I'm not asleep yet but I need y'all to know that I'm mad that Lindsey Lettuce has jumped on the train of "let's tear John Boyega to shreds for something he didn't actually say" and has worked her followers up into frothy mess that seems shy of calling him uppity.

(The replies to that tweet, by the way, are full of people with antiblackness on full display in how they talk about John comments via their lack of reading comprehension vs how they're framing everyone else as better for the franchise during interview season.)

Tomorrow, if I feel like it, we're going to talk about white women and nonblack WOC weaponizing their womanhood and their followers and a fear of Black people to lean in hard on antiblackness in service of protecting white women and nonblack WOC. So I absolutely was right and I'd figured out
what John was talking about and like... The thing is that Mizz Lettuce and her ilk will call it back pedaling and continue insulting and lying on him. Ugh.

I did a couple threads on Lettuce and her comments about fandom/Star Wars in particular and it's very important to point out that she's a blue check (like Sarah Sahim(?)) who uses her following to silence people and spread antiblack misinfo.

And she is one of those fans thinks she's silenced (oppressed) for what she ships.

Links to other long connected threads missing because I'm locked, not because they're deleted.
What's standing out to me is how some folks are using John's dissatisfaction with The Last Jedi and the comments in that interview that they blew out of proportion to basically say he didn't deserve to be in the franchise and pushing model minority status on Kelly (and Oscar)

Kelly gets the most of the MM status because they're like "KMT is the ONLY member of the franchise to deal with racism and she's suffered because people hating on TLJ harassed her and CERTAIN ACTORS are pandering to that crowd."

They can portray her as a victim under fire from fandom and mean ole John Boyega at the same time.

This isn't the first time that they've claimed he doesn't like her or thinks less of her... It's just the one that's sticking. But John has been getting racist insults sent his way too for 3+ years. He's been the target of racist misinformation campaigns and often gets racist hate in his mentions.

He's the ONLY main performer of color in the sequel trilogy still active on social media and he's black?? What's pissing me off super hard is folks who don't know that the blue checks and their followers blowing this John Boyega out of proportion are part of a fandom that has been incredibly and consistently antiblack since 2015 so it seems like they're in the right but they're not.

I made this thread two days ago and it's supremely relevant here:

It's not that people think that John Boyega is above critique but that we've watched across the past 3+ years as folks have directed super intense criticism at him and at Finn in a way that they never did for any of the white actors or characters. We've watched him get hit with tons of baseless critiques over the years (he has to be homophobic because he's Nigerian and his dad's a preacher, he's misogynistic because he danced on a woman at carnival) and now he's entitled for mildly criticizing the sequel trilogy trajectory

Like... The fandom reaction to John Boyega daring to be a person and not a Disney product is absolutely racialized and like...

Please do compare how he gets shit for breathing while other members of the cast have gotten kid gloves for their indelicate comments or criticism. And I'm bringing this up because 8 actually have seen people say that the folks tweeting about people's comments about John Boyega are "making it about race when it's not"

News flash binches: everything is about race... especially a Black actor getting tons of biased criticism

This sentiment that being a Rey/Kylo shipper is a position of ultimate oppression (as in THEY are oppressed) always bothers me, but never more than right now when this person ignores that John's blackness means that he's been subjects to vile antiblack hatred this whole time.
People call John Boyega racial slurs (like "n*er), call him a cuck, say he's a diversity hire, dogpile him for not being worshipful enough of Star Wars canon, spread lies about him being a bigot (that he's homophobic & misogynistic), etc

They've been doing this for YEARS

But sure, running a fan account for a popular white m/f ship on social media platforms where their fans successfully swarm to silence folks at the slightest hint of criticism has to be harder than being a Black man in a racist fandom.

What does my Black ass know about that 🤷‍♂️

"I'd react the same way if Adam had said it"

Except John DIDN'T actually say what y'all are saying he did and y'all wouldn't ever pull negative implications from anything Adam did or refuse to accept it'd been a misunderstanding on fandom's part. Personally, and I cannot speak for a single other Black person in this or any fandom space, I do not accept her apology or the apology of any person that blew John's comments up into a situation and said outright he didn't care about his cast mate and minimized his experiences.
as a white woman, using my space to call out a black actor for confusing words wasn't right, and i apologize. i was feeling defensive of kelly in the heat of the moment and didn't think about the larger ramifications. it's an admitted privileged blind spot.

And with this one (in the screen cap in the linked tweet), how are you gonna defend her and be like the second person here & say she wasn't literally comparing experiences and saying that hers as a white woman running a r/k account were worse than racism
At least once a year across the past 3 yrs, I've had to lock this account because Rey/Kylo shippers swarmed me.

I'm no longer on Tumblr because of the direct harassment I experienced from shippers who went out of their way to create blogs to harass me. When I tell you that I have ZERO sympathy for anyone who thinks that they're the Most Oppressed In Fandom because they happen to ship the literal default ship within said fandom... I mean it. As LJ says, how this was framed by fandom hinges on a desire to circle around and protect poor innocent delicate Loan FROM John (who is contributing to her marginalization in/from fandom)

Ripped from the White Feminism ™️ play book
Blaming John for the fact that some members of The Fandom Menace ALSO don't have reading comprehension skills and empathy and have decided that he had to have been dissing Kelly - and implying the thing they've decided he meant was purposefully malevolent - is NOT a good look.

