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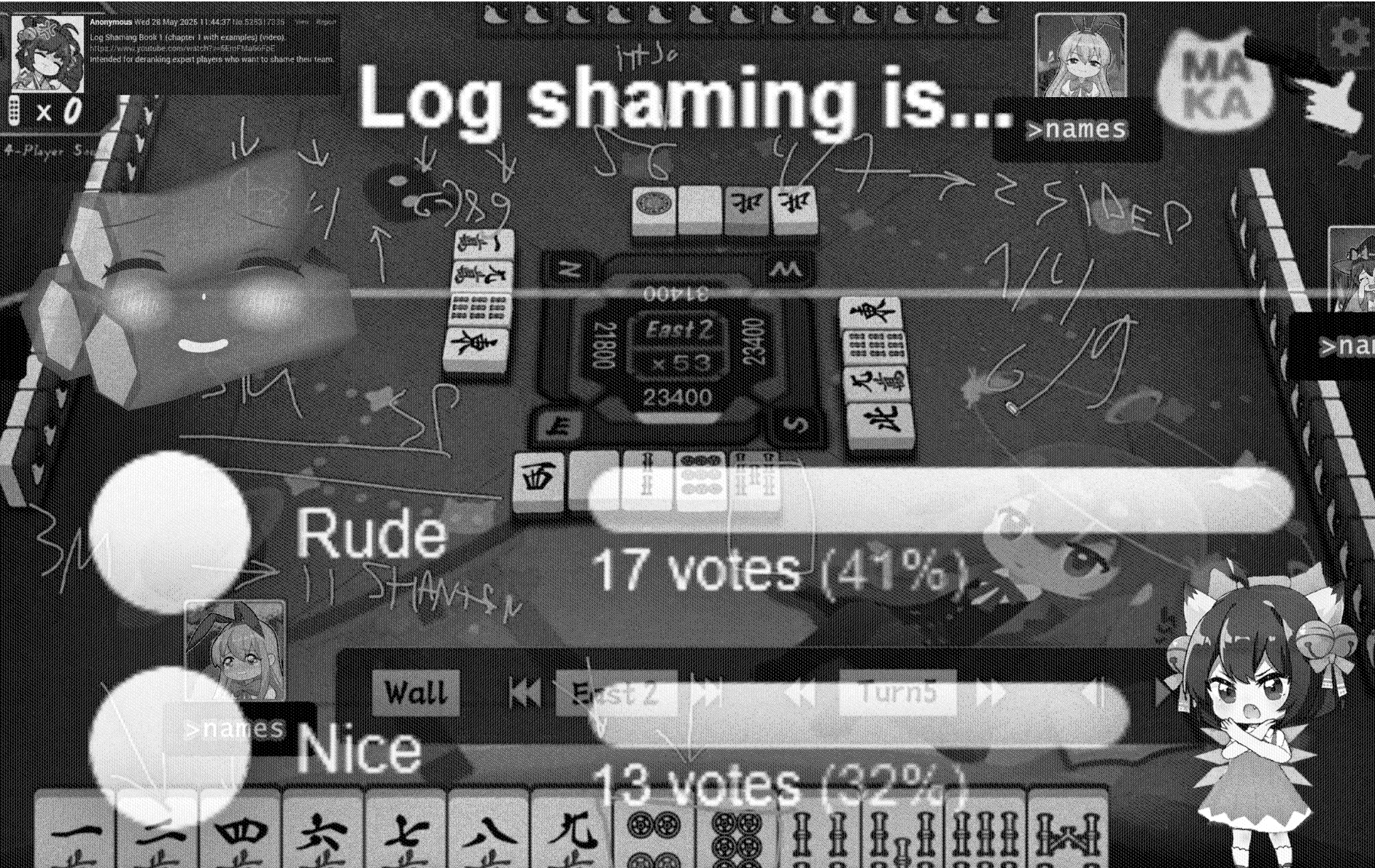
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KAIYAKU SHUKUTEN TAKES FIRST PLACE. JET SET RIICHI SCORES YAKUMAN.

