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The Three Dysfunctional Captains and First Officers of Married TRP

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My first attempt to post something to /r/marriedredpill and not just comment. Hope y'all enjoy it.

I've noticed with men having problems with their marriage, their wife's behavior seems to fit three archetypes. I'd like to outline them here and I'm curious if you gents will agree with me.

1. The Drunk Captain With A Pissed First Officer Who's Had to Take Command:

Your wife asks you to pick up something from the grocery store for dinner. You pick up a slightly different brand, size, etc of whatever she wanted. This results in her yelling at you and criticizing you for a lot of unrelated issues. She works all day, she's waking up all night, breastfeeding your infant child, and you're apparently so worthless you can't even pick up the right kind of ground beef. The warmth is draining from your marriage, and you feel you're try your best to make her happy, but she seems to find fault in even your most minor mistakes. In the morning, she hinted at having sex that night, which you were really looking for to since it's been a whole month. But then you had to go and buy 90% lean ground beef instead of 93% lean ground beef, didn't you? That 3% more fat might as well be the 0% fat chance you have of having sex that night.

The Problem: If your story starts with saying, "I was alpha, met my wife, and turned beta," this is probably you. But your wife didn't turn you beta, you did. In other words, you're the Drunk Captain.

It's not about the groceries. She's berating and henpecking you because she's pissed off that you haven't stepped up as leader of the household. She's reluctantly had to take the reigns, because she feels the ship will crash otherwise. She's no longer telling you what structural improvements she wants -- she's given up completely on your ability to execute anything meaningful. So all your attempts to "help" are looked at almost with contempt. No amount of running errands or doing chores will make up for the major deficiencies you've allowed in your life.

The Solution: Get your shit together. Read MMSL, and start working on your MAP. Make those structural improvements she wants. Hit the gym. Focus on work. Make real improvements in your life and in your children's lives, if you have them. This will almost definitely piss her off at first. Like I've said, she's written you off. When she sees you doing things like going to the gym, her gut reaction will be, *"Oh, the Captain thinks he can just sober up and take command overnight? I don't trust him for a minute."*

There will be a period where she doesn't trust your leadership, and on top of that, now sees you declining the pathetic ways you used to "help" her before. This will be tough and you can expect a lot of Shit Tests, but your road is actually is the easiest to navigate of these three scenarios. This is because your wife fundamentally wanted to be a First Officer, not a First Officer Who Had to Take Over For a Drunk Captain, which is why she was attracted to the Younger Alpha You to begin with. Follow your MAP, maintain your frame, and become that guy again. You'll know you've turned the corner when those Shit Tests have given way to Comfort Tests, and you'll eventually be able to regain her trust, respect, and eventually admiration.

Degree of Difficulty: Depends on how long you've been figuratively drunk, but this is the easiest of

the three dysfunctional Captain and First Officer scenarios. The failure mode here is the husband's decline into betadom, the woman's nagging/henpecking as she's resentful she's had to take command, and the husband lets himself be beatdown by said nagging/henpecking. Then they go to "marriage counseling," which only encourages a deeper rift. The husband is told, "you need to appreciate your wife," but no amount of appreciation will make her happy -- she doesn't want to be appreciated for being in command, she doesn't want to command the ship at all! And the wife is told, "you need to stop busting your husband's balls," but the easiest solution to that is to stop making them such a big target!

2. The Captain and the Constantly Complaining Passenger:

You've made plans to meet up with some friends for happy hour after work, and you're excited; you haven't seen them in months and you feel lucky they're even still talking to you. You're wrapping up your day at work, when your phone starts vibrating; it's your wife. Just seeing her name pop up on your phone causes your gut to tighten and make you feel slightly anxious, even if you'd never consciously admit that to yourself, let alone her. You pick up the phone, and she immediately launches into how annoying her job was that day. Normally you'd entertain the hours of verbal diarrhea that inevitably will come out of her mouth, but you're going to be late to meet with your friends. You try and gently interrupt her story, which immediately causes her to direct her wrath at you. "So it's more important for you to get drunk with your friends then listen to your wife's problems. I see how it is." You try and backpedal, offer to keep listening to her, but now she's entrenched in her anger at you. You defend yourself, saying you're hardly going to "get drunk," and will be home well before 7pm. Some how this leads her to start crying, saying how stressed she's been lately and how she feels so unsupported by everyone, including her own husband. You sigh, tell her you'll be right home. Looks like happy hour isn't going to be so happy for you after all.

