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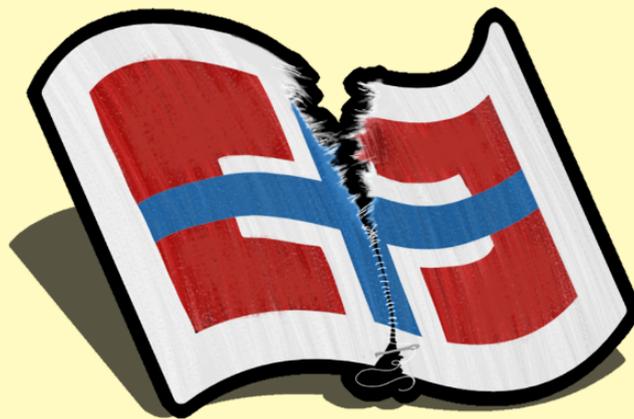
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## ECONOMIC DISCUSS.

WE INTERVIEWED THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY ANCASTAL TO DISCUSS THE TROUBLES OF THE ECONOMY OF STRATHAM, AND MORE.

## INTERVIEWING REPPAL

A MAN WITH IDEALS THAT HAS AS MANY CRITICS AS HE DOES SUPPORTERS. T&P TRIES TO TAKE A LOOK INTO THE IDEALS AND THE WORLDVIEW OF THIS CONTREVERSIAL FIGURE.



## BEHIND THE CURTAIN: THE RESIGNATIONS

WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE DAYS LEADING UP TO 29TH OF JANUARY?

WHY DID THEY HAPPEN IN THE FIRST PLACE?

WERE THE RESIGNATIONS PLANNED, AND ORCHASTRATED?

29TH OF JANUARY EXPLAINED THROUGH TESTIMONIES AND EVIDENCE

# RECOVERING FROM THE 29TH OF JANUARY

## First Issue of Theory & Politika

The formation of our magazine comes at an interesting time for the server, where the revival of the bodies of government is essential to the survival of the server. Here, we plan on writing in-depth articles regarding the political status and events of the server. Hopefully, by presenting to you what has happened in recent history, we can inspire you to take actions into your own hands, and go out there and do something, be someone.

We apologise for the lateness of this first issue, as I was very busy with a myriad of issues on the server. From this point on I'd like to employ more and more qualified writers to help me through this process and hopefully deliver future issues in a more timely manner.

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- Reppal
- Ancastral



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## Interviewing Reppal

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Reppal - an enigma to many, a controversial figure to many more. Reppal as a politician definitely has had his fair share of public hatred, as well as drama. However, it may be wrong to see Reppal as simply someone with an incompetent past, for we believe he may have interesting ideas regarding the server and how the Republic of Stratham should be governed. So, following his departure from the politics of Stratham, we decided to ask him about his past, and his thoughts looking back at the Republic.

### Reppal's Past

A look into Reppal's past. **Keep in mind that the events described here are the events as they are told by Reppal, unless said otherwise.**

#### Arrival to Stratham

Reppal arrived at Stratham in September of 2022, with the primary purpose of becoming an accountant. However, he soon realised that an "Accountant" was not a profession within Stratham, and decided to join the Department of Economy in order to work towards making the profession viable.

Soon, Reppal started to be dissatisfied with the state of the server. Quoting him directly; *"After I joined the DoE, a couple days in, I realised the server was in a bad shape. Everyone I needed was inactive or didn't care,*

*so I went down a rabbit hole of just absolutely at every point showing everyone server issues whenever I came across them."*

Reppal says calling out so many people ultimately ended up in him not having good responses to his critiques. A quick search through the oldest of mentions of Reppal on the discord server confirms this fact, as people complaining to Reppal saying he is "finding every little imperfection" and that he needs to "enjoy the server as it is" can be found.

#### Time in the Department of Economy

While in the Department, Reppal worked primarily in two projects: The Implementation of Accountants, and a project named "Cash Flow", which intended to address economic inactivity.

Reppal stated; *"However, the issue that I'm coming across is I was never really a leader or had direct effect in implementation, so I'm basically a middle man to a bunch of projects."*

Another opportunity arose for Reppal however, as the elections for the Parliament neared. Seeing the low number of candidates, and the quality of the candidates that would get into the parliament by default as a consequence, Reppal decided to take matters into his own hands.