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DISTRICT SPLIT OVER LOG SHAMING

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW PINZU PUMPERS, LOG SHAMING SPLITS THE BOARD, MADMAN DETAINED OVER RADIO HIJACK

It's been over a week since the sixth annual league of the /mjg/ district commenced and the streets of the strongest Riichi Mahjong community in the West remain abuzz. One particular topic has risen to the top of the chattering Jyanshi's minds, and this bird-brain reporter is back in the City to hear all about it.

Down in the Jyansous of the /mjg/ district few things are taboo; but recently there has been fierce public backlash to a seemingly innocuous practice: a televised mahjong game review.

Game reviews are nothing strange in the world of Riichi Mahjong, and one can commonly see professional players hosting their own televised review streams to go over past games. The function of a game review is to analyze a players mistakes and hopefully train that player into making fewer of them, from minor efficiency errors to major blunders like missing a change in shanten or unforced deal-ins.

So why then has such a benign practice been met with outcry? As part of their team's

public relations push Team 9 has been orchestrating livestreamed log reviews - titled "Log Shaming" - for every hanchan they have played this season. Their Team Captain has been helping these streams, and much of the criticism has been levelled squarely at them.

An Expert rank in One-Han City's Mahjong Ranking Ladder many question their basic

The team was apparently not alone in conducting these reviews: 'I know for a fact that many teams have now begun log shaming as well, which is great, i wish i could have experienced that in previous leagues'. In comments solicited from other Jyanshi we found similar sentiment.

Though some thought that active reviewing was taking the league too seriously: 'no one

'their claims are correct, however im not afraid of looking stupid. despite the shitposting (all me btw) i think it has been very positive for the league as a whole'

competency in delivering effective critique. This isn't without basis, the Captain has missed errors on multiple occasions. One Jyanshi even released a full video guide titled "Log Shaming Book 1" (>>525317335) for the Captain. When asked directly about their detractors this is what the Captain had to say: "their claims are correct, however im not afraid of looking stupid."

on /mjg/ actually knows how to play. But as a funny bit it's decent content'.

A poll was circulated within the district which saw Jyanshis split, a majority voted that they found the practice "rude". However with such a noble goal this bird-brained reporter looks forward to the day when the denizens of the district can all improve together.

A Celebrity lurks; But who are they?

On Wednesday evening an aspiring commentator made a post to /mjg/ districts bulletin board fretting they may be recognised.

The /mjg/ district has seen prominent figures over the years but an anonymous post last week had the board questioning if a minor internet celebrity might be in their midst.

The poster in question wrote: "people would instantly recognize me if they heard my voice [...] I have a large non-mahjong community on twitch". Postulation about the Jyanshi's identity soon followed "is that you sseth" and "okay forsen"; referring to the popular video game videographers

A poll was run but the denizens of the /mjg/ district weren't convinced that the post was even real. Will we ever know the identity of the hero /mjg/ neither needs nor deserves? Only time will tell.

New menu at local Cat Café

Yakupara Cat Café surprised the City this week with two new menu items. The café, which opened just before league commenced, was met with mixed reviews. The charming feline waitresses completely look the part, but the price left much to be desired, with a full meal coming in as much as a 10-roll; and that's before surcharges!

These new menu showcases featured the Sakura Path Omurice and their signature Yamiten Buns. Customers looking to try the buns were left confused; the staff seemed to serve them at random, providing no good reason for why or when they went Yamiten. Some have said that this is just art imitating life; others were more irritated than impressed. In both cuisine and love the path to a man's heart is straight-forward, so maybe Riichi next time, okay?

The Omurice was also met with some confusion, with many trying to order the meal with custom ketchup art only to be hit with hidden surcharges when they got the bill. With maids posing with guests for photos only to charge them an extra 1000 Jade for the privilege, we're left wondering how long the residents of One-Han City are willing to put up with these shady business practices for a novel dining experience.

