



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE IAMA
INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE

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INVESTIGATION REPORT

Synopsis

The President of the Federal Republic of EFCC, Alco_Rs11, has been accused of plagiarism and intellectual property theft.

Description of Incident

A member of the IAMA, who wishes to remain anonymous, reported to the Executive Council about President Alco_Rs11 of EFCC's past acts of plagiarism against the WolvHaven community. An investigation was carried out by the Internal Investigations Committee (IIC) upon receiving the allegations to confirm the reported acts of plagiarism, and to see whether if the situation continues today.

Findings

1. The IIC can confirm that EFCC has engaged in acts of plagiarism against the *WolvHaven* (WH) community in 2016, stealing roughly 10 builds from the WH server using a World Downloader Mod, according to WH President SilverWolv and member of staff minebuilder1223
2. Archived Wiki pages from October 2016 shows Dynmap screenshots of dialogue in the EFCC server by President Alco_Rs11 and his party, where he boasts about "*a stolen WH Eiffel Tower*", that "*WH has a lot of nice skyscrapers you would want to steal*", and that he "*went around using a mod to collect builds*", which supports the aforementioned point.

https://web.archive.org/web/20161002034631/http://en.hiramland.shoutwiki.com/wiki/EFCC_President_Alco_Rs11)

3. An archived *Total Freedom* forum thread from September 2016 shows Alco_Rs11 being confronted by WH members after being found committing acts of plagiarism and intellectual property theft against the community. He does, however, under an agreement with WH, publicly apologise on the thread, suggesting that he is “*truly sorry for any misconceptions/and or modified/reproduced structures made without the owner of the other server's permissions/and or agreement of doing so.*” According to WH President SilverWolv, Alco_Rs11 was also required to remove all plagiarised builds from WH under the said agreement.
[\(<http://totalfreedom.boards.net/thread/44561/congress-hall-city-explodingfreedom-central>\)](http://totalfreedom.boards.net/thread/44561/congress-hall-city-explodingfreedom-central)
4. The IIC can confirm that the said agreement was upheld as no sign of WH builds are visible in the EF server, unlike the situation in 2016. The IIC did, however, discover that the interiors of EFCC’s new Parliament were still very similar to WH’s old Parliament building interiors. Despite the similarity, WH President SilverWolv believes the interiors are modified enough to an extent that he “*wouldn’t say this was copied from us (WH) anymore.*” For such, the IIC believes that Alco_Rs11 has removed or redone all builds stolen from WH back in 2016.
5. According to WH President SilverWolv, EFCC also committed acts of plagiarism and intellectual property theft against *The Black Star’s Babylon Project*, which depicts a scaled model of lower Manhattan in 1936. While aware of such acts, WH authorities did not take any action for it was outside their jurisdiction, and hence was not included into the aforementioned agreement in 2016. The IIC can confirm the allegations made by WH authorities were true and have found at least 5 entire city blocks, involving at least 11 builds and neighbourhoods directly stolen from the *Babylon Project*.
6. The interrogation with Alco_Rs11 revealed that the builds stolen from the *Babylon Project* were taken back in 2016, the same time in which builds from WH were stolen. Alco_Rs11 claims to be regretful and that he has “*done many bad things years ago.*” He also claimed that copying builds was “*how he learnt to build*” in the past, and that he does not do this anymore.

Conclusion

The IIC can confirm that such allegations of plagiarism and intellectual property theft against the WH community were true. However, Alco_Rs11 have since removed most, if not all of its builds stolen from WH, as our investigators fail to find any significant similarities with the builds between WH and EFCC. Alco_Rs11 also publicly apologised on a forum thread, despite never admitting it had directly stolen builds from WH, claiming they were “*modified/reproduced structures*”.

The IIC can also confirm that EFCC has, in fact, committed acts of plagiarism against the *Babylon Project*, as 5 entire city blocks were directly copied to EFCC, involving nearly a dozen builds and neighbourhoods. It is evident that these were not “*modified/reproduced*” as every little detail on some of the builds were identical to the original.

However, Alco_Rs11 does show signs of regret as he claims that these acts of plagiarism were committed years ago, and that as aforementioned, he has publicly apologised since. He also claims that this was the method in which he, along with a lot of other builders, learnt to build. Nonetheless, this does not justify Alco_Rs11’s claiming of such builds, as the learning process does not require one to claim the build itself. Whereas it may be justifiable if Alco_Rs11 gave the full credit to the original creators, he claimed them as his own creation.

