

## Chat Room Log: Reality and Identity Group 5

Wednesday, October 31, 2007

10:58 AM: **steven** has entered the room.

10:59 AM: **Jess** has entered the room.

10:59 AM: **Jess**: hello

10:59 AM: **Cait** has entered the room.

10:59 AM: **Cait**: shall we begin?

11:00 AM: **Jess**: oh yes

11:00 AM: **steven**: hi guys

11:00 AM: **Cait**: shall we go through each quote as it reads on the page?

11:01 AM: **Jess**: yeah i guess that works

11:01 AM: **steven**: whadda you want to talk about?

11:01 AM: **boo** has entered the room.

11:02 AM: **Cait**: first, "a rape in cyberspace" makes me angry and is the main article that will distinguish the difference between reality and a pretend world.

11:03 AM: **Jess**: I absolutely agree. It angers me as well, because I feel like with plastic surgery people are tryin to be soemthing that they are not

11:03 AM: **Cait**: it opens the floodgates for determining the kind of moral wrong that our society involves ourselves in everyday. what is right and what is wrong?

11:04 AM: **steven**: I think the "rape in cyberspace" was a piece of fiction. It was supposed to be satirical. Anyone agree?

11:05 AM: **Jess**: I guess that is based on own personal judgement. what is right and what is wrong. Everyone has different persepective

11:05 AM: **Jess**: I think to a certain degree yes.

11:05 AM: **Cait**: no, because it was based on an actual event and other assaults have ocured online since that was made known.

11:06 AM: **Cait**: if we connect the idea of MUDs and the rape with the following quote then we begin to answer our own questions... that MUDs our written literature in a world that we cannot exhibit with our friends and our lovers.

11:07 AM: **steven**: Yeah, I think the author based it on things that actually happened, but there was a tone to the article that seemed satirical.

11:08 AM: **Jess**: i have agree i think the tone was satire, however was based on true events and situations that exist

11:08 AM: **Cait**: very true since wizards were the "people" that could kick them off the "database"

11:08 AM: **steven**: wanna talk about something else?

11:08 AM: **Jess**: sure Who Am We?

11:09 AM: **steven**: ok

11:09 AM: **Cait**: yeah... look back to my earlier line about our MUDs our written literature in a world...

11:10 AM: **Jess**: yes a agree. it almost like a fantasy world in which as been created

11:10 AM: **steven**: Well, I think this fantasy world idea is a little scary.

11:10 AM: **Cait**: which answers our questions about satirical or not. an actual article based on a fantasy world is hard to double check quotes... the irony.

11:11 AM: **Cait**: it is scary but there is evidence that it is out there.. especially with video game consoles being connected to the Internet.

11:11 AM: **Cait**: and games such as WoW (World of Witchcraft).

11:11 AM: **steven**: She had the actual "trial" held on April Fools Day. The name of the reincarnated character was Dr. Jest.

11:12 AM: **Jess**: yes absolutely. I think it is sad though why are we trying to create different fantasy wworlds? Is it becuase people can not deal with reality

11:12 AM: **Jess**: what is WOW...video game?

11:12 AM: **steven**: Do you think that the newer generations are more comfortable with these alternative realities?

11:12 AM: **Cait**: of course people cannot deal with reality... look at all the problems in the wrold.

11:13 AM: **boo**: is there a way to see these fantasy worlds as not pathetic, but a way for people to begin to take control over lives that are often, as Devoss and Porter suggest, control by corporations?

11:13 AM: **Jess**: true i guess people need an escape these days

11:13 AM: **Cait**: i don't know about younger generations since i have older friends who use these alternate realities.

11:13 AM: **Jess**: i think the younger ones will accept it a lot more, since that is all they are going to know

11:14 AM: **Cait**: so, should we all have our real life persona and our Second Life persona?

11:14 AM: **Jess**: that is what i am having a hard time determining. I think the Second Life is a little scary. perhaps because it is new and different? I dunno. yet

11:15 AM: **steven**: II think that this second persona idea is only helpful if it can be used for some kind of higher purpose.