The Problem: You're the Captain, but somehow this means you're responsible for everything that goes wrong, and don't get any credit for anything going right -- pretty much as discussed in Rollo's post "[Mutiny](#)." Your wife isn't a First Officer, she's just a passenger -- and a very critical one at that. If your wife feels negatively for any reason, it's automatically your fault. If anything negative happens to the family; again, your fault. It's impossible to reason with her, because so much of her responses to anything are based on her "feelings," and she has a way to twist anything she doesn't like as your lack of consideration for said feelings.

Pick your analogy: eggshells, a tightrope, or a bed of nails, either way, you're walking on them constantly and it sucks. Any suggestions from her are basically just negative criticism, and work much like George Steinbrenner's old rationale for insulting players in the media. If you fuck up, she was right. If you succeed in spite of her criticism, then she "lit a fire under you" or "is glad you proved her wrong by finally stepping up." Your sex life isn't barren, which is nice, but only seems to happen after an epic fight, which isn't so nice.

The Solution: Your story probably doesn't start with "I was alpha, then became beta." Sadly, you were probably "beta" for most of your life, likely stemming from codependency issues developed during your youth. Your parents divorced and you found yourself having to console and comfort your mom or younger siblings, and this what you equated with "love" -- protecting people from bad feelings, even if you have to take responsibility for all of them. Or attributing love to dealing with some sort of conflict, even if it's self-imposed.

So Mr. White Knight, this doesn't get any better until you stop that. The good news is, you're probably already a pretty good Captain. Anyone viewing your marriage from the outside would probably see a nice house, happy kids, bills paid, and food on the table. You can't turn your wife into a good First Officer overnight, but you can stop caring about her criticism about your failures. It's going to be terrifying for your wife to not have you taking responsibility for all her emotions, and you're going to see that right away. She'll alternate between Shit Tests and Comfort Tests, sometimes within the same conversation. She'll criticize you, get hysterical when you brush it off, and then end up in tears because, "it just seems like you don't love me anymore." This likely won't end until you manage to hold frame through a level DEFCON1 Nuclear Shit Test, but then there's nowhere to go but up from there.

Your bible is WISNIFG. For too long, you've attributed your value to how pleased others were by you. That needs to stop, especially because chances are your wife isn't the only codependent relationship you're in. But while your game is *boundaries*, this is going to instill a radioactive level of Dread in your wife without you even trying all that hard. Focus on techniques like Fogging and Negative Inquiry and Negative Assertion, because this gives you the best chance to navigate setting boundaries without your wife freaking out that "you hate her and she can't live like this anymore," and torching your house.

Degree of Difficulty: Generally this marriage is what happens when you mix a codependent man with a "Cluster B" (narcissistic, histrionic, or borderline) personality disorder. If these traits are acute in you and/or her, get ready for a lot of intense drama that your marriage may not survive. Your wife may decide that taking responsibility for her emotions was her condition to being married to you. Or you may feel her hysterics are just too emotionally trying for you to keep maintaining frame.

Otherwise, if you'd describe your wife as just "emotionally needy" but not necessarily to a pathological level, you should be able to come out of this just fine. The only other pitfall is when you inevitably instill that Dread, you'll be tempted to enjoy and relish it. The opposite of Dread is taking you for granted, which is what she's essentially done for most of your marriage. You've probably built up some resentment about that, and it'll be tempting to watch that Dread and even intentionally fail Comfort Tests. But if you do want to save your marriage, you're going to need to learn to resist this.

