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Re: 78cp has sent a message

From: make-an-offer

To: 78cp

Sent: Dec-08-16 15:32

New message: The scumbags Ebay user name is arforb...



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The scumbags Ebay user name is arforbes and he bid up a rare LRG lot that my friend listed then he returned the items only to find very similar but at the same time very different items in the returned box (a classic grease ball move that I would have caught in a second) but this seller is not that experienced. As I said not really my battle I gave her some advice but it was a while back and now she's just totally turned off ebay and the whole LRG community. This may be a large part of my stand off attitude with all of you collectors.

99 auctions? I 100% disagree, yes I believe when they've sat for too long this is the way to go but the Ebay market has taken a 180 in recent years and nobody wants to watch,wait and bid for a week and people don't trust setting max bids and leaving it until the item has ended (this is due to friends like arforbes and other shill bidders (which I have never done or will never do in my 10 years of selling). I have sold roughly 500 M.U.S.C.L.E. figures which I understand to some is not a lot but to others it's a quite a bit. I feel on four or five of them I have sold them for way above market value due to trust from my buyers and not worried about shill bidders here is one example, please explain why these 3 #136's sold for almost 800 USD because if I listened to you and others in your community I would have sold them for a lot less. i can guarantee this is a legit transaction and the buyer has been covered to protect his identity.

many sellers & buyers are stuck in the 90's & and the online market has dramatically changed, we need to change with it. If I would have listed these items as suggested by you and others in your community who have advised me, I would have made thousands of dollars less and I know you guys are trying to get your master sets at as low of a cost as possible but we as sellers are also trying to make a living. Sometimes you guys make me feel like you're typical collector trying to mislead for personal gains.





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Your previous message

Thanks for the replies. I 100% understand we won't see eye-to-eye on many things, but I appreciate your willingness to chat. I hope there are no hard feelings, because that was never my goal. I just like brutally honest and straightforward communication. I know that can cause some hurt feelings - so I do apologize if that happened.

A Red #136 is a great find. I've always felt the Part 11 tree might have been cast...oddly. From what I have seen #104, #133, #136, and #140 show up far more often than the other Red figures in the tree. I can't explain it or figure it out. Without any data I don't usually share what is simply a "hunch."

If an auction started at \$0.99, then I would expect this figure to fetch around \$150~\$175 - with a very fair chance of going higher. The last Red #125 I saw, which I see as the "top tier" of Part 11, sold for \$355 - but it started at \$0.99.

I can't encourage you enough to start a Red #136 as a \$0.99 auction. You'll get collector goodwill, more bidders, and it invites the MUSCLE Rule of Two (MRT) to go crazy.

One last note, does your scammer's name start with an A? If so, I can pass along some email addresses. If you have some evidence, then I'd be happy to work on putting together a post for the UofM website. I wouldn't want to make a post without a lot of damning evidence.

Thanks again,

make-an-offer:

Knowing that these don't really have hard values and they all kinda rely on demand at the time for market values. I have picked up my second red Harigorasu #136

Would love to hear how much you think he is worth?

And he's not "Fishy" in case you're wondering

Your previous message

Thanks for responding!

I would be happy to show an auction that ended at 500 or 800 dollars. I simply need evidence of it happening. Without any tangible evidence, how would I be able to post about it?

I would guess that you do not read the website - which is fine. For several years every Auction Watch ended with screen shots showcasing the final price of each auction highlighted. And for particularly noteworthy auctions I make note in the Epilogues or entirely separate posts. (If this was through email, then I could have sent you links.) However, final prices were never meant as

evidence of sound investing. M.U.S.C.L.E., and I believe any toy, is terrible investment. I believe M.U.S.C.L.E. is especially bad but that's a separate discussion for another time.

As for assumptions, I do make them on the site. I share my opinions which include assumptions. I originally tried to write every post in objective, third person. It got boring for me and I believe less interesting for the readers. If there was a specific assumption you were referencing, then I have no idea what it is. Sharing that you have a Tax ID might be a hint, but I still don't know. FYI, I have one too! We're Tax ID twins!

I do believe it is possible to be a professional on every item. But I don't want to argue over nomenclature. I agree that it would be impossible for a seller to be an expert on each item they list. However, a professional looks at the marketplace and adapts to it. Obviously both under- and over-pricing items hurt a business. To me, acting in a professional manner means striving to reach a fair price on the goods/services for each party. I'd love to charge \$1,000,000 for one project, but to be a professional and sell the services probably means several projects at lower prices.

As for the last part, I would be happy to help (and probably can). I know the name I'm thinking of based on what you said. But I don't want to shame the wrong person. What is the name of the person?

make-an-offer:

Hello again Chad, as I mentioned you have called me out for several things including saying that something just looks off about my items? and once again you'll never post an article when I sell a figure for 500 or even 800 dollars USD (red buka) so I turn the question to you, why do you only show the items that don't sell when they are over priced but you neglect to show your community when one does sell for an extremely high price? I would really think that the members would be elated to see that some of their investments have really increased their market value.

Further more I would like to suggest you not assume so much on your website as we all know what you do when you assume. For your information I do run a business (with a tax number), I do pay taxes and I do have 3 employees helping me with my 4 Ebay account business.

I hope you don't take this the wrong way as I may not agree with your tactics I do respect your passion for M.U.S.C.L.E. figures but I ask you to put yourself on the other side of the fence once in a while. Sellers are trying to make a living and trying to get the most out of every product we sell, it's impossible to be a professional on every item in the collector world as I have completed over 40,000 transactions between all of my stores and there is an old adage saying in sales "you can always come down, but you can never go back up"

I've had a few conversations with some of the other heavy hitters in your M.U.S.C.L.E. world and let's just say I'm not the only one who has been offended by your words and actions on your website. I would like to ask you one question and hope you can answer me honestly. There is a well known criminal in the M.U.S.C.L.E. collectors world that many buyers and sellers are aware of and try to avoid at all costs. He screwed my friend out of thousands of dollars, if you know how to contact him or where he is that would be appreciated.

Regards and happy Muscleing

Your previous message

In your auction descriptions for M.U.S.C.L.E. figures you invited collector sites to post and discuss some of the figures you have sold for hundreds of dollars. I hoped you would participate in a short email interview to discuss those figures. Because you are an honest seller, have nothing to hide, and are always open and free to talk about any concerns I, and many M.U.S.C.L.E. collectors, look forward to your participation.

What is the best email address to send the brief set of interview questions?

Thanks,
Chad

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