

AGE CONCERNS

All we want is what anyone wants: the right to live, the right to serve the ship, the chance to use our skills and knowledge to ensure humanity's survival. What's so wrong with that?

AGE – A CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY?

- Departments of Recycling and Harmony collude over faux-'Age Criminal' **murder!**
- Marshals refuse to press charges in cover-up scandal!

So, most of you are probably aware of the rather public execution of Mary White, right? The supposed 'Age Criminal' that Piers Red *beheaded*? But are you aware that, according to Computer, Mary White is under 65 & still alive and in Blackout? And are you aware that the ID chip used to identify Mary as an Age Criminal was that of Roger Green? Check the footage, here's a handy link for you because we at Age Concerns are just that nice (warning, contains images of mild decapitation): [[link to video of Piers Red killing Mary White, Piers labelled as 'Piers Red' and Mary as 'Roger Green'](#)]

What does this mean, you ask? Did Piers Red, well-known agent of Recycling, make a mistake? Worry not, we can help shed light on the matter. You see, boys and girls, our informants have reliably, um, informed us that Mary White's ID chip was swapped at Posi's clinic shortly before White's death. Furthermore, when it was swapped Piers Red, Hades Black and NGF Star Wheatley 'The Crusher' Red were all in attendance. Hades, one of Piers's known cronies, then escorted White's ID chip into Blackout.

Let's spell it out here: Piers wanted Mary White dead (for reasons so far unknown) and he abused our draconian laws on age to do it. Something that, with our obsession on age, is all too easy ...

But will this evidence of clear conspiracy to commit murder between the departments of Harmony, Recycling and one of the Dukes of Blackout lead to prosecution? Of course not. While Marshal Samuel Red made a token show of initiating proceedings against the murdering Piers, he has withdrawn the charges on the condition Piers Red agree to community service.

Community service. Piers Red commits blatant and premeditated **murder** and he is punished with community service?

The Marshals have clearly shown their contempt for the people they are supposed to be protecting. Whether or not you believe that Over 65's deserve the right to live, surely we can all agree that this level of corruption is a frightening and disgusting abuse of power. Furthermore it's an abuse of the law: a law that will continue to be abused until we change it.

AGE & WISDOM?

- Is our age discrimination holding us back?

There's a lot we don't know about the Asimov, dear reader. We've only just discovered there is a 6th Toroid. We're still not totally sure why we had to flee on this ship in the first place. Computer remains as enigmatic as ever. In the recent Flip we had to work out how most of our systems worked from scratch!

And yet, given all we don't know, we still think it's a good idea to kill off those of us who know the most? Those of us who have spent their whole lives gaining the skills and knowledge to make our existence on this ship liveable are, well, we use the term 'recycled', but let's call it what it is, eh? They're killed.

Oh, we know all the arguments: that we tread a delicate balance on the Asimov; that resources must be delicately balanced; that if humanity is to survive then it must make sacrifices ... but we at Age Concerns can't help but wonder if this isn't based on faulty assumptions ...

After all, there's so much about this wondrous ship that we don't know. Toroid 3, for example, is a largely self-sufficient area where the aged are venerated for their wisdom. Toroid 6 has only just been discovered and apparently contains warehouses full of people frozen in jars! With so much we don't know about the ship, how can we make an objective assessment of our abilities to support people over the age of 65?

We can't help but wonder ... if we didn't kill off our most knowledgeable then maybe we'd know more about this place we call home? Maybe we're trapped in a horrible inhumane cycle: we don't know enough about the ship to prove we can support people past the age of 65, but we won't know enough about the ship unless we allow the most learned among us to go on living.

If that thought's enough to wrinkle your brow, then consider supporting Over 65 Rights.

SUPPORT RIGHTS FOR OVER 65'S. OPPOSE MURDER.