For what it's worth, this is only a scenario that I consider talking to a professional -- separately -- to be helpful. Individual therapy can help you overcome your codependent ways of thinking, and if your wife truly is truly a full-blown Cluster B, a professional will be able to help her deal with (or medicate) her moods in ways that you can't.

What we talk about, when we talk about Dread (1/3)

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What we talk about, when we talk about Dread

(all quotes taken from "What We Talk About When We Talk about Love," by Raymond Carver)

/u/BluepillProfessor requested I share my thoughts on Dread to MRP. So, here they are. These thoughts ended up spanning nearly 7000 words, so my writing extends into comments below this post, and I added links to each one accordingly. If you don't like read what is essentially a huge wall of text, this is probably not going to turn out well for you.

Why Dread?

We talk a lot about Dread on MRP.

And while we have a lot of MRP Redditors with some great advice on Dread, I've found a lot of the conventional advice on Dread outside of MRP is limited at best, and misleading at worst. We tell everyone "sidebar reading, bro," yet Athol Kay (author of MMSLP) explicitly advises *against* Dread. Meanwhile, blogs like CH have posts [like this](#). To call those suggestions "emotional abuse" is overblown, silly, and false. To call it "effective MRP advice" is also false. We are not going to be fixing fundamental problems in our marriage based on how often we do or do not turn off our cell phone. I hope this is not a controversial opinion here.

Despite my proclivity to cite a lot of armchair psychology in my comments, my professional background is actually in marketing. This is really the basis of my psychology knowledge - as you might imagine, it helps to understand how people think when you're trying to sell them shit. And the more I thought about it, the more I realized Dread Game was really just packaging a lot of very simple marketing concepts that I think pretty much anyone will be very familiar with.

This post will be a deconstruction of Dread from that perspective. I will then offer some opinions on those deconstructions, and why I think Dread is an incredibly powerful force, but why it's more useful in some situations than others, and why I think Dread has some limitations. With that said, let's get into it:

What do we talk about when we talk about Dread?

"There was a time when I thought I loved my first wife more than life itself. But now I hate her guts. I do. How do you explain that? What happened to that love? What happened to it, is what I'd like to know. I wish someone could tell me."

My favorite definition for Dread is this: **Dread is the opposite of being taken for granted.**

For any of you guys still struggling to unplug, I would encourage you to view Dread in this context. *You are frustrated in your marriage because you feel you are being taken for granted.* Being taken for granted is not a pleasant feeling. Generally in your life, when you've felt taken for granted, you just leave. At one point you probably had a girlfriend, a friend, or an employer who just seemed to be investing a lot less into their association with you than you were. Eventually, you'd get pissed off, and you'd leave. You'd break up with your girlfriend, you'd stop trying to make an effort to hang out with your friend, you'd quit your job and get another one.

There is very little need for Dread in a relationship when you can terminate it. You can simply conclude, "I'm not getting what I'm putting into this, so I'm going to stop doing it." It's that simple. *The mere fact that you have this option usually inspires enough Dread for a functional relationship.* People won't treat you shitty because they know you have the option to stop dealing with shitty people.

So why the hell is so much of MRP advice founded on Dread? **Because we don't want to leave.** Because leaving means divorcing, which will impose a lot of external costs that we'd hate to pay. While "divorce rape" can largely be avoided with a good lawyer and thorough preparation, divorce still sucks. We don't want to get divorced, we want things to just... be better. While I've commented that I think the financial toll and child custody outcomes are tremendously exaggerated on TRP, those costs do exist, and they are still very significant and painful to pay.

So we don't want to leave our wife and find a new one. We just want our current wife to stop sucking. And this is why Dread is critical. Like some of us on MRP, I had the pleasure of being called out by MRP's very own /u/whinomoreplease, who once responded to one of my comments with:

"For most of you guys, you've already decided that you're going to stick around through whatever bullshit she throws at you. pretty much dread is your only option, you know, unless you want to be hard core red and have divorce on the table at all times."