Recommendation

The IIC recommends the Management Board to enforce Article 4 of Chapter III, Section 3, which reads as follows: *“A Member of the IAMA who has been found to be in violation of copyright laws or claiming a creation that does not belong to them may be expelled from the Organization by the Management Board upon the recommendation of the Executive Council.” (The IIC is a body under the Executive Council)*

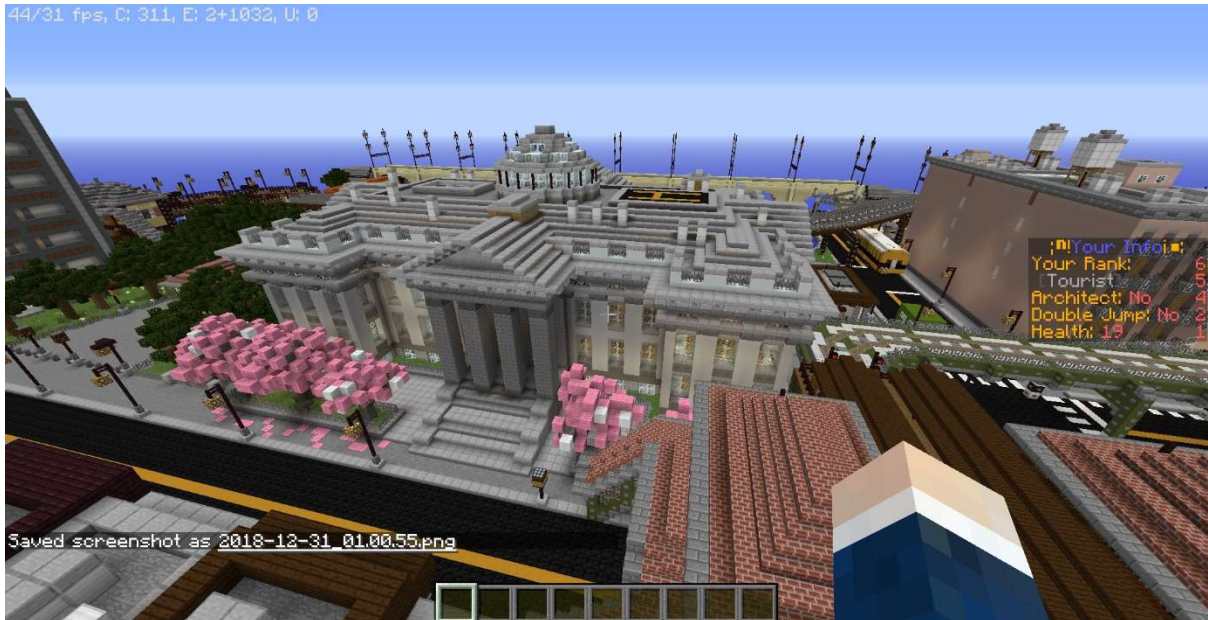
However, Alco_Rs11’s activity within the IAMA since his admission in August has proven that he is a talented builder with great ability. In addition to the fact that this was committed years ago and Alco_Rs11 does show signs of regret, the IIC recommends the Management Board to put EFCC on probation, rather than to expel them directly, on the condition that

- a) Alco_Rs11 removes all stolen, or as he phrased it, *“modified/reproduced”* builds from all parties from the EFCC server within two weeks, namely builds from the *Babylon Project* and the WH community.
- b) At the end of the stipulated period, Alco_Rs11 must allow members of the IIC to confirm that all stolen builds are removed from the EFCC server. This includes any multiverse worlds present in the server.
- c) Disobedience against enforcement action by the IIC may result in the penalties as described in Article 1 of Section 3, Chapter III, which reads as follows: *“A Member of the IAMA whom preventive of enforcement action taken by the Executive Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the Management Board upon the recommendation of the Executive Council.”*

After the IIC confirms all stolen builds are removed at the end of the two-week period, the Human Resources Division (HR) shall vote on the restoration of EFCC’s membership as an Associate. EFCC may, under the new membership structure, apply to re-join the Management Board two weeks after its status as an associate has been restored.