## First Membership of Parliament

Seeing the performance of the Parliament in the previous term, Reppal decided to run for the MPship, as he states; "... *It became obvious you just have to participate to win*". He said one of his main concerns was the last administration being "almost deserted".

With this in mind, Reppal ran for the elections, and became a Member of Parliament. During his time in the Parliament, Reppal created the Government Accountability Act, which according to him; "*was not widely received at first, but I got enough iterations through to get a majority positive response, then Micki vetoed it because she wanted the executive to be the ruling party on paying for government expenditures [such as] buildings.*"

However, Reppal's position in the legislative wing of the Government would not end there.

## VoNC of Moron & Reppal's Speakership

At the time of Reppal serving as the Member of Parliament, the Speaker of the Parliament was MoronXD. Given the inactivity of SoP, Reppal proposed a Vote of No Confidence against the Speaker, which gained a majority in the parliament.

Following the Vote of No Confidence, a new election for the Speaker was started, and Reppal won the majority support, and became the Speaker of Parliament.

However, Reppal would not get to enjoy that seat for long, as two notable events were on the horizon to 'dethrone' him from his newly acquired leadership position.

## Moron Trial & War with the Commonwealth

After his removal, Moron sued the government for improperly handling the Vote of No Confidence.<sup>1</sup> This apparently resulted in a change of public perception against Reppal.

*"The at-the-time Attorney General Bharatj was going to take my case, but resigned office, and the replacement was Poemhunter. Poemhunter in my opinion put all of the blame on me, trying to scapegoat my person as the mastermind behind this pseudo-vonc."*

During the same time, the Commonwealth of Redmont was threatening the other members of the UN, including Stratham, that they were the cause of the iron shortage in the Commonwealth, demanding that they burn a portion of their iron stockpiles.

Seeing this as something 'not taken seriously', according to Reppal;

*"I, like any reasonable human being, thought 'this is a great opportunity to build ties with redmont!' so I went to [Government Announcements] and said something like: 'Citizens of Stratham, I have received urgent news that the president of Redmont blamed us for their iron shortage. We must stand strong! Send pictures of yourself showered in iron in #media'. Then I sent a [picture] of myself in a pool of iron ingots. The Micki sphere got heated and deleted the announcement ..."*

Following this, Reppal says he got upset and 'had an absolute outburst', insulting the former PM Mickichu, and 'becoming the second Speaker of Parliament ever to get muted.'

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<sup>1</sup> [IAmA\\_MoronXD v. Government /17477/](#)

## Reppal's Departure and Return to Stratham

Following both the trial and the events regarding the Prime Minister and his muting, Reppal says;

*"Being targeted for removal from a guy who was inactive, getting silenced on such a trivial event, and watching as nothing is done with that other than some 'haha we'll see' comments, I resigned from SoP, thinking I could not make a difference, shortly leaving BC thereafter."*

However, Reppal's departure from Stratham would not be for long. We asked him why he decided to come back;

*"I remembered all the names and realised I wouldn't get them out. That is it. Like the numbers on Ko's username. And the streets. And AS region names."*

*"When I came back my first goal was to get my stuff back. My second goal was to finish my treasure hall. My third goal was once I saw MP elections coming up, to try and squeeze in a win."*

And he did squeeze in a win. He, for the second time, would become the Member of Parliament, and return to Stratham's political scene with a reignited determination.

Following his victory to the Membership of Parliament, he would put out a number of bills. However, the time following those bills would be the events of 29th of January, which will be covered in another article in this magazine.

## Looking Back

So, Reppal no longer intends to participate in the politics of the server. We asked him, looking back, what he felt about the server, about what he did, his work, his achievements, the events that happened that led up to this point.

