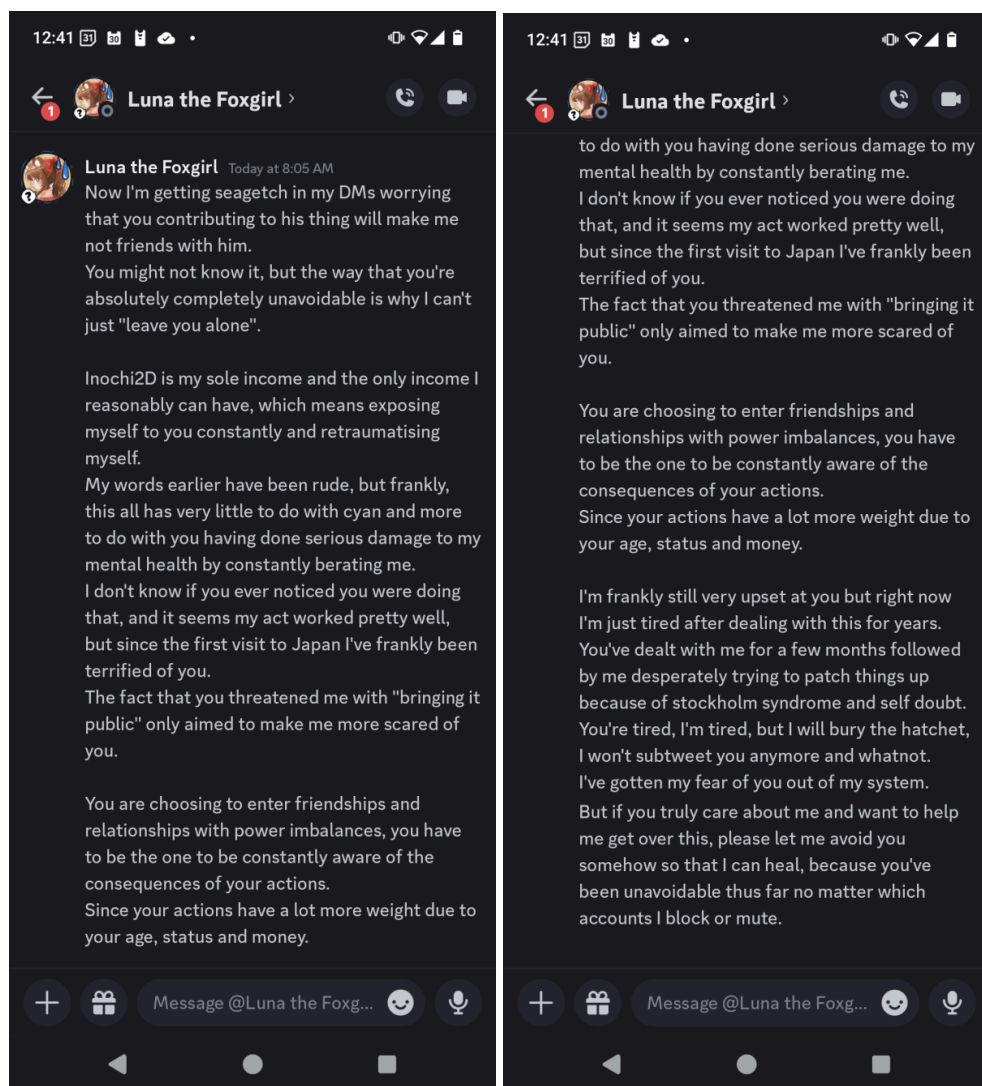
Please.

Epilogue

While writing this document I unblocked Luna on Discord to get some screenshots and forgot to block her again. On June 10th, Seagetch (arguably the second most important contributor to Inochi2D) [forked](#) the project due to differences in project direction. Luna had, at this point, spent the past 9+ months working on support packages for a major refactor, completely neglecting the core existing and unfinished product, and rejecting contributions directly to the main branch I believe. So it's understandable that contributors, blocked from contributing directly to the future of the upstream project and forced to contribute to what will eventually be a dead legacy branch (v0.8) anyway, would want to fork. I agree with the idea of a fork (I don't think Luna has been managing the project effectively) and obviously I had no desire to contribute upstream and have to deal with Luna, so I was happy that this happened (even though I had nothing to do with it) since for better or worse, Inochi2D is/was a core part of my VTubing setup.