And, well, he's right. The thought of divorce kills us. We can't leave. So what can we do?

Imagine there was only a single employer in your area. You had a job there, and it sucked. The paycheck was meager, the hours were shitty, your boss was an asshole. You want to quit, but you... can't. There is no other employer nearby. The price of respect seems to be quitting and being completely broke. That's going to make you feel kind of "stuck," isn't it? It's impossible to have a lose-lose perspective on this situation. No wonder it's easy to start harboring resentment for our wives. It's easy to resent everything when you feel you're in a lose-lose situation.

But what can you do? You can't quit. You can't go to your boss and say, "if you don't give me a raise, I'll get a job elsewhere." He knows that's not an option. Are you just kind of fucked? Is there really nothing you can do? They just get to take you for granted forever, since they know they're the only employer that can offer you a job?

The answer to all those questions is "no." You can and should use Dread. I'll explain how it works in the above example, and I will explain how it can work in your marriage, and I will explain why it works.

Four Luxury Brand Marketing Concepts that Also Apply to Dread:

"It ought to make us feel ashamed when we talk like we know what we're talking about when we talk about love."

As I said in the introduction, I realized there is a lot of overlap between Dread and some fundamental marketing concepts. Particularly, marketing concepts as applied to **luxury brands**. So let me introduce the four core concepts that I think apply in this overlap. You have likely heard of these concepts before. If not, I will include links to their Wikipedia pages, which should be understood easily enough. All usages of the pronoun "we" below refer to basically the entire human race's general psychology, and not just specifically MRP.

Scarcity Effect (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scarcity_%28social_psychology%29) - We value

things more that we perceive as scarce. We value things less that we perceive as abundant.

Loss Aversion (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loss_aversion) - Losing \$100 feels a lot worse than winning \$100. Or really: we hate losing the things we have more than we like getting things we don't have.

Operant Conditioning (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operant_conditioning) - Generating desired behavior in someone through a system of rewards and/or punishments.

The Socratic Method (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socratic_method) - Perhaps the least familiar of the concepts here and not quite a marketing concept, so I'll elaborate a little bit. Essentially the Socratic Method is framing your argument as a set of statements or questions to someone to inspire critical thinking. If you tell someone "your wife's an emasculating bitch for calling you out in public," you will almost definitely get some sort of defensive response. Their mind shuts down and will irrationally reject any further evidence you try to present. But if you say to that person, "hey, when your wife called you out in public, it looked like you didn't enjoy it that much" he will probably respond, "No, I didn't. She does that shit all the time." Then you can say, "I see. Why do you think it bothers you so much?" And they may respond, "I don't know, it just does. I guess it just makes me feel she's an emasculating bitch."

All four concepts feature heavily in marketing, *for luxury brands especially*, which you want to present as being scarce. Not everyone drives that Audi, not everyone has that iGadget, not everyone at the bar is drinking that Grey Goose. Yet despite being scarce, you also need to be accessible. You need to make the person feel they *could* be one of the lucky ones that will be in possession of your product. Either directly (free trials or rebates) or indirectly (e.g. Apple's continuous upgrade cycle, where you feel you're 'losing out' if you don't own the latest and greatest).

The combination and scarcity and loss aversion are not pleasant feelings. The idea of not being wealthy enough to afford that Audi, or not being cool enough to drink that Grey Goose, or simply not possessing that iPhone 9XG, with the special Siri app that gives you blowjobs on command... these thoughts cause **anxiety**. Waiting in line all night at the Apple Store and buying the iPhone 9XG eliminates that anxiety. When you walk out of the store with that iPhone 9XG, you may think you're feeling happy, but you're really feeling *relief*. Relief from anxiety. The operant conditioning becomes clear: *buy shit, remove anxiety*.