### "Regretting Commitment"

*"I regret my commitment to the server, I see it less as [me] working at it than changing it for my goals."* We asked him whether this meant that he felt like he tried to change the server towards what he wanted rather than try to improve it. *"Yes. I do not believe the server can become better. It will take what no one has been able to accomplish yet, complete control of the server."*

When we asked him what he would've done differently if he had another chance, he responded; *"Stay gone instead of coming back [January 1st] ..."*

### Reasons for Leaving

When asked about his reasons for leaving the server, Reppal commented;

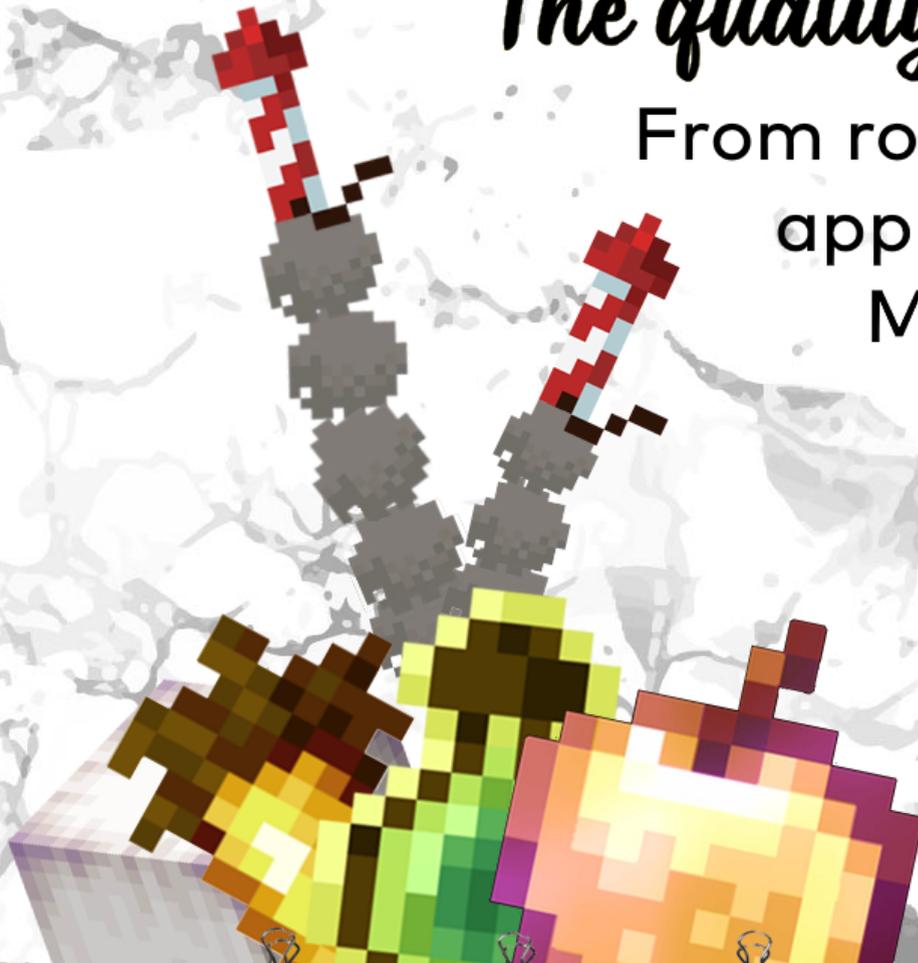
*"As said in my post, the mute was the breaking point. My enthusiasm has been drained from countless interactions on the server and the unappealing 'I have a life and you don't' opinion that seems to be widespread. The main difference between BC and DC is the commitment of the players and their willingness for effort to their respective duties."*

Farewell Reppal, you will be missed by many, but not missed by many more ...

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## Economic Discussion

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We interviewed the Minister of Economy Ancastal regarding the Economic status and planned reforms of Stratham.

### Further Specialisation

Specialisation has been a term that has not been dropped from the mouths of economists since its inception - and rightfully so. The very fundamentals of economics exist because specialisation leads to a need for exchange. Ancastal stated his intentions towards furthering specialisation in Stratham in a myriad of ways.

### Profession-Specific Drops

Ancastal believes that one of the main reasons hindering specialisation being effective in Stratham is due to any person being able to gather any resource relatively effortlessly leading to a lack of need for workers specialised in a specific resource.