11:15 AM: **Cait**: probably... it is like the EPS cycle in media... now only the elite or computer people are into it and soon the population will be and then it will become more specialized for those who have a lot of experience and those who have litte

11:16 AM: **Cait**: steven, what type of higher power are we talking here?

11:16 AM: **Jess**: yeah with evertything we will all learn to accept and adapt to it

11:16 AM: **steven**: What is the EPS cycle?

11:16 AM: **Cait**: it describe how media evolves over a period of time.

11:16 AM: **Jess**: what

11:17 AM: **steven**: I was talking about some of the argumnets that Dibbel was making earier in her article.

11:17 AM: **Jess**: what were you tryin to say?

11:17 AM: **Cait**: never mind. back to the article's ideas.

11:17 AM: **Jess**: haha ok

11:17 AM: **Cait**: i thought i was making sense but portrayed myself the wrong way.

11:17 AM: **Jess**: gotcha

11:18 AM: **Jess**: which arguments>

11:18 AM: **Jess**: specfically?

11:18 AM: **steven**: Dibbel was talking about dealing with some of societys problems -- things like war.

11:18 AM: **Jess**: thats right...i recall that now

11:19 AM: **steven**: Maybe it was a little off target...

11:19 AM: **Cait**: yeah. no.

11:19 AM: **Jess**: Do you think some day taht second life will be considered reality?

11:19 AM: **Jess**: because of the way technoloy is evolving and changing/

11:19 AM: **steven**: that's what i was thinking...

11:19 AM: **Cait**: maybe it is our way of dealing like we could sit here and talk online about the tragedgy that happened on campus... i don't think we necessarily need avatars for that.

11:20 AM: **steven**: no. for us it is very personal

11:20 AM: **Cait**: i think in about twenty years that is a possiblity. everything will be online.

11:20 AM: **Jess**: yeah possible little human contact...meaning face to face

11:20 AM: **steven**: it's scary

11:21 AM: **Cait**: yeah, we can buy groceries online, new shoes, netflix... no longer will it be necessary to walk outside our houses. we can even order pizzas online.

11:21 AM: **Cait**: however, maybe the elite will not be restricted by the computer... those individuals will "escape" their odd little reality.

11:21 AM: **Jess**: yeah that is horrible to me. i think it is different kind relationship. I feel human needs physical contact though to survive

11:22 AM: **steven**: I tried to contact someone from Verizon this morning. They kept on transferring me and never fixed my problem

11:22 AM: **Cait**: absolutely... look at babies who have died because of lack of human contact. we strive for that as humans.

11:22 AM: **Cait**: good luck with that... i hate being on the phone with Verizon. in store is the only way to go.

11:22 AM: **Jess**: so basically we maybe we setting ourselves up

11:22 AM: **Cait**: for failure?

11:22 AM: **steven**: yeah...

11:22 AM: **Jess**: perhaps in a sense...of diminshing human contact

11:23 AM: **Cait**: how do you think future generations are going to be? this machine is instant publishing.

11:24 AM: **Jess**: i am scared for them. You already see this in the classroom. Young children are not the same as when we are growing up. they are glued the tv

11:24 AM: **steven**: I'm not worried about that. but the human contact is concerning

11:24 AM: **Jess**: glued to the computer

11:24 AM: **Jess**: some are even having social problems...because they are not concerned about them

11:24 AM: **steven**: my nephews have these webkins. they;re crazy about them

11:24 AM: **Cait**: how are you not afraid of what this is doing to future generations? there are little reasons for us to go out of the house.

11:25 AM: **Cait**: yeah, my roommate has one... i don't understand it but then again i don't understand technology

11:25 AM: **Jess**: yeah my kids this summer had them...it is crazy

11:25 AM: **steven**: I am worried. Just about the human contact aspect

11:25 AM: **Jess**: they can play with eachother onlne...again no human contanct

11:26 AM: **steven**: yeah...they each have three or four of them

11:26 AM: **Cait**: \*shaking my head\*

11:26 AM: **Jess**: Look at the blogs for instnae, people are expressing their feelings to the world, however not on a one on one basis though

11:27 AM: **Jess**: it is like therapy on line, however not looking at somene face to face

11:27 AM: **steven**: like the post secrets?

