

J.K Rowling cops a spell of Twitter trolling

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Let me annoy you with some signs of our crazy times, well, at least the craziness of the so-called woke set.

First J.K.Rowling, the billionaire author of the *Harry Potter* series is being cursed by all and sundry on social media. She's been the darling of the Twitterati in the past when she's trolled Donald Trump, but she's coping all the hate now.

Why? Well, because she saw this headline and thought it was rather silly, it referred to efforts to help "people who menstruate". And in the text of the story it said, "1.8 billion girls, women and gender non-binary persons menstruate."

So, what did J. K. Rowling do? She dared to retweet this article and mock the use of that clumsily, politically correct language. "People who menstruate" she said, "I'm sure there's a word for those people. Someone help me out. Womben? Wimpund? Woomud?"

Well, instead of being a sharp post about mangled language, I mean why say women when you can say girls, women and gender non-binary persons who menstruate? Instead of accepting that point, she was decried as being anti-trans. Discriminating against and demeaning transgender people.

The hatred and the pile-on was quick and fierce, people denouncing her books, abusing her, this is how this stuff goes, as you know.

But guess who came in to make a hero of himself?

None other than the wizard himself. Unlike Harry, actor Daniel Radcliffe was keen to attract attention and claim the glory, penning a piece that said in part, "Transgender women are women. Any statement to the contrary erases the identity and dignity of transgender people and goes against all advice given by professional health care associations who have far more expertise on this subject matter than either (JK Rowling) or I."

So now Radcliffe is the hero, being acclaimed for his magical intervention by the same people who have imposed a witch hunt against Rowling. And incredibly, he's fuelled the idea that this puerile exchange could somehow undermine the genius of Rowling's writing. "To all the people who now feel that their experience of the books has been tarnished or diminished," pronounced Radcliffe, "I am deeply sorry for the pain these comments have caused you."

What pathetic virtue-signalling at the expense of Rowling.

Surely all the fame, money and privilege Radcliffe enjoys is because of Rowling. If not for her, nobody would be speaking his name. But hey, when you can make yourself a hero on social media, by throwing someone else under a bus, well, we all know what Voldemort would do.

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