*“Suppose there is a player named Bob who has a Farmer job. Under the current system, Bob can easily gather wood by chopping down trees, even though wood is not related to his profession as a Farmer. As a result, the prices for wood in the market are low because Bob does not need to rely on anybody else but himself to satisfy his demand. As a result, the Lumberjack is struggling to make a profit, as only those who have an urgent need for wood will buy from him.*

*Now what happens if Bob is not able to gather as much wood by himself as a Lumberjack?*

*If Bob can gather less wood than a Lumberjack can, Bob will be able to rely on himself only for small amounts. As a result, the demand for wood in the market will increase. This will drive up the prices for wood, making it more profitable for the Lumberjack to operate. Bob will then have to buy wood from the Lumberjack or other shops, which will increase the Lumberjack's profits and support the growth of the Lumberjack's business.”*

When asked whether this would be implemented through “creating a chance to not be able to gather a resource in-game” Ancastal responded positively.

### Employer Stipend Grants

Ancastal has shared his goals of further incentivising employment within businesses. Regarding this, Ancastal has shared with us a project of the Department of Economy named the ‘Employer Stipend Grants’.

While we are forbidden from sharing the details, the goals and methodology of the programme is simple; further encourage companies to hire employees via a stipend grant. From the official project document;

*“Official businesses registered by the Department of Economy will be able to apply for an Employer Stipend Grant. By this, they will be eligible to receive a biweekly payment, depending on the number of active employees in their companies.”*

While we cannot disclose exact numbers, the amount of benefits the companies will get through the grant depends on the number of employees and the company value.

## Store Availability

A problem commonly complained about regarding the status of the economy has been the struggle to find stocked and high-quality shops in the streets of Stratham. We asked Ancastal whether he had any plans regarding it. He stated that;

*“The capital city in the new map will be reduced in size and there won’t be as many bus stops as we have today. Further, the DoE is preparing a Discord server designed to be a monitored marketplace where, on top of other things, companies can advertise. Separating*

*business advertisements from the main BC Discord will make it much easier for interested players to find good, active shops and other services.”*

He also stated two new ideas to allow for businesses to put themselves in front of players unaware of their existence: An NPC at spawn through which *“companies would be able to buy an advertisement spot.”*

He also confirmed that the GPS system will be properly implemented in the new map.

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## Behind the Curtain: the Resignations

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The story behind the events of 29th of January are a complicated and quite often clouded one. As a person who has experienced the events first-hand, I will attempt to give you a factual transcript of events that happened before, during and after the 29th of January. I will refer to myself further in the 3rd person perspective, but that is simply to avoid subconscious bias from happening. It is still all written by me, unless said otherwise.

For those who are not caught up, the 29th of January was the date on which 4 members of parliament resigned for various reasons, and the Prime Minister Sumo declared a state of emergency as a result.

### Leading Up to the 29th

For the events of the 29th to make sense, we will first need to look at the context surrounding it. While each Member of the Parliament that resigned had their own reasons and issues as to why they did so, many of the reasons stemmed from similar circumstances that must be addressed before we attempt to crack the events of the day itself.

### The Discussion

Weeks before the actual events of the 29th of January, 3 of the 4 resigned MPs, ColonelKai, DarkkGrey and Reppal were having a conversation regarding the state of the server. During this conversation, ColonelKai brought up the state of his morale - which was low and he had not much motivation to work on the server's affairs as the server was very inactive.

DarkkGrey agreed with Kai, and said that he had been demotivated by the status of the activity as well.

The conversation slowly turned into one of negativity, and with Reppal joining the conversation, they all were leaning towards the side of resignation if not outright planning it. During this conversation, Koal joined. He commented on how if the members of the parliament were unsatisfied with the state of the server, they were the ones to change it, not the ones to quit because of it.

The conversation ended bitterly between members with Koal telling Kai to leave if he wants to, but to not try to make a political hit, which the three responded with the fact that they've been partaking in this conversation together.

### Formation of the Trio

After the discussion, ColonelKai, DarkkGrey and Reppal all decided to resign at the same time. The reason behind the team-up was different for each person. For Kai, it was because he felt more safe and comfortable resigning as a group. For Reppal, it was because he felt after the members of the group resigned, there would not be a productive parliament anymore. For DarkkGrey, we do not know.

This trio would first wait for the VoNC of Prime Minister Sumo to go through, as Reppal insisted they don't leave this job half-done. However, after being discouraged by the slowness of the Speaker of Parliament, they decided to resign. The moment where they all

were available and ready to do it happened to be the 29th of January.

