

# Dealing With Douchebags, or, Solving the Steve Problem

Every gaming group has a Steve. You know the type. He's the one who takes the last slice of pizza, drinks the last beer, takes 10 minutes to act on his initiative count, power-games, cheats, and is generally what we colloquially refer to as a "douchebag." Well, since this article would never ever get approved for Regdar's, here it is on my website, in handy-dandy PDF format, for printing and rolling into a small club to bludgeon Steve.

## Dealing With Steve, Step 1: Diplomacy

Now anyone who knows my posting habits and personality knows that diplomacy is not my strong suit, but I feel that since Steve is often your friend in real life, you should at least put a token effort into talking to him.

This can be as simple as sitting him down and uttering the sacred, mystical words:

"Steve, you're being an obnoxious prick and it's annoying. Stop being a douche."



This may or may or may not be what Steve looks like, but he should be sitting in the chair like so.

These words are curt and simple. They have great power, because I have designated them as part of the sacred canon of my religion.

They may be (and often are) enough. Once Steve realizes that he's being a douche, he can take steps to fix the problem. See, being a douche is kind of like alcoholism: you often don't realize you're afflicted until someone tells you, and even then, denial may be an issue.

If diplomacy fails, move on to step 2:

## Step 2: Blackmail

Do you have dirt on Steve? You should get some. Does Steve have a hot sister?



Does Steve's sister look like this?

If so, have sex with her. This is especially effective if she's a younger sister (I do not advocate statutory, by the way). This way, when he persists with his douchebag ways, you can say:

"Hey Steve, you're being a douchebag again. Do you want those pictures of me and your sister on the web, Steve? And did I ever tell you about that thing that she does with her tongue? Oh man, Steve. So, anyways, don't be a douchebag."

Plus, you get some, which is never bad.

Times when this is not appropriate:

- Steve is your brother. Unless you're into that and live in a state where it's legal.
- Steve's sister rates lower than a 7. Unless you have low standards, obviously.
- Steve is your dad. Just no, man.
- You're gay. In which case, Steve's brother is fair game.



Steve's brother? I'd tap that.

### Step 3: The Chair

This is probably my biggest claim to fame: the chair treatment. If Steve refuses to cooperate even after you bang his sibling and post pictures on the Interweb, then there's only one recourse:



The chair. You don't sit Steve in it. You put Steve in this chair:



Dun dun dun!

Now you state clearly and calmly, so he understands:

"Steve, you are being a douchebag. Stop it. Stop it now."

He will resist. Hit him with the folding chair:



He might pass out. If he twitches, hit him until he stops:



Don't feel bad; this is for his own good!

When he wakes up, put him back in the chair, if he's fallen out. Wake for him to regain coherence before you say it again:

“Steve, you are being a douchebag. Stop it. Stop it now.”

He'll probably have learned his lesson. If not, this third step can be looped indefinitely.

#### **Step 4: Rehabilitation**

Step 3 never fails. It always works eventually. By the time you finish, Steve may be a drooling idiot:



Ok, maybe not THIS bad

But don't fret. He's cured! Now you just need to teach him how to speak and roll dice again, and the rest should work itself out naturally.

I hope my brief guide on dealing with the Steve in your group helps you out. If it doesn't, hit him harder!

Cheers, and good gaming!