11:27 AM: **Jess**: yeah that, and just personal blogs

11:27 AM: **Cait**: and what about bree? or Jessica Rose. typing herself for millions but she's a fake. but being fake is besides the point.

11:27 AM: **Cait**: but she has just Daniel and even then it got weird.

11:27 AM: **steven**: I'm looking aound to see you guys typing

11:28 AM: **Jess**: yeah def

11:28 AM: **Cait**: do people who are lonely turn to the computer for comfort instead of trying to meet people?

11:28 AM: **Jess**: i think so, bc it is easier

11:28 AM: **Jess**: and more convienent

11:28 AM: **Cait**: does this become an important question for future educators?  
11:29 AM: **steven**: I have a friend who spends much of his day watching one of these web cam sites  
11:29 AM: **Jess**: see thats crazy  
11:29 AM: **Cait**: absurd.  
11:29 AM: **Jess**: there is so much more to life than a screen in frnt of you  
11:29 AM: **Cait**: i can't even think about that and i wouldn't have time for that and i barely have time to sleep.  
11:29 AM: **Jess**: what happend to the days of no tv. and just family bonding time  
11:29 AM: **boo**: yet, if we are going to the computer foir things like relationships and information, why are we being blocked from all aspects of that information? I'm thinking bu such people as the RIAA and copyright laws  
11:29 AM: **Jess**: going out and enjoying "Real" life  
11:29 AM: **steven**: I know. They can't take you out to get dinner or go to a movie  
11:30 AM: **steven**: lur  
11:30 AM: **steven**: Ou last two articles dealt with this issue  
11:30 AM: **Cait**: being blocked only means we have to try harder and go out and find other mediums.  
11:31 AM: **Jess**: yeah with anything, we have seen society will get arond it one way or another  
11:32 AM: **Cait**: or instead of borrowing an essay from online students should do their research in the library or through databases and take the time and the effort to do the work.  
11:32 AM: **steven**: Do you think that many people really do this kind of thing?  
11:32 AM: **Jess**: yes, i think some technlogy is teaching us not make the effort  
11:32 AM: **Cait**: absolutely. i had a friend buy an essay offline and me edit it. i knew it wasn't his instantly.  
11:33 AM: **Jess**: yes i know for a fact. My roommate bought a paper offline...well my old roommate  
11:33 AM: **Cait**: and my other friend had his aunt write his paper for class since she was an english teacher.  
11:33 AM: **Jess**: yes this kind of stuff is going on  
11:33 AM: **steven**: I guess I'm out of the loop onn this stuff. I couldn't do something like that  
11:34 AM: **Jess**: it is almost scary how easy it is  
11:34 AM: **Cait**: so, the effort is no longer there and for those who do take the time or the effort are being punished.  
11:34 AM: **Cait**: just a credit card... that's all you need.  
11:34 AM: **Jess**: basically "money talks"  
11:34 AM: **steven**: what about the idea of plagerism of other people's ideas?  
11:34 AM: **Cait**: corporations.... (money)... hahah  
11:35 AM: **Cait**: those papers are stealing other people's idea even if they are written specifically for you.  
11:35 AM: **Cait**: you didn't write them.  
11:35 AM: **Jess**: thats scary to me. bc there are so many peipoe publishing non sense...and some may have your ideas  
11:35 AM: **Jess**: but you do not even know that. and then you could get banged  
11:35 AM: **Cait**: turnitin.com has a database of all your papers... now what? somebody can steal your idea or your research.  
11:35 AM: **Cait**: you did that work.  
11:36 AM: **boo**: what would happen if one day the copyright on all te information in your textbooks was lifed?  
11:36 AM: **steven**: I was talking about how we get information from so many different sources now  
11:36 AM: **Cait**: that would never happen. copyright is the basis of this population.  
11:36 AM: **Jess**: i have no idea to tell you the truth  
11:36 AM: **Cait**: without it, there are no boundary and it would be pointless to publish anything.  
11:37 AM: **Jess**: that is so true  
11:37 AM: **steven**: Well, I get ideas from movies I watch, fiction that I read, things that other people say.  
11:37 AM: **Jess**: so then maybe one day nothing will be published?  
11:37 AM: **Jess**: everything will be a free for all  
11:37 AM: **Cait**: and that's scary. what is mine and what is yours then?  
11:38 AM: **Cait**: no longer are my words my own.  
11:38 AM: **steven**: i dunno  
11:38 AM: **Jess**: its scary that you could get in troubе for something that is your own  
11:38 AM: **steven**: how?  
11:39 AM: **boo**: or, jess, maybe one day everything will be published and will be free  
11:39 AM: **boo**: in that world, who looses out?  
11:39 AM: **Jess**: well in the sense no one really  
11:39 AM: **Jess**: everyone will benefit  
11:39 AM: **Cait**: those who aren't gaining any money for their published work.  
11:39 AM: **Cait**: i want a salary as a writer.  
11:39 AM: **Jess**: but the idea of having your own ideas  
11:40 AM: **Cait**: is just a slice of the pie.... you don't have the whole pie with just your ideas.  
11:40 AM: **steven**: OK...it depends what kind of ideas we're talking about?  
11:41 AM: **Cait**: any idea... you want to copyright this conversation and publish it  
11:41 AM: **Jess**: true  
11:41 AM: **Cait**: if you someone uses this conversation without a copyright then we get nothing for it.  
11:41 AM: **Cait**: its all abotu corporate america  
11:41 AM: **steven**: ther is something beneficial about this conversation  
11:42 AM: **Cait**: any idea has a benefit depending on how someone perceives it.

