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Posted by [Stephen aka Old Man A](#) on Sat, 26 May 2012 21:06:35 GMT

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Honor a Hufflepuff

[http://www.fanfiction.net/s/7640636/1/Honor\\_a\\_Hufflepuff](http://www.fanfiction.net/s/7640636/1/Honor_a_Hufflepuff)

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Stephen Ratliff

"Page Nine, bottom left, next to the quarter page ad for Welsh dragon dung"

- Neville Longbottom describing where the ministry's position was in the

Prophet, "Honor a Hufflepuff"

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Posted by [ala](#) on Sun, 27 May 2012 14:35:26 GMT

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Posted by [George Johnson](#) on Thu, 31 May 2012 05:10:59 GMT  
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Tom Servo: "Yes, now you can DANCE to the Bible."

(Episode 522 - "Teenage Crimewave")  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7VPHThDJoY#t=44m25>

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Subject: Re: Am I still MSTable?  
Posted by [nebusj-](#) on Fri, 08 Jun 2012 15:27:14 GMT  
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I do run occasional MiSTing nights over in this odd little social hangout and more name of SpinDizzy and you're pretty much the Famous Stephen Ratliff in the times MiSTings get mentioned over there, too.

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<http://nebusresearch.wordpress.com/>  
Current Entry: A Third Thought About Falling

Joseph Nebus  
<http://wp.me/p1RYhY-gD>

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Subject: Re: Am I still MSTable?

Posted by [Stephen aka Old Man A](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2012 02:28:39 GMT

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On Fri, 8 Jun 2012 15:27:14 +0000 (UTC), [nebusj-@-rpi.edu](mailto:nebusj-@-rpi.edu) (Joseph Nebus) wrote:

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> attacking Earth? That's like trying to drive in a Yugo') and The  
> Away Mission.

Every time I think I totally messed up with a scene, and can't write, I  
compare it to those two. It helps

> For later things ...

Ah, yes, later things.

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That's good to hear.

> Ah ... if you're asking whether anyone does want to MiST your  
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I have to admit missing seeing some those MiSTing of my work. Especially the ones that manage to spot the little things. MiSTers tend to pay more attention to things, IMHO. In fact, it's resulted in me putting in more detail. For instance, I could have put any combination of numbers and letters if I wanted to to reference a court case, but because MiSTers taught me that detail and references are good, I referenced 60 WR 393 ... now the WR is story related, but 60 US 393 ... I dred a world where no one gets that reference.

I have learnt more about writing from MiSTings than any other individual source of feedback. So, yes, I do want to know if anyone is still a game to do so.

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Congrats.

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1910s ... before the idea that an author really must have a good editor to get into print really caught hold. It sounds like perfect material.

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Stephen

who admits it.

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