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17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
18 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

19 RICHARD KADREY, SARAH )  
20 SILVERMAN, CHRISTOPHER GOLDEN, )  
21 MICHAEL CHABON, TA-NEHISI COATES, )  
22 JUNOT DIAZ, ANDREW SEAN GREER, )  
23 DAVID HENRY HWANG, MATTHEW )  
24 KLAