

## LitCom Community Rules

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At LitCom, we aim to create a safe space for the free exchange of thoughts and ideas about books. Adherence to the rules by LitCom users will contribute to the development of our community, the creation of an inclusive environment, free from insults, threats, risks, etc.

Below we have described everything that is not acceptable to our community. If you come across content that violates these rules, please let us know.

### 1. Harmful external links are prohibited

A harmful external link is any link to content or material on or off the Internet that may be offensive, shocking, illegal, fraudulent, phishing, or otherwise clearly harmful.

Do not post links in your content on LitCom that meet any of the following characteristics:

- Links to pornography;
- Links to materials that depict non-artistic cruelty or that contain hate speech;
- Links to websites or applications that install malicious software;
- Links to websites or applications that use phishing to obtain user credentials or financial information, etc.;
- Links to websites, applications or other information technology that provide unauthorized free access to audio and audiovisual content, full versions of video games, software or streaming services that are usually paid for on the original resources;
- Links to websites that collect funds or recruit for terrorist organizations;
- Links to sites with images of child sexual abuse;
- Links to sites that sell goods prohibited by law or with legal restrictions on sale.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of malicious links. We reserve the right to make changes to our rules/policies at any time, as well as block content that we believe violates the rules and/or may harm the interests of the community or community members. These rules apply to audio content, videos and its descriptions, comments, live broadcasts, and other LitCom services and features.

Examples of harmful external links:

- A video with sexually explicit content, the description of which links to a pornographic site and states “click here to view content prohibited on LitCom”.
- A video of the gameplay, the description of which includes a link to a website promising free bonuses for in-game or online store purchases, when in fact the link directs to a site that installs malware on the user's computer.
- Publishing a link to a phishing site that steals users' bank account details and passwords.
- A video or text instructing you to copy and paste an inactive link to a site with pornographic content or spam.
- A link to a website, file sharing service, etc., where you can view or download images of child sexual abuse.

Please note that these are just a few examples of what content may violate our Community Rules. Do not post content if you have any doubts about its compliance with these rules.

**Note.** The availability of affiliate content is not a violation of the LitCom Terms of Use. However, excessive posting of such content to adjacent or linked accounts may violate our spam policy. To learn more, we advise you to read the next section.

### 2. Spam, Fraud and Misleading Activities

Do not post content that meets any of the following descriptions:

- 2.1. Spam.** Content that is posted or repeated excessively or has no obvious purpose and is used to:
- direct traffic to another site (for views, listening, etc.), promising any reward for it or by deception;

- direct users to sites that distribute malware, attempt to obtain personal information, or otherwise have a negative impact.
- 2.2. Misleading data or tags.** Using titles, descriptions, or tags that mislead users about the content available.
  - 2.3. Falsified media content.** Content that has been altered or modified by technical means to mislead users (including passages taken out of context) and that may cause significant harm.
  - 2.4. Fraud.** Content that aims to profit by deceiving users. For example: content that offers cash gifts, get-rich-quick schemes or “pyramids” (sending money without receiving a real product in a financial pyramid).
  - 2.5. Spam in the comments.** Comments whose sole purpose is to collect users' personal information, to mislead them away from the LitCom site, or to perform other prohibited actions listed above.
  - 2.6. Duplicate comments.** Posting a large number of comments that are identical, repetitive, or have no clear purpose.

These rules apply to Litcasts and other user activities, account descriptions, books, comments, platform events, and all LitCom services and features.

Please note that the list of fraudulent activities, spamming methods and misleading activities is not exhaustive. We may remove any content that we believe violates the Community Rules.

### 3. Impersonation of another person

LitCom does not allow you to impersonate of another person or impersonate another author's channel, such as a famous writer or public figure. In addition, LitCom monitors compliance with the rights of trademark owners. We may block a channel or content on a channel that misleads as to the source of the advertised goods or services or impersonates an official representative or brand ambassador.

If you think that someone is impersonating your channel or that of another author, you can complain to us.

Do not post content on LitCom that meets any of the following descriptions.

- Impersonating another channel. A profile that copies the data, design and general appearance of another, creating the false impression that the profile belongs to another person. This also applies when the similarity to someone else's channel may not be complete, but there is a clear intention to copy another channel.
- Impersonation of another person. Content that looks like it was posted by another user.

Examples of content that is prohibited on LitCom:

- A Litcaster profile with the same name and image as another Litcaster’s profile, as long as their names differ by only one character, such as a space or a zero added instead of the letter "O".
- Using another person's real name, username, image, brand, logo, or other personal information to impersonate another person.
- The description of the channel completely matches the description of another channel.
- Setting up a channel with someone else's name and image and creating the impression that someone else is posting content on the channel.
- Setting up a channel with another person's name and picture, and adding comments in other channels as if they were posted by that person.
- The channels are allegedly created by fans who are actually pretending to be other channels and copying their content.

Please note that these are just a few examples of what content may violate our Community Guidelines. Do not post content if you have any doubts about its compliance with these rules.

### 4. Hate speech

Hate speech is prohibited at LitCom. We remove content that promotes violence or hate towards individuals or groups of individuals based on, in particular, the following:

- age;
- social origin;

- invalidity;
- ethnicity;
- gender identity and self-expression;
- nationality;
- race;
- creed;
- sex;
- sexual orientation;
- belonging to victims of significant events related to violence and their relatives;
- the status of a participant in the war.