Yet an effective marketing campaign has to do all of this covertly. You probably think infomercials are stupid and unconvincing. Why? Because they are just Billy Mays (RIP, buddy) yelling some variant of *BUY THIS SHIT NOW IT'S AWESOME!!!* Did you think that product was awesome? Did you buy that shit? And even if you did, did you really think you were buying a luxury good? Probably not.

Marketing campaigns for luxury goods don't say *BUY THIS SHIT!* They use a form of the Socratic Method to say: *Hey, this guy looks like he's having a good time and he has an iGadget. Did you know what the iGadget does? Some of this stuff it does might let you have a good time too. Especially since those people over there don't have iGadgets, and they look pretty depressed and bored. Just sayin'.*

At this point you may be wondering while this was an interesting marketing lesson, what the fuck does this have to do with Dread and MRP?

An Explanation For What the Fuck This Has to Do With Dread and MRP:

"A man can go along obeying all the rules and then it don't matter a damn anymore."

You're here because, for now, you've ruled out divorce as a solution to being taken for granted in your marriage. This means you need your wife to give a shit about you. Her not giving a shit about you, and you just walking out, is not an option.

Little secret about companies like Audi, Apple, and Grey Goose: *they need you to buy their shit just as badly as Billy Mays does!* They may seem scarce and seem like they don't really care if you buy them or not, since they're not giving you a direct "call to action" to purchase the product. But you know this is obviously false. These companies are trying to make money. They need you to give a shit about them. They just can't tell you that directly, because saying "hey, I'm so cool and unique, buy me!" is a self-defeating message. It begs the marketing audience to ask, "If you're so cool and unique, why are you so overtly obvious in how badly you need me to buy you? And if you're telling everyone this and everyone *does* go buy you, are you really cool and unique?"

Hence the indirect messaging. Otherwise you won't think they're scarce, otherwise you won't get anxiety about the idea of not having them, otherwise you won't care to do buy that product and reduce that anxiety, otherwise you don't draw all of the above conclusions subconsciously without them overly telling you.

So let's put what I've discussed so far together.

- **Someone feeling Dread is the opposite of someone feeling like they can take you for granted.**
- **Luxury brand marketing is all about not letting people feel they can take their products for granted, even though those companies do desperately need people to buy those products.**
- **Dread is marketing yourself as a luxury brand.**

Got you nodding, right? *OK, OK, I think I get it... but how do I actually do that?*

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EDIT: Despite the fact that the "(1/3)" in this post title implfying it's Part 1 of 3 posts, all the rest of this is contained as comments below. There are no other posts, everything is here. Hopefully, you can just scroll down and keep reading.

But in the event the comment ordering gets fucked up by voting, or whatever, here are links to each comment, in the correct order.

- **Active Dread and Passive Dread-**
http://www.reddit.com/r/marriedredpill/comments/374wln/what_we_talk_about_when_we_talk_about_dread_13/crjrgcp
- **The Hamster Maze -**
http://www.reddit.com/r/marriedredpill/comments/374wln/what_we_talk_about_when_we_talk_about_dread_13/crjribp
- **Dread Pitfalls (1/2) -**
http://www.reddit.com/r/marriedredpill/comments/374wln/what_we_talk_about_when_we_talk

[_about_dread_13/crjrt1z](#)

- **Dread Pitfalls (2/2) -**

http://www.reddit.com/r/marriedredpill/comments/374wln/what_we_talk_about_when_we_talk_about_dread_13/crjrt7s

- **Wrap-Up -**

http://www.reddit.com/r/marriedredpill/comments/374wln/what_we_talk_about_when_we_talk_about_dread_13/crjrty

[Meta] Subreddit Fragmentation

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TL;DR: More Flair/Dedicated Threads, Fewer Subreddits

Let me try and categorize some of the types of user-submitted posts we see on MRP.