Madman hijacks Radio station

Last friday a rogue broadcast went out over the airwaves of Catbox FM. The Jyanshi commandeering the station made no demands, nor did they appear to have any concrete motives, except a vile hatred for Teams Grinchlantis, Zodiac Jyanshi, and Rozen Maiden: Fūritend. For four painful uninterrupted minutes the Jyanshi belted out the lyrics to Owl City's Firefly before rushing to the Jyansou to play their session.

In a Bunbunmaru exclusive we were able to confirm the identity of the Jyanshi as the famous X Hoshino, who did admirably for Team 9 that session coming first and third for a net gain of 34 points. This bizarre behaviour didn't end there however, as the Captain of the team started a livestream log shaming their first place performance in real-time as the second hanchan was still underway.

In response to the anomalous activity a R.I.I.C.H.I. Team (>> 525749783) was deployed and quickly apprehended the Jyanshi where they were taken

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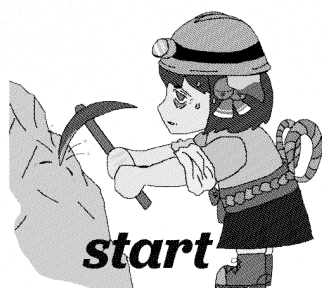
Earlier this wednesday a new resident to One-Han City's /mjg/ district posted on the public bulletin board (>>525373038) confused about the volume of varied Jyanshi stickers strewn around the district on public messages. Erroneously assuming that residents must have been meticulously collecting every Jyanshis sticker like pokemon from each other's postings, the greenhorn expressed consternation at having nowhere near the 1798 images needed to fully take part and enjoy the vibrant culture in the district.

The sprout was seemingly unaware that if they had just applied on the R.E.P.O. a full package containing digital files of all the Jyanshis stickers would be delivered to their doorstep in one-click.

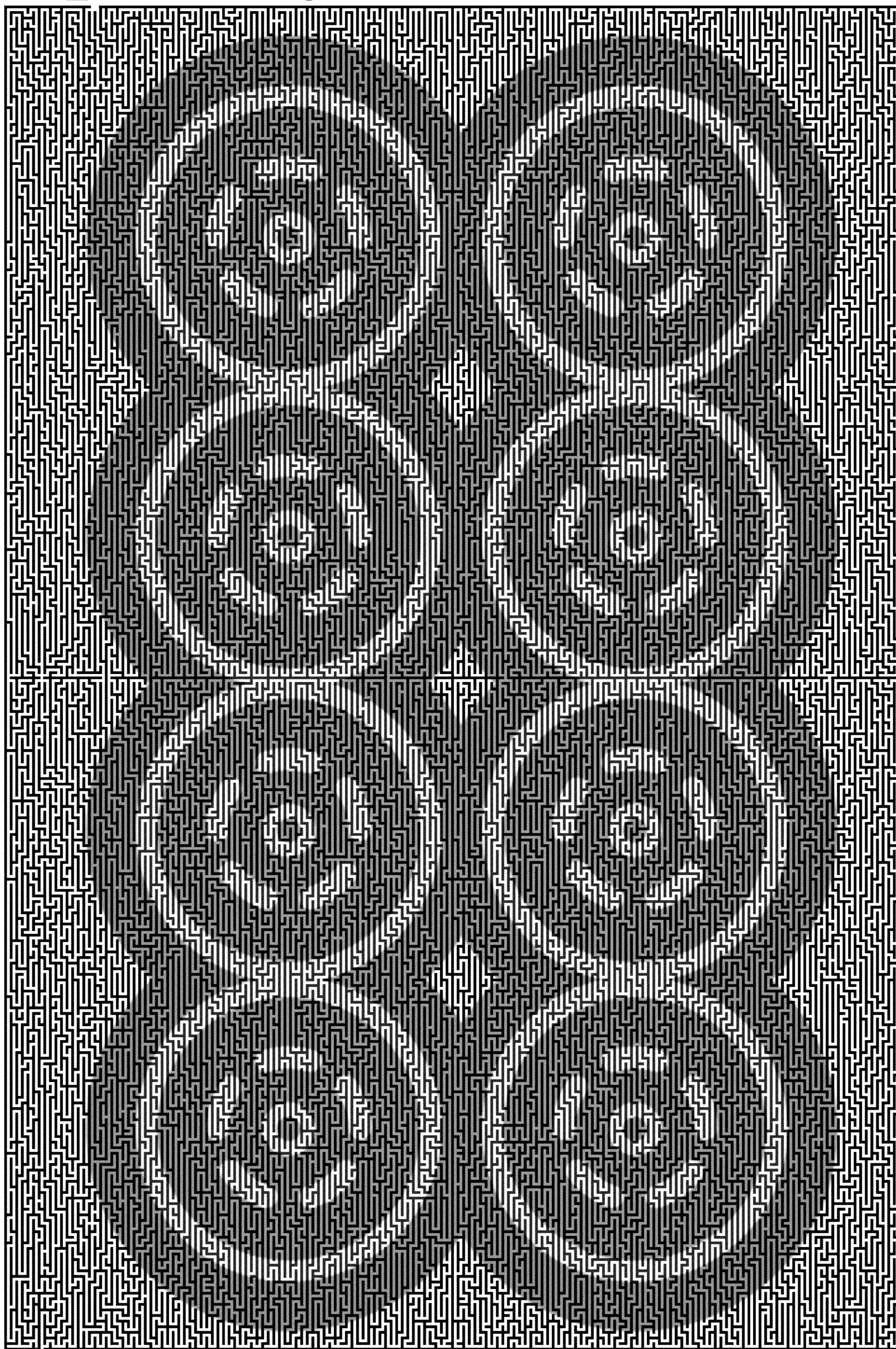
A few helpful Jyanshi pointed them in the right direction but many indulged the Jyanshi providing rare stickers for them to save.