Do not post content on LitCom that meets any of the following descriptions.

- Encouraging violence against individuals or groups of individuals on the basis of the above characteristics. Threats are not allowed on LitCom. We perceive indirect calls to violence as real threats.
- Inciting hatred against individuals or groups of individuals based on the above characteristics.

#### **5. Other types of content that violate this policy**

- Humiliation of individuals or groups of individuals by diminishing or leveling their importance in society, as well as by insulting comparisons, direct and indirect insults of honor and dignity.
- Glorifying or advocating violence against individuals or groups of individuals on any grounds.
- Offensive remarks about race, religion, etc. and the use of stereotypes that provoke or incite hatred. These can be audio utterances, text or images that promote or portray these stereotypes.
- Claims that individuals or groups of individuals are physically or mentally superior to others.
- Statements about the superiority of one group of people over those who have any of the above characteristics in order to justify violence, discrimination, isolation, etc.
- Conspiracy theories that, on the basis of the above signs, attribute evil, corrupt or criminal intentions to individuals or groups of individuals.
- A call to subjugate or dominate individuals or groups of individuals based on the above-mentioned characteristics.
- Denial of some well-documented real-life event involving violence.
- Aggressive statements directed at a person because of their emotional, romantic and/or sexual relationship with another person.
- Content that promotes an ideology of hatred and bigotry or is aimed at recruiting new members to such groups or soliciting financial support for such groups.
- War propaganda.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of forms of hate speech. We may block any link at our sole discretion if we believe it violates the Community Rules.

At LitCom, we understand that a Litcast may contain content as described above, based on the text of the original work. Certain works may have historical significance and be used by Litcaster to express reasoned criticism and condemnation of the ideas contained in the work. Such content will not be considered a violation of these rules as long as such statements are justified by an artistic purpose and do not directly incite violence.

#### **6. Vulgar and obscene language**

Some expressions may be inappropriate for users under the age of 18. Here's what we consider when age-restricting or removing content:

Does the content contain statements or narratives of a sexual nature;

- whether the content uses excessive profanity;
- whether the title, icon, or related content data uses crude profanity.

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list. We may block any link at our sole discretion if we believe it violates the Community Guidelines.

Below are some examples of content that may be age-restricted.

- Content that emphasizes the use of profanity;
- Content with crude profanity used during a fight or to describe acts of violence;

Do not post content if you have any doubts about its compliance with these rules.

#### **7. What happens if content violates these rules**

In such cases, we block the content and send an appropriate email to the owner of the account that published it. If this is your first violation of our Community Rules and your violation was not serious / dangerous to the community, you will only receive a warning and no penalties will be applied to your account. In case of repeated or serious violation of our Community Rules, your channel will receive a warning. If you receive 3 warnings within 90 days, your profile will be blocked.

We may suspend your account for repeated violations of the Community Rules or Terms of Service, as well as for one serious violation and if all profile content violates our policies.

Blocked content can be unblocked in individual cases of more careful study, or on the contrary - deleted forever.

#### **8. Dishonest accounts**

Most users are active and conscientious members of the LitCom community. However, if we discover that an account has been created for a purpose contrary to LitCom's Policies and Terms, LitCom reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to delete/block such account and delete/block the content of such account.

#### **9. Inciting other users**

If you post content that encourages other users to violate our Terms of Use, we may block or remove that content and ban the User.

#### **10. Reposting blocked content**

If a User posts content that has previously been blocked for violating our Terms of Use, or content from other authors whose accounts have been blocked for violating our Terms, we may block that content and block the User.

#### **11. Age restrictions**

In some cases, we reserve the right to ask you for documentary proof of your age, which is necessary to use LitCom.

#### **12. Moderators**

We declare the openness and democracy of the platform, the focus on observing the principles of self-organization. But to ensure high-quality communication and protection against illegal actions of third parties, deliberate coordinated actions or inauthentic behavior, we engage moderators.

Moderators are administratively designated individuals or selected existing LitCom users who have proven themselves to be conscientious network participants who value and share our community building values. Moderators are partially entrusted with the function of monitoring compliance with the Community Rules. The presence of moderators does not exempt Users from personal responsibility for their actions and content.

#### **How to become a moderator?**

Moderator status can be obtained by a LitCom user who has proven himself to be a bona fide network user and expressed his desire to join the team of moderators by sending an appropriate request to the LitCom administration by e-mail (see Contacts section).

#### **What are the functions of the moderators?**

Moderators are very important to the LitCom community. We delegate to them part of the authority to control and monitor compliance with the Community Rules, in particular, moderators:

- have access to tools for solving important user issues;
- receive feedback and pass it on to us to make sure the community's voice is heard;
- remove comments that violate the Community Rules;
- consider complaints about content published on the LitCom network;
- have initial access to new network functions and capabilities;
- can get a mark on their profile that they are a moderator and a trusted source of information.

Please note that this is not a complete list of rights and responsibilities of moderators. Detailed instructions on the work of moderators are brought to their attention directly during the briefing.