At this point I'd been using an old snapshot of Inochi2D and I had just rebuilt my streaming setup, so it was a good time to upgrade. I want to switch from my weird bespoke hardcoded model viewer app to Inochi Session/nijiexpose (like VTube Studio), but in order to do that I needed a few features (that I'd asked Luna

for in the past but she never got around to implementing). So I told Seagetch I wanted to contribute, and he was worried about that possibly upsetting Luna, so he asked her. Luna agreed to me contributing to the fork, but this then triggered yet another spiral in Luna.



I don't know what she expects of me at this point. Should I disappear from the internet? Stop VTubing? It's like she wants me to suddenly disappear entirely from her life and our shared online spaces despite the fact that I'm the first serious user of her software and a major advocate until now. Doing things like contributing to a fork *is* me trying to distance myself from her. But it seems she just can't stand the thought of me, at all... and blames it on me again: she can't leave me alone because she keeps seeing me around (even though her being triggered by my existence is her problem, not mine, and unlike her I haven't been messaging her or evading blocks at all).

If I take her words at face value, it means Luna has pretended to be my friend since her Japan trip, in order to get resources/funding from me. I thought we had a genuine friendship... but it seems she didn't, and was just faking it so as to keep the money flowing. This really hit me when she sent me the pity emails earlier, trying to patch things up with me ASAP because she was running out of money. Honestly, this makes me really sad. And now that she no longer is getting money from me, she's just trying to retaliate against me.

July 20 update

She sent me an email. It started out in a conciliatory tone, but halfway through she went back to saying I "abused her" and "left lasting wounds on [her], [her] self worth and mental health."

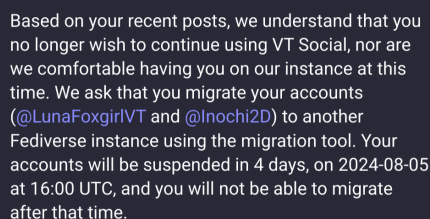
I have blocked her email address, so further attempts to email me will bounce. At this point I have not contacted her nor sent her any messages since her suicide attempt. I do not believe she has truly healed, and I don't wish to interact with her in any way until she does (which will probably need professional help).

August 1 update

Luna had not been using her VT Social account (which makes sense, given that I run that instance). A few days ago, Luna came back and started posting mildly inflammatory messages criticizing Asahi Linux, nijilive (the Inochi2D fork), and VT Social itself. Other nullptr::live members and mods noticed her posts and started discussing them in our mod channels. I chimed in with more references.

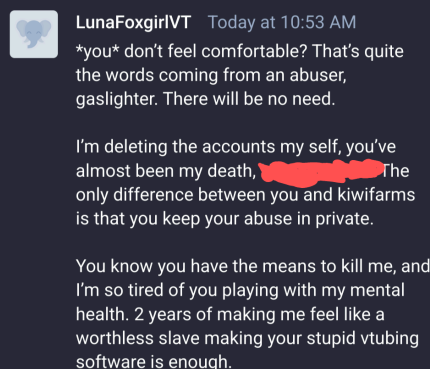
Luna then publicly posted that she's leaving Mastodon again. This would certainly help reduce the drama, since I want nothing to do with her at this point and I don't want her posts on our instance. However, I was not confident that she would actually leave our instance for good. It seemed like this whole thing was bait to get us to take mod action and paint herself as the victim again.

We decided to send her a formal message to push the process along and ask her to move to another instance, as we would suspend her account in 4 days (Mastodon allows carrying over your followers to another instance, so it is customary to let people move away in cases like this of moderation disputes where blatant rule violations are not the issue):

A screenshot of a Mastodon warning message. The text is white on a dark background. It reads: "Based on your recent posts, we understand that you no longer wish to continue using VT Social, nor are we comfortable having you on our instance at this time. We ask that you migrate your accounts (@LunaFoxgirlVT and @Inochi2D) to another Fediverse instance using the migration tool. Your accounts will be suspended in 4 days, on 2024-08-05 at 16:00 UTC, and you will not be able to migrate after that time."