The R.E.P.O. has many valuable resources and we encourage readers to fully check it out. There are plenty of Mahjong trainers, books, and other educational resources at your fingertips.





Guide Ichihime out of the OC mines!



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WEEK ONE: THE SCORES ON THE BOARD

A GREAT WEEK FOR SANBYAKU SHAMISEN, ROMANCE OF THE CAT KINGDOM, AND JET SET RIICHI. CAN THE REST KEEP UP?

In a tumultuous first week the top spots have been constantly traded. Two titans sit atop the leader board as the week closed: Tonkatsu Yamiten and Romance of the Cat Kingdom.

With a truly commanding first week showing Romance of the Cat Kingdom and Mayaku Shikiten only lost points in one session each, and hold a +250 point lead over 4th and 400 over 8th, placing them comfortably within the all important top eight placement going into Week 2. In order to qualify for the semi-finals teams need to reach the Top 8 by the end of Week 5. However with how volatile the (+45, +5, -15, -35) Uma spread is swings of 100 points are not unusual, and the pack leaders' precipitious lead could evaporate in just a few sessions.

Large point swings

The current largest negative point swing this season has been from Pinzu Pumpers with a -127.5 point loss in one session, though there have been over half a dozen -100 point swings just in the first week alone. The largest point gain was scored early on in AUS3 by Bakyou Heat – an eye-watering +191.1 point gain, again one of more than half a dozen +100 point gains.

The gigantic +187.5 point swing in a recent session from Jet Set Riichi propelled them from 6th to 2nd. With a Dealer Yakuman – Kokushi Musou – scored in South 3 Honba 2 they ended their second hanchan +114.9, the biggest point score from a single hanchan so far, and cementing the player as the highest overall scorer in Week 1.

Ending -84.9 in the red Rozen Maiden: Füritend secured the title of worst single hanchan in the league so far in EUX 2 game one. Not an unsurprising result given that the player was a miko but more surprising was that the Jyanshi never dealt in to anything bigger than a Mangan; a testament to the fickle nature of Mahjong. A different player from the same team claimed the coveted Jobber of the League award.

Taking a look at the fantasy column

The concurrent fantasy league – in which the denizens of /mij/ draft a team from their favourite league players – currently stands with A.U.T.I.S.M. Destiny Redux, HAT4LIFE, and KAAAAAAAAAAAAAN at the front with +671.6, +510.9, and +371.4 respectively, soaring ahead of the official frontrunners. While a team composed of only one player, the famous X from Jet Set Riichi, has managed 8th place in the fantasy league.