## The 29th of January

The 29th of January started with the Trio having a discussion regarding how long the VoNC process was taking. After complaining enough, they decided it was time to resign. Reppal didn't want to be the first to resign, so Kai was the first. He sent his resignation letter to the government announcements, followed shortly by Reppal.

Following Reppal's resignation, The Member of Parliament at the time, Delsworth suddenly resigned as well. When asked, Delsworth said: "I had already been considering it, and it seemed like a good time." Following the resignation of Delsworth the final member of the trio, Darkkgrey also resigned from the Parliament.

At this point in time, there was much chaos in the political spheres, and this eventually resulted in a state of emergency being declared by the Prime Minister Sumo, as well as a riot on the capitol building. For some, this was the end of a spurt of activity in the parliament, for some, turning over a new leaf.

## Resignations: Why?

We have interviewed each Member of Parliament that resigned to get their reasons as to why they resigned. Here were their answers;

### Colonel Kai

"My resignation was mainly motivated by the lack of motivation. As time passed, nothing got done in the Parliament. Everything I did, every move I made was in the dark, and at times I was just debating myself on certain provisions of some legislations. This demotivated me a lot, which eventually led to my decision to resign."

### DarkkGrey

"The main reasoning behind my resignation was that I had some issues occur irl, and I couldn't continue to ignore them. With the entire BusinessCraft server falling inactive--on discord, in-game, and on forums--it was hard for me to progress and remain motivated to fulfil my duties as a Member of Parliament. I felt that the best option for myself, and my mental health, was to resign from Parliament and allow another to take my seat."

### Reppal

"As said in my post, the mute was the breaking point. My enthusiasm has been drained from countless interactions in the server and the unappealing "I have a life and you don't" opinion that seems to be widespread. The main difference between BC and DC is the commitment of the players and their willingness for effort to their respective duties."

### Delsworth

"I was overwhelmed, and it certainly wasn't a fun time with reppal shooting down everything i did. (The interviewer asked Delsworth if he could elaborate a bit more on the reppal part.) ... I propose something and he nitpicks it and shoots it down. He finds stupid things to argue about. Whenever I check parliament chats it's all full of arguments initiated by reppal."

## What Now?

After the dust had settled, a round of special elections was held. Ultimately, Reppal's goal of sending a message failed, and the former trio had left. Reppal was soon muted and left the server, and after almost a month, Dark would leave, too. Delsworth is now a member of the Department of Justice. ColonelKai attempted to switch to DemocracyCraft, but decided to come back to BusinessCraft to form a political party and make another attempt at bringing back activity to the server.



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# EXTRA: History of Stratham Central System

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The Stratham Central System was incorporated in 1912, after the Stratham and western, the Lexford Southern, and the Covington, Capital, and Port merged. The railroads were converted to a single Gauge, 4ft 8in, for Congruency. The Railroads Union Station in the Capital, the railroad became a large-scale system, serving many cities and towns in the nation. During the first world war, the railroad helped move troops and supplies around the Island to be shipped abroad. In 1917 a strategic Bombing campaign from the Redmont air force took out the old Union station. The station was repaired with wooden scaffolds until 1925 when it was torn down and replaced by the current day Art Deco Station. In 1929, the railroad started to suffer from the Great Depression. By 1934 the railroad was on its knees. In 1936 The Government put 25 Million dollars towards the construction of the Covington Straight. This was the First Bridge to cross the bay. Proving the Industrial Might of Stratham. The Bridge replaced the deteriorating railcar floats. In 1943 When Stratham joined the war against Germany, the railroad helped again, moving tanks from factories to shipment locations. During the war, the Railroad felt the largest Economic Boost in History. By 1946 the Railroad was at its then peak for Passenger and Freight rail. The railroad decided that the current equipment was getting old, and in 1947 bought 3 J3A Dreyfuss Hudson from the New York Central Railroad in America, only 2 made the cross ocean Journey, when Hudson #5452 was dropped into the Ocean at the Stratham Harbor. These Locomotives continued service until 1957 when they were removed in light of new modern Diesel power. In 1967 Hudson #5451 was Scrapped, #5450 was Donated to the Stratham Railroad

Museum. The railroad experienced Financial troubles in the 1970s, but by 1985 was back in full swing. In the 1990s Locomotives from EMD were bought and shipped out for usage on the Island Railroad.

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