- **A. Questions seeking help.** A guy posting about his personal circumstances and marriage, and seeking insight or advice from the MRP community at-large. This is further sub-categorized as:
 - *A1. The full victim-puke.* A guy stumbles in here, no sidebar reading, barely any clue about TRP, dumping his entire life story and wondering why his wife stopped fucking his beta ass.
 - *A2. The misguided approach.* A guy part-way through unplugging, hits some roadblock in his marriage. Such as self-improvement isn't yielding more sex, or he's struggling to determine Shit vs Comfort Tests, or there's some family logistical problem is making it especially hard to maintain frame. There is an understanding of fundamental Red Pill principles, but the OP can't quite figure out how to apply them to his own circumstances.
 - *A3. The legitimate conundrum.* A fully unplugged guy with a pretty unique scenario, almost presented as a thought exercise. A good recent example is /u/TrainingTheBrain's [recent issues in his marriage](#).

Then we have...

- **B. Field reports.** Pretty self-explanatory, but further sub-categorized as:
 - *B1. The e-peen flex.* This usually is some form of a guy describing, in stupidly useless language, some application of Red Pill and how his wife fucked him even though she was acting shitty earlier." But it's probably cathartic on some level, and any indications Red Pill are working, even if lacking useful introspection, aren't entirely pointless.
 - *B2. Victory battle review.* Basically B1, but more introspection given to *why* what he did worked, and perhaps may be useful to other MRP members, especially if they have logistical similarities.
 - *B3. The success saga.* A guy, usually a long-time lurker, describes in some detail the circumstances in his life and his marriage, and how a gradual and deliberate Red Pill approach has improved his life, wife, and family.

Lastly, there are...

- **C. Theory of Red Pill.** Generally presented by guys like Ian Ironwood, Rollo, or BluePillProfessor. These guys try and aggregate their observed experiences into an analysis that can be digested for broader community consumption.

AskMRP is hurting MarriedRedPill.

In short, because you chase away all the "A2" posts to a most less populated subreddit, but you still

get all your "A1" posts. The A1 guys won't know about /r/askmrp. There's no link in the sidebar. There are no instructions that would indicate which questions are appropriate for AskMRP. The mods aren't jumping in to direct posts accordingly.

My understanding was AskMRP was intended to be a response to A1. From /u/SorcererKing's post:

This where guys can victim puke, ask stupid questions, and get the soft support they want.

Guys should be referred there if they come here spouting weaksauce bullshit, and we will graduate them back to over here when they're ready.

911 emergency about to file for divorce guys who just found MRP from /r/deadbedrooms can feel "safe" to post their story.

The value of having an interactive format like Reddit is in being interactive. If all there is is high level theory with restrained golf claps in the background, new guys get lost. askMRP will shepherd them.

But take a look at /r/askmrp right now. They are almost all A2 posts. I see very few posts that would have been inappropriate to post in marriedredpill. The guys have shown some investment into learning about Red Pill. At most, some of them are validation-seeking, but this is why they are "unplugging" and not "unplugged." Red Pill will often make your marriage seem cosmetically worse before it improves. It's scary.

Meanwhile, look at the marriedredpill subreddit. There's weak sauce bullshit like [this guy](#). There are 40+ fucking comments on this guy's thread. Nothing on /r/askmrp has more than 20 comments. /u/TheAccidentOf85 is a guy who literally discovered r/seduction (hahahaha) like a week ago, then stumbled into MRP, and gifts us with a 2000 word victim puke that pretty much comes down to, "my feely-feels got sad because of my job so I spent a year behaving in a way that would ensure my wife's complete and utter destruction of any attraction she ever had for me."

I don't mean to entirely shit on TheAccidentOf85, but... **what the fuck is this shit?** Why have AskMRP if this doesn't get moderated? If there really was a concern about too many A1 questions, then why the fuck is this shit still on marriedredpill?

AskMRP isn't just a net-zero entity. It's actively making the marriedredpill subreddit *worse*, because you're still getting A1 victim pukers because if they're too lazy to do the sidebar reading before they write anything, they're definitely too fucking lazy to find /r/askmrp. Normally, they'd just be downvoted, making way for A2/3 and B1/2/3 and C posts, if not moderated out of existence entirely. But we've decided to tell all the A2 guys to get their shit off /r/marriedredpill, and they're unplugged enough and give enough of a shit to actually follow those directions, *even though it's really to their detriment because they'll have a much smaller community responding to them*.