What the next week holds

As two of the Top 8 spots hover precariously around the +0.0 mark it's not inconceivable that we might see a further stratification of the point spread. Some of the strongest teams on paper (Legend of the Celestial Teapot and Yakupara Cat Café to name two) have ended up near the bottom of the bracket, but given the high degree of variance in Riichi Mahjong perhaps we'll see some comebacks next week.

Lust of the Flesh; The Pride of Life

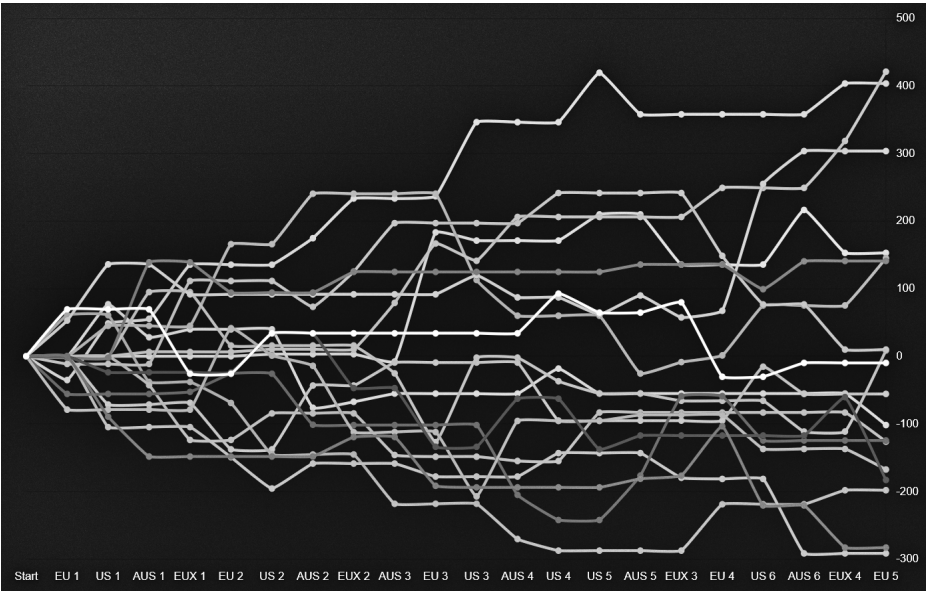
The streets and bulletin boards of the /mij/ district were full of chatter once again last monday as the down-trodden denizens of the district discussed the injustices demanded of men to simply live and eat. Labors' humiliations take a heavy toll, and one Jyanshi (>> 525135472) justifiably would rather “die a homeless hobo” than suffer the degradations of toil.

Not all Jyanshi's sympathised with their perspective, however others echoed the sentiment and after one Jyanshi drew direct comparison between selling his body and his services on the labor market the conversation turned; the needs of man don't stop at bread: Prostitution was the topic of the hour.

Gratification is a need as much as any other but the denizens of /mij/ grappled with the realities of paying for pleasure. Some disavowed the practice, saying that one's fundamental human pride is damaged in the process, or that if not spiritually uplifting sex should not be persued; others gave practical advice about soliciting.

But one Jyanshi had a much darker anecdote to share. They recounted in their post (>> 525140960) how at a young age they fell victim to the advances of a much older man with the promise of 200 Euros reward for the service. In a shocking tale that I recommend the reader read for themselves they recounted the emotion after returning to their family home: “I didn't feel anything different going back, but my mom told me I had a horrible face when I got home and kept asking me if something bad had happened and kept hugging me while on the verge of tears” concluding that “something completely changed inside my head that day, but I have no regrets, as weird as that sounds.”.