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The message was sent from a shared admin account, not any individual, using the Mastodon warning system, so replies would go to the entire mod team. She immediately replied with this:

A screenshot of a reply from a user named LunaFoxgirlVT. The header shows a profile picture, the name, and the time "Today at 10:53 AM". The text of the reply is: "*you* don't feel comfortable? That's quite the words coming from an abuser, gaslighter. There will be no need. I'm deleting the accounts my self, you've almost been my death, [REDACTED] The only difference between you and kiwifarms is that you keep your abuse in private. You know you have the means to kill me, and I'm so tired of you playing with my mental health. 2 years of making me feel like a worthless slave making your stupid vtubing software is enough."

LunaFoxgirlVT Today at 10:53 AM

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Despite the warning having been sent from an unnamed account, she decided to direct her reply personally to me, and *dox my full real name to the entire mod team*.

At this point I'd had enough. She had already deleted her personal account by the time I noticed the reply, so I deleted @Inochi2D which was still active at that time.

Ironically, dropping real names like that is itself a classic Kiwi Farms harassment tactic...

Earlier the same day Luna also started spreading FUD about nijigenerate & friends on Twitter, saying they're a dead end and the maintainer doesn't care about UX and they will be incompatible with future versions of Inochi2D. It's worth noting that, at this point, Luna has done absolutely zero feature work on Inochi2D and its core components for the past 9 months, instead choosing to work on unrelated support code for a major refactor that is arguably unnecessary and misguided. This is why it was forked, and it's honestly quite upsetting seeing her try to put down seagetch's fork when he has been doing actual feature work and trying to make the software truly usable for vtubing for average users, including implementing features like sprite item support in nijixpose (like items in VTube Studio). Inochi2D doesn't even have such an obvious and necessary feature, but Luna thinks working on that is a waste of time apparently...

Just leave me and everyone around me alone. Please.

Final update

I've seen screenshots of Luna making the story public in her Discord, including doxxing me publicly and sharing personal details about me and Cyan, our relationship, and our personal life decisions. It's worth noting that *we are both adults over 25 and our private life is none of her business*. At this point, I have no choice but to make this document public. Sorry, Luna. You forced my hand here. **Now please just leave me alone, forever. I do not ever want to receive a message from you again, and will not be involved in any of your projects.**

Aside: My pronouns are she/her, I know Luna has a problem with that, and that is her problem, and not anyone else's. I would appreciate it if nobody jumps on the misgendering bandwagon that she is trying to start to further smear my image. It is beyond appalling that she is doing this as a transgender person herself.

Endorsements and comments

From Cyan Nyan (nullptr::live member): *I thought I could help Luna but it is really beyond me. Due to the impact of the event, I lost everything in America and Lina helped me move to Japan. I trusted Luna but I have seen her twist facts in malicious ways. Everything in this doc is what Lina and I have experienced and truthful. We want the trauma to stop here – please just let us rest and move on.*

From Nethyr_AI (nullptr::live member): *Regarding the Lina and Cyan document, I endorse it. I initially wanted to be neutral regarding this as I was friends with Luna but after being a witness in person and online, I can attest to what Lina & Cyan have stated as true.*

I personally wished that all parties involved were able to move on, but Luna has been referencing the issues between them publicly on social media without naming them and hasn't stopped. Please stop harassing them. We all want to move on.

From Duck (nullptr::live & VT Social mod): *I can be yet another autistic person confirming that Luna's definition of autistic meltdown is very inaccurate.*

From dragonmux (nullptr::live & VT Social mod): *likewise.. that's.. not autistic meltdown.. dealt with that several times and it's not what Luna did*

From ZyeByte (Lina & Luna's friend): *I've been moderating between Lina and Luna for quite some time now, I also took care of Luna's Twitter for a while, and tried to help her as much as I could. I have absolutely no ill will towards Luna, as I've seen her as an idol for the longest time.*

However, I have noticed that Luna kept reaching out to Lina time and time again. I've tried multiple times to tell her to stop that, but it seems it's going in an endless cycle, where periods of calm and panic/anger switch regularly.

I so desperately wish for Luna to seek professional help, as I also started to feel burned out and helpless for some time now. I really don't know how to help further. I only hope that nothing bad will happen now.