11:42 AM: **boo**: if everything is free, then there is no need for HaperColins or St. Martin's or Faber abd Faber  
11:42 AM: **steven**: yeah. for me it's been beneficial  
11:42 AM: **Jess**: which then will change the economy  
11:43 AM: **boo**: so, then, in whose benefit is it to keep traditional publishing institutions in place  
11:43 AM: **Cait**: so then i won't be getting my paycheck when i write a bestseller?  
11:43 AM: **boo**: and the entire nature of the ditribution of information in our world  
11:43 AM: **Jess**: haha  
11:43 AM: **Cait**: lol.  
11:43 AM: **boo**: that is good question  
11:44 AM: **boo**: perhaps now that you put a novel onthe internet and people donate to the site or charge a price to read irt  
11:44 AM: **boo**: but there is no middle man  
11:44 AM: **steven**: there was a show on PBS about the creator of the "PEANUTS" comic strip. I can ony imagine how much money that snoopy brings in  
11:44 AM: **Cait**: and without a middle man, no guarantee that I will get what i deserve.  
11:44 AM: **boo**: or, like Radiohead is doing wit htheir CD, ask people to pay what they think?  
11:45 AM: **Cait**: and that undermines my ability since someone might not like the book that i wrote and only donate a dollar... it makes me unworthy of a writer and i'm not even in the stiuation yet.  
11:45 AM: **Jess**: this could be a little discouraging  
11:45 AM: **boo**: so, money is the only determinant of worthiness?  
11:46 AM: **Cait**: yeah. and this answers the question: what if everything was on the Internet without copyrights?  
11:46 AM: **Cait**: i would be able if people read it since i wrote it for the reason, but money is a major factor if i want a house and car and live well.  
11:46 AM: **boo**: yeah, money is the only determinant?  
11:46 AM: **Cait**: it is the major one.  
11:46 AM: **steven**: would i stifle creativity?  
11:47 AM: **Cait** has left the room.  
11:47 AM: **Jess**: well money does make the world go round  
11:47 AM: **Jess**: sadly enough  
11:47 AM: **Cait** has entered the room.  
11:47 AM: **steven**: bye guys  
11:47 AM: **Jess**: basically who knows where the future is taking us  
11:48 AM: **Cait**: i was kicked off.  
11:48 AM: **Jess**: its ok  
11:48 AM: **boo** has left the room.  
11:48 AM: **Cait**: basically and that is a scary concept.  
11:48 AM: **steven** has left the room.  
11:48 AM: **Jess**: i am out of words  
11:48 AM: **Jess**: i guess we will end on that note  
11:48 AM: **Cait**: yup. good idea.  
11:48 AM: **Jess**: over and out  
11:48 AM: **Cait** has left the room.  
11:48 AM: **Jess** has left the room.

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