	Akuyaku Gyakuten	421
	Romance of the Cat Kingdoms	403.4
	Jet Set Riichi	303.6
	Bakyou Heat	152.9
	Pinzu Pumpers	145
	Good Sprouts	141
	R.I.I.C.H.I.	10
	Grinchlantis	8.6
	Ransei no Tabi	-9.9
	World Mahjong Entertainment	-55.7
	Zodiac Jyanshi	-101.6
	Rozen Maiden: Füritend	-124.5
	海底XI	-126.1
	Hannah Yome	-167.5
	Legend of the Celestial Teapot	-183
	Yakupara Cat Café	-198
	ZWET	-282.9
	Team 8	-291.5



It's all to play for.

With some truly massive point swings over the last week we've seen teams change five places over a single session in both directions. The teams that will make that crucial semi-final cutoff will be vying for the last available positions up until the very last session.

Team 15, the Pinzu Pumpers, were dominating going into EU3 when they saw the single largest point loss in the league so far, but despite this they are on a steady climb out of the hole. Despite their best efforts Team 9 has been catching no breaks, with all but two of their sessions ending in the red. In the last few days Team 8, Jet Set Riichi, managed a whopping +187.5 point gain – one of their strongest players scored a Yakuman, Kokushi musou; the first for this edition of the league –on top of a stellar performance. Yet the record from earlier this week remains unbroken.



ONE-HAN CITY’S TOP FINANCIAL ANALYSTS

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE PINZU PUMPERS

IN THE RUNNING FOR THE SEMIS SINCE THE START OF THE LEAGUE \$PINZU SAW A DRAMATIC CRASH LAST WEEK, BUT WITH THE STOCK RALLYING WE ASKED THE TEAM FOR COMMENT.

Getting a hold of the Pinzu Pumpers was a challenge in and of itself, registered in the financial district of One-Han City the Team’s members are strategically positioned across multiple timezones. We managed to get the Team Captain for an interview between flights.

Over a military-grade encrypted channel our call began, the Team’s Captain is a busy man, so didn’t have much time. We cut straight to the chase: the precipitous crash of the \$PINZU cryptocurrency market: ‘anyone using our availability tracker could predict it, we knew our AUS games would be pretty bad since we would probably be pitted against a particular Saint Sara’; Sara, a well known market maverick was indeed a force to be reckoned with, but they had in fact lost the majority of their holdings in a calamitous game against the Grinchlantis Celestial.

“Still, we will aim to not make such demonstrations in the future. [...] We would never drop out of Top 8, it would displease or shareholders [too much]”. Since losing their early lead the latter half of Week 1 has seen the Team’s valuation rally, at market close they placed 5th overall and trends suggest that they may make back lost

ground to market titans Kakuyaku Rikiten and Romance of the Cat Kingdom.

We asked the Captain what their strategy for the remaining weeks would be in a bull market against the indomitable top 3: “With the points being halved for semis and once again for quarterfinals it doesn’t really matter much who is at the top, and by how much. Last year saw DealerEx dragged down from first in semis and ended in them being eliminated. What matters is keeping the float above negative 60 ish. Still I expect the top half to remain largely stable”.

The rules of the league allow for massive swings as it’s conclusion nears, and as for future \$PINZU market corrections, the captain had this to say: “Of course any price dumping is just another opportunity, so we encourage others to invest in \$PINZU any time it approaches zero. Our long term outlook is positive.”

The Pinzu Pumpers have been prolific in their output this league, calling many market moves before they had even happened. But recently they have slowed the output of their predictions, though their powerful prediction model remains Open Source. We asked if they planned to

return to delivering regular market insights: ‘Due to circumstances beyond our control ke members were unavailable to deliver market insights, we express our sincerest apologies’, but despite the manpower shortage they had future plans to tease: “we indeed plan to expand our operations into other directions as well; in the worst case it should be operational by the midpoint of the league”.

A version 2.0 of their prediction model might create radical shifts in the market, or it might crash the whole thing with no survivors. Either way we had one final question for the enigmatic Captain; Who is your favourite Touhou?: “I really enjoy the row duo, even though I haven’t cleared StB or DS. Journalism is a powerful tool, and there’s not many good news sources around these days.”.

On that bombshell, I’ve been your faithful reporter Aya Shameimaru, and thank you for reading.



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