And this is bad for MRP overall, because I think in the process of commenting on those A2 posts, I think we come up with a lot of good theory on those A2 posts. The A2 posts often become the seeds for C posts. [Here's an A2 post](#) and /u/marxistbacon brought up a term he called "Vision," which /u/IanIronwood ended up [fleshing out further here](#).

And to be honest, I don't even mind *some* of the A1 posts. Sometimes there's enough spewed out in their victim puke that makes it easy, at least for me, to point out some fundamental issues in their marriage and give them a starting point on a specific approach. I've put some of the most thought, and written some of my most detailed and lengthy replies, to A1 posts where the guy indicated at least *some* inkling he was capable of unplugging. Perhaps my favorite example is [this one](#). /u/thisisme0007

literally had fucked his wife **twice in five years**. Now he's fucking her *three times a week*.

This is why I hate the idea of AskMRP, or really any other subreddit that fragments MRP like this. If you want AskMRP to be the destination for A1 posts, there needs to be a much bigger investment in moderation for it to actually work. What's likely to happen is the future A2 posters will realize they should still post on /r/marriedredpill anyway (since we apparently still indulge A1 posts like /u/TheAccidentOf85 and get more community response. And you'll still get the victim pukes and two week warriors that everyone finds so abhorrent.

Or even worse, if you moderate the A1 posts, and push A2 posts to /r/askmrp, then you just have B1/2/3 and C posts on /r/marriedredpill. Which means we'll probably end up looking a lot like the main TRP sub, where every other post is about how you told your wife to STFU and got a blow job, mixed in with some interesting but high-level theory from our resident "Manosphere Icons."

Jack's Solutions

So now that I've shat all over the idea of /r/askmrp or otherwise fragmenting MRP into more subreddits, what are my suggestions?

Dedicated Weekly Threads. We have "Own Your Shit." I don't see why we can't have other dedicated threads for "Success Stories" and "Victim Pukes" or whatever.

Topic Flair. The subreddit /r/relationships is some blue pill beta bullshit, obviously, but I really like how they organize that subreddit. You can filter by Dating, Relationships, Breakups, etc. Instead of just spawning a subreddit for every possible iteration of a Red Pill taxonomy, I don't see why we couldn't do this here. We could also consolidate subreddits like "Non-Monogamy" and "Parenting" this way.

More Visible Posting Guidelines in Post Submissions. If you go to /r/relationships or /r/RedPillWomen, for example, and go to submit a post, your text box is "pre-populated" with some instructions. I bet we could eliminate 80% of low-quality A1 posts by doing this.

I imagine some of these things aren't done purely because of moderator bandwidth. So I volunteer to personally assist with any of the above. I know enough Javascript/CSS/etc to implement something like Topic Flair on this /r/marriedredpill's theme.

Why do I give a shit?

I recognize my objection to AskMRP may be coming from something of a unique position. I've written tens of thousands of words in my various /r/marriedredpill comments, but I have all of two posts. So essentially my interaction with MRP is mainly commenting on A1/2/3 posts. Occasionally I comment on B2 or C posts. That's about it.

I've thought about sharing my own "how I discovered Red Pill" story at some point, but I think I'll skip it for now, since I do think it is a pretty cool story and worth saving for when I can do it justice. But I do get something out of this community, and contributing to it, in a way that you guys probably don't expect.

I'm saying all this as a caveat that I may be on the minority here. I'm essentially complaining that it's harder for guys to ask for help, and thus harder for me to give them in advice. I recognize that's kind of a silly complaint. I probably should have better things to do than complain about that. Perhaps I'll

make an Own Your Shit comment about that. But at this rate, eventually I'll be posting to /r/askmarriedredpillownyourshit, and maybe that's a little ridiculous.