Appendix

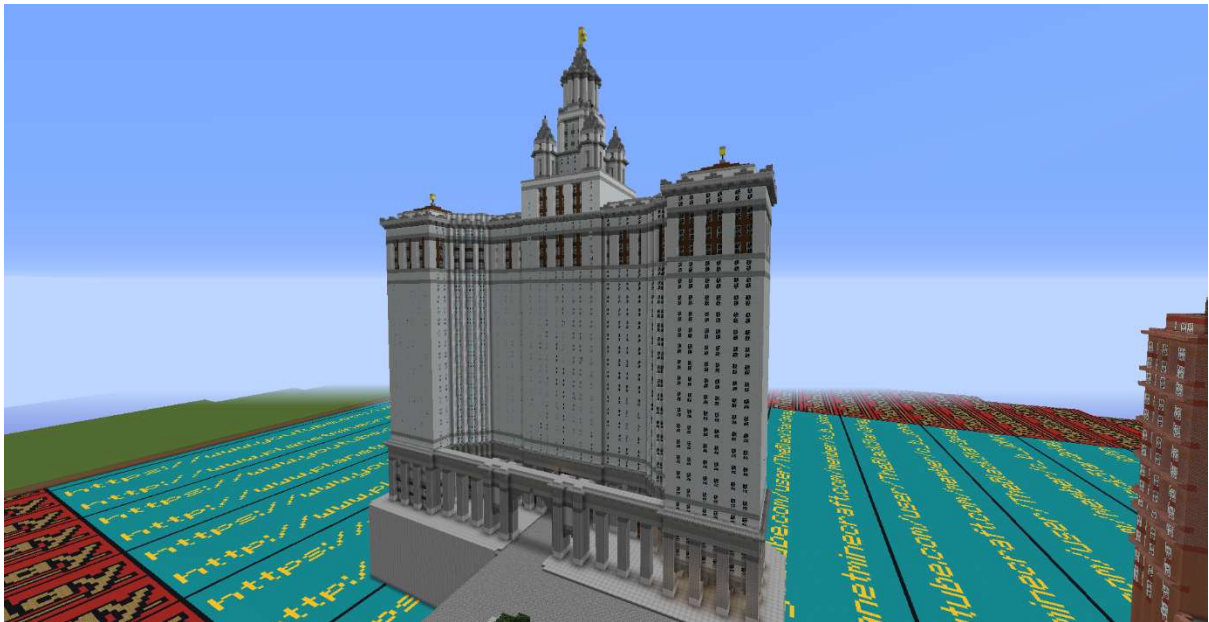
Top image represents EF's stolen version of the build, whereas the bottom image represents the original build in the Babylon Project.



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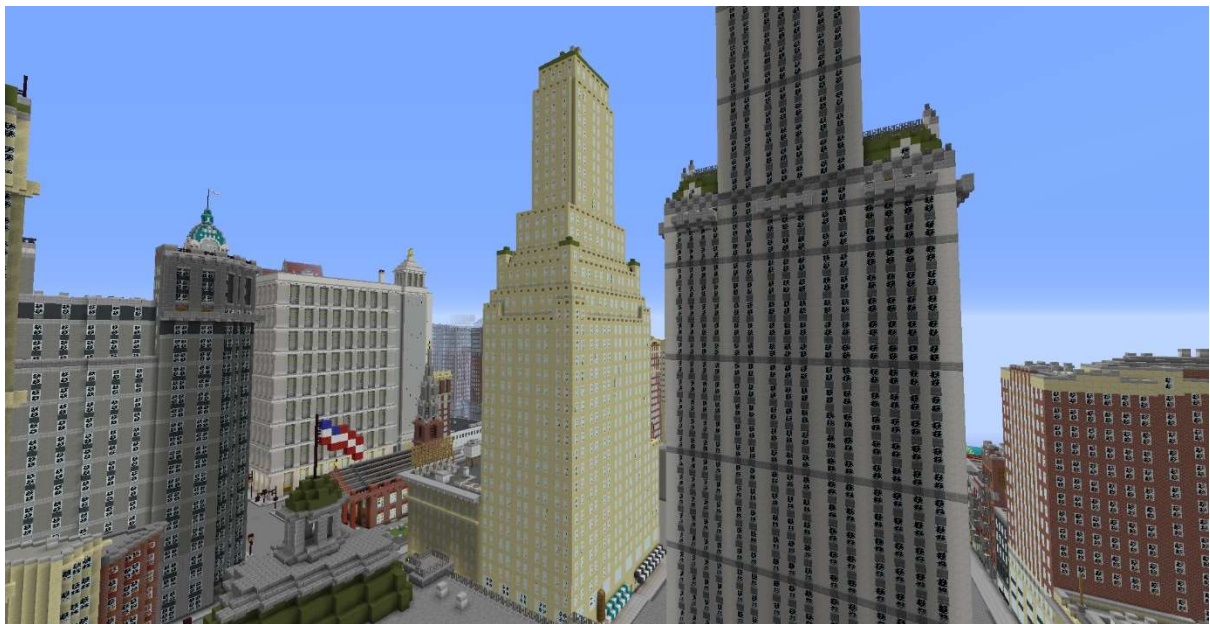