I did a precursor video about my fandom feels about this situation and the pertinent players involved in what's actually something that's been going on since 2016 (youtu.be/TbhFg2L_mIY)

I'm working on a cover for my upcoming #WhatFandomRacismLooksLike installment about this whole thing as well as the antiblackness from the transformative/shippy parts of the Star Wars fandom across the past 3+ years.
So the audience that came running for Lindsey Lettuce’s tweet to dunk on John Boyega is absolutely antiblack. Supremely.

I find it very interesting how the first and last person are talking?
The first person replying to LL saying that John's been "putting his foot in his mouth a lot lately" is annoying because Adam Driver literally forgot the name of the last Star Wars film and Daisy Ridley seems unaware that she has privilege as a wealthy white woman.

But then the second person made me want to rage:

"He wasn't the one who was being bullied on social media," Maria says about the first Black man to be cast in a leading role in the Star Wars franchise.

My God he's gotten so MUCH bullying and harassment over the years. So a thing I didn't see before today was that Lindsey Romain had actually written an article for The Nerdist about John Boyega's comments to Hypebeast (the one I link to in my piece) where she zeroes in on his "iffy" comment about TLJ as an attack on/dig at Kelly that day.
THE LAST JEDI Didn’t Break STAR WARS. It Saved It.

by Lindsey Romain
Dec 11 2019 • 1:40 PM
Elsewhere, actors Daisy Ridley and John Boyega expressed relief that Abrams was back. In the *Times* profile, Ridley said she cried at the news he’d return, because of the safety he provides on set. Boyega had a more pointed reaction: “Even as a normal person in the audience, I wanted to see where that story was going,” he said, referring to the story Abrams set up in *The Force Awakens*, and that was—in his opinion—thrown for a loop in *Jedi*. In a separate interview with *Hypebeast*, Boyega said he disagreed with a lot of the choices in *The Last Jedi* and said the movie felt “iffy” to him.
So her article comes out at almost 2PM where she's already framing John Boyega specifically as dropping an added dig at Kelly and then around 5 the Variety quote comes out which seems to validate her existing negative view of John's existence, and by 9pm she's already popped off. This is literally #WhatFan:

Lindsey is the one crafting narratives about how John Boyega is actually hating on Kelly and how he personally is letting her down to appeal to the haters. This is calculated and purposeful, not so much "heat of the moment"

Like let's look at John's comments about The Last Jedi next to Lindsey's reading of them:

All John really says is that TLJ had him feeling iffy because he didn't agree with some of Rian's
choices (like separating the trio)

Lindsey gets "digs" at Rian and at Kelly.

Okay.

Lindsey gets paid to do this shit, y'all. She gets paid to, at this point, lie about John Boyega and push a narrative about the Star Wars cast and fandom that is harmful.

It's the White Feminism™️ play only the white actress (Daisy) isn't cooperating so they've turned to Kelly. Actually I want to talk about that TMS article. Initially I'd been pleased because the author
(QT'd here) is allowing John room to be and putting his words first.

But when you track what this fandom has done for years $ Lindsey on Wed... It's not great.

> **rachel leishman** @RachelLeishman · Dec 13, 2019
> Because people are still talking about it as if @JohnBoyega didn't openly clarify, let him speak for himself. And also, as interviewers, ask for clarification and stop using actors for clickbait.
> themarysue.com/maybe-let-john...

**Maybe Let John Boyega Speak for Himself and Don't Inflict Your Opinions on Him**

Because of course yes reporters should ask for clarification and fans shouldn't put words into people's mouths but... A lot of why this did blow up was because white blue check Twitter users like LR were already pissed at him for the "iffy" comment and purposefully blew this up

And on the surface level, it's "not about race/racism" but it really is and I think it would've helped to talk about how what made this backlash extra possible is that white people in the Star Wars fandom really don't like John and have spent years/energy trying to tear him down

Y'all, I've been talking about the racism from/within the star wars fandom for years and I was looking for something in my archives and came across my livetweeting of the [@fansplaining](https://twitter.com/fansplaining) episode I was on back in 2016 around the kylux migration

[Longer thread cut because I'm locked]

In case you weren't sure where I was coming from about Lindsey's bias, here it is straight from her mouth.

I'm still not accepting it from her but this apology IS marginally better than her first (like 2%) and she's admitting her biases.

Now let's see her call them racist.
It is fascinating watching her apology evolve over the days - which again, I won't accept bcuz her biases are racist & she'd spent half of Wednesday dunking on John because of them.

(Someone I follow shared this just now & while she posted 12/13, I'm collecting it all here.)

I'm wrapping this up for real with some thread collection and a link to her third apology (archive link of course, y'all know how I do)

So first, linking to my subtweet about a tweet LR made and deleted about two hours before her apology went live

    Tw suicide ideation (not me)
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    Admitting you did something racist in the same tweet that you make a "I wish I was dead"
statement seems kind of set up to trigger tons of people reassuring you that you're not racist and then attacking anyone that brings up your ish... Hm.

The thing I’m referring to is 100% weaponized white womanhood in action: that thing white women across the ages do where they hurt you (or are racist, in this case), cry or make a concerning comment about their mental health, and then folks rushes to defend them from POC.

And then, because of how weaponized white womanhood works, fans of color talking about how this woman and her fandom have been absolutely integral to making life difficult for fans of color that aren’t with their crew get written off as bullies so... I’m honestly out for now. And yes, this is about the Star Wars fandom and the tweets and post I’d been making since Wednesday.

And yes, I am tired of white women's tears being an effective shield from actual responsibility in fandom.

My God.

My comments about watching weaponized white womanhood at work

Lindsey’s third apology (which still somehow manages to continue position her as a vulnerable white woman in fans fighting against the world??) [web.archive.org/save/https://m...]