

WHEN READERS WRITE

Social media superheroes saving us with toxic comments

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Comments sections these days are like a virtual jungle gym for bullies, and it seems like everyone's monkeying around.

Who let these keyboard attackers out of their dungeons, and why are we subjecting ourselves to their wicked ways? Why do we keep diving into the shark tank of negativity that is the comments section, or worse, getting into a virtual slap fight with a total stranger?

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The Negativity Avenger

Beware of these comment ninjas who strike from the shadows and attack without provocation. They're like a pack of wild wolves, tearing apart any unsuspecting post that

crosses their path. These ruthless keyboard attackers must have skipped their iodine supplements as kids, because they're definitely lacking some essential brain fuel.

It's like they're all suffering from a serious case of online hunger -- except they aren't hungry for food, but instead they're hungry for attention.

You can spot these comment crusaders by their signature phrases, like "what a shame", "ruining our tradition" and so on. It's like they've got a script for spreading negativity, and they're sticking to it like their lives depend on it. They're on a mission to suck all the joy out of the internet, one comment at a time.

The Flasher

If you know the superhero flash, you know how super-fast he is; Flash is so fast, he could finish all his errands before you finish reading this sentence.

Unlike the "flash" beware of "Flasher" commenters on Facebook! They're the creeps who post inappropriate photos under random people's statuses. Not only is their behaviour illegal and offensive, but it can also scar you for life! So, always double-check the profiles of those friend requests or they might end up speeding their way into your DM.

The Irony Man

Irony Man is a social media vigilante who wields their power of ironic wit like a weapon. They're always on the lookout for an opportunity to pounce on a post, comment or status update and turn it into a battlefield of snarky comments and biting sarcasm.

They think they're making the world a better place with their clever quips, but in reality, they're just a big old meanie. So, beware of this hero, social media users, because their powers of wit and insults can cause unnecessary drama and hurt feelings.

The Art-snob Ivy

Unlike the infamous Poison Ivy, the Art-snob Ivy fancies herself as the saviour of art and culture on social media. She's not shy about sharing her irrelevant opinions on aesthetics. Her poisonous comments seep into every conversation like a vine. Even a simple pet photo won't escape her venomous critiques. She'll go on and on about art and culture like she's writing a thesis. Beware her toxic presence and don't let her ruin your social media garden.

In the wise words of Taylor Swift, "haters gonna hate". But that doesn't mean we have to give them the time of day. Let's not let these comment crusaders and their negative vibes rain on our social media parade.

After all, life is too short to waste on virtual drama with actual strangers.

So, let's take a cue from the Justice League and use our powers for good. Let's spread positivity and kindness, and shut down these keyboard bullies like the superheroes we are. And if all else fails, we can always hit the unfollow button and keep it moving like a boss. Remember, in the grand scheme of things, these commenters are just small potatoes in our big bowl of social media soup. So, let's not let them ruin our appetite for connection and community. Stay classy, my fellow netizens, and keep on scrolling.

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Tomorrow's forecast

NOT BRIAN BILSTON

This poem is an ode to the poet Brian Bilston who knows it and writes about the human condition, relationships, and buses (according to his bio on his Facebook page)

Below is a local take on his rainy poem:

After a sunny start, the smog will give way to heavy traffic, interspersed with more smog, and an AQI of over 300.

As the day progresses, the sun will shine on the western wind will bring in more dust and grime, with the fleeting chance of some rain promising to bring the AQI down until early evening

When the sun will finally settle but the smog will continue to haunt but this time in the dark.

Tomorrow's outlook: more heat, with occasional intervals of some shade under the lone standing mango tree.

If you think this writer is lazy, then you are probably right but the writer argues that she is simply inspired and is not copying. Argue with her via our official email address: starsatireday@gmail.com



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SATIREDAY EDITOR'S NOTE

This week's offerings may not be to everyone's liking. There could be charges of copying, and also one or more articles might seem offensive. All we can say is, we try just enough every week to put this page out, and this week was no different. About the offence part, we accept the charge, and on our behalf can only say, the aim was not to cause the wrong kind of offence. Till next week...