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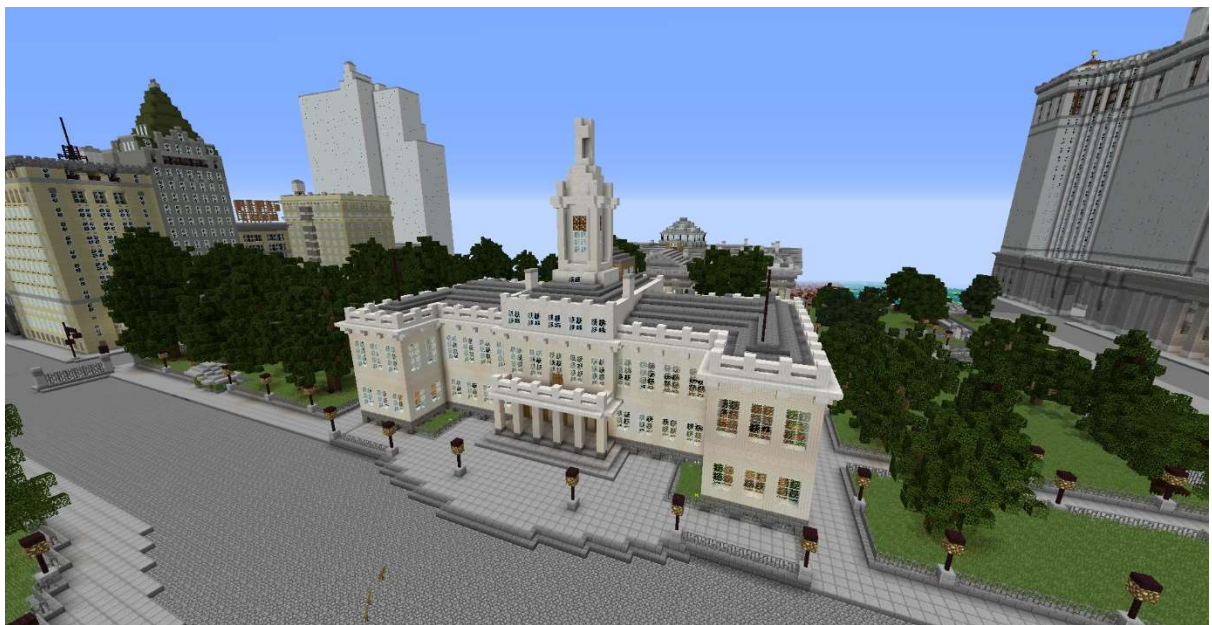
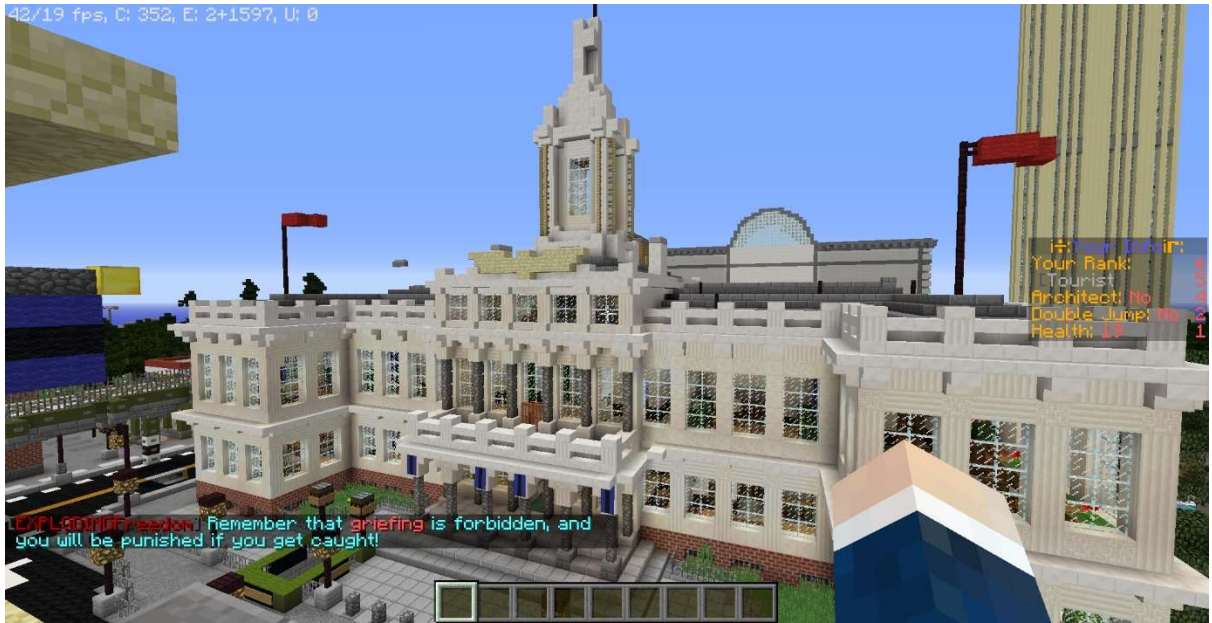
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