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We are in the midst of a new era for National Socialists. What we are witnessing is a new generation of National Socialist militants with the right combination of brains, talent, and muscle to become true revolutionaries. Many of us begun our journey as members of Iron March, the notorious online forum that evolved into a launching pad for real-world rebellion. It was certainly not the only National Socialist forum on the internet, but it had many factors that distinguished it from the rest. My experience on Iron March turned me from a fresh-faced youngster into a die-hard revolutionary willing to sacrifice everything for the cause.

Iron March was the creation of a certain Alexander Slavros, who described himself as a Russian [?]. Before Iron March Slavros spent his time on the art website deviantArt. At the time, deviantArt was home to an exclave of National Socialists, the infamous "deviantArt Nazis." I was one of them. I never described myself as a National Socialist until I met the deviantArt Nazis and found that we shared the same beliefs and sense of aesthetics. Over time, I made a name for myself in that community. I wasn't the most gifted artist or the greatest debater, but I had a certain way about me that garnered some attention.

So some time after Slavros launched Iron March, I signed up. At that point in time, Iron March was vastly different from the forum it will end up becoming. It was originally intended for fascists and other reactionaries without the racism and antisemitism of National Socialists. In fact, National Socialists were expected to stay in the Opposing Views section of the forum! Iron March really did

not need to be Stormfront. Regardless of this, I signed up, and made it no secret that I was a National Socialist. When I posted my thread in the Introductions section of the forum, others instantly took an interest. Some members of the forum recognized me from deviantArt, Slavros being one of them. There were some members who seemed a bit weary of an outspoken National Socialist joining the forum, but they welcomed me anyway, as I seemed friendly enough.

Yet I refused to stay in the Opposing Views section. I posted all over the forum, making myself known through a [?] mix of jokes and debate. I was cheerful, even a bit silly at times. I enjoyed posting in the Liberal Degenerates Thread, a collection of images documenting the degeneracy of the modern world. My contributions to that thread included a lot of images of fat activists and a picture book advertising cosmetic surgery to young children. The other members of the forum liked to engage in both intellectual debate and friendly banter. It wasn't uncommon for someone to analyze Nietzsche in one post and then upload a Policeman meme in another. There were some members of the forum who were adamantly against racism and antisemitism but other members found that they had more in common with me and other National Socialists than they'd once thought.

The forum eventually grew to embrace National Socialism. More and more users began describing themselves as National Socialists, [?] swastikas in their profile pictures, and adopting German usernames. The members who still opposed National Socialism began to leave the forum altogether. A few National Socialists then became moderators on the forum. The interesting thing about National Socialists on the internet is that we have a way of multiplying. One of us joining a forum eventually

leads to more of us joining, sometimes even converting others. It was with that I stopped being a novelty and started being the norm.

Then Breivik happened. When Anders Behring Breivik carried out his mass shooting, it caused quite a stir in the fascist community. At first, Iron March was divided about Breivik. Some approved of Breivik and others condemned him. Yet, regardless of how one feels about Breivik, at least he did something other than whine on an online forum about being better than everyone else. He showed us that action in the real world was not just a possibility, but a necessity for us. Soon, we were no longer content merely debating ideas. Everyone began talking about the need for action, yet we weren't sure exactly who'd carry it out.

The forum began discussing other mass shooters and terrorists, both past and present. They became our heroes. The modern world was so corrupt, we believed, that one couldn't change things through peaceful protests and the democratic process. A society so diseased required violent action to destroy it entirely so a new society could be built. Yet in spite of all this talk about action, very little was actually happening.

2015 was the year that changed everything, both for myself and the forum. I decided that I would be the first Iron March user to be the next Breivik, and though I was caught before I could ever lay my hands on a gun, it still had an effect on the community. Later that years, Dylann Roof would carry out his mass shooting. It was also the year in which Atomwaffen Division was formed. It became clear that we were the new militants, and Iron March was our headquarters. I cannot offer too many specifics on 2015, as I spent most of it incarcerated, but even from prison I knew just how [?] it was.

I was the one who brought Iron March to mainstream attention. Though I had been banned for posting a photo of Slavros's new girlfriend, a story too long to recount here. The media was quick to learn that I had been a central member of Iron March. The mainstream was largely aware of Iron March prior to this, but now that the forum had launched a mass shooting plotter, the media became intrigued by it. What was it about Iron March that made such thing possible? No other National Socialist forum had managed to inspire such action before.

More aspiring militants began joining Iron March. Actual movements were born on the forum. A revolution in the world of National Socialism was happening. Action was no longer just a dream, but a reality. Iron March became the place to be for a National Socialist warrior, and it was all because of an attempted mass shooting.

However, publicity is a double-edged sword. Heat began to fall on Alexander Slavros in his real life. This led to him deleting Iron March from the internet, and removing himself from the online world as well. To this day, no one is sure of his whereabouts. Fascist forge was the intellectual successor of Iron March but that too was eventually deleted. Yet while Iron March is no more, its spirit lives on in those of us who have fond memories of the forum.

The legacy of Iron March can be felt all around the world. It is in the bright young militants and the war we fight against the modern world. It is in the striking artwork we produce, and the videos we record. It is the way we dedicated ourselves in the cause. This makes it hard to believe that once upon a time National Socialism was considered an opposing view on the forum, yet it was true. The forum played an integral role in turning a ragtag bunch of misfits into revolutionaries. I am not too mournful of the

forum's passing, as we have grown past the need for it. Now, what we need is more of the real-world action we've been talking about for years.

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