PC defends Bangladeshi salon's 'WHITE SUPREMACY' CAPTION

WHITWASHED CORRESPONDENT

Bollywood escapee Priyanka Chopra Jonas spoke out in support of a Bangladeshi beauty salon that recently attracted the wrong kind of attention for including the words "white supremacy" on a Facebook post.

Chopra Jonas has been on the media trail recently about how disadvantaged she was as an actor in India's film industry, where there is a bias towards the fair-skinned.

"But in Hollywood, everything is so fair, so maybe fair-skinned ain't so bad, or is it?" a confidently confused Chopra Jonas said in an interview. "I recently got equal pay. So, there may be something about this white supremacy stuff."

In a previous interview, she spoke about how actors such as her who were classified as "dusky" were

treated in Bollywood.

"I was lightened up in many movies. Through makeup and then blasting lighting. There was a song which I still remember. It was called Chitti Duddh Kudi which means a girl who is as white as milk and I ain't that but I was playing her and I was really lightened up in the movie.

She said fair-skinned female actors stood a better chance of being chosen in India and of doing well while even a star such as her faced discrimination. "If you were darker -- I'm not even that dark -- for darker girls it was: 'Let's lighten you up.'"

Now, she said, she realised that no form of discrimination is right, and that whiteness should be celebrated too.

"Look, I saw the post. A beautiful dusky woman clad in a white sari

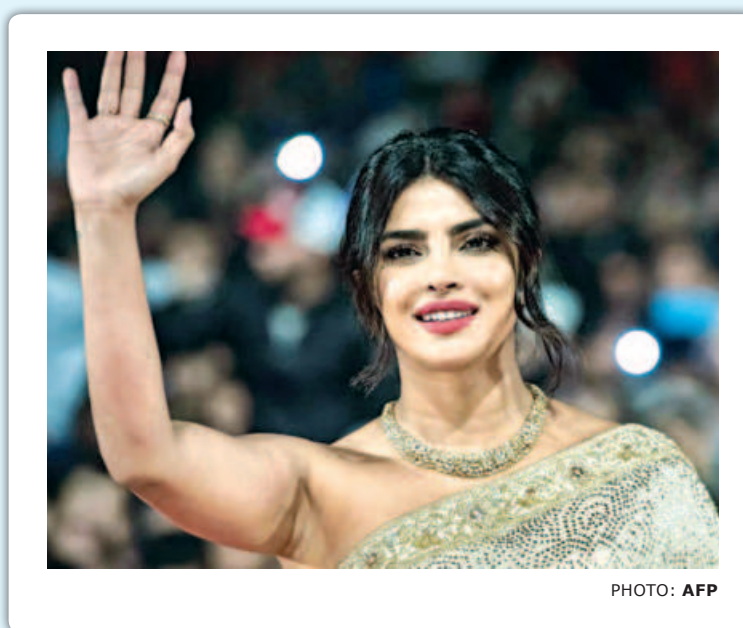


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was showcased in the image. That is why the copy editor wrote 'Be the symbol of white supremacy...,' she said, fuming at it drew.

After the backlash the post received on the internet, the beauty parlour edited the caption and focused on "gorgeous" instead of "white supremacy".

The actor also noted how white supremacy is not a bad thing after all and everything should be looked at in terms of context.

"Listen, while I was discriminated against in India for being dusky, here I am accepted by white people and I am literally known as a brown barbie," Chopra Jonas, who won the Miss India and Miss World pageants in 2000, said.

The white people, she says did many great things such as discover fall is an amazing season and commercialised pumpkin spice in

everything.

"After popularising many token products from the east such as yoga, we are now working on ensuring turmeric aka haldi also gets its due recognition in the world by making sure we promote it as a health drink," she added.

Asked what that had to do with anything, she said, "Are you done venting? Are you? Good..."

"Listen, I have many white friends and many brown friends. But like I said, here in America, a white-dominated country, I live a superior life. So, maybe the caption should have read white superiority instead of supremacy, that's the only change I would have maybe made."

This is a work of fiction, any attempt to think this is a targeted attack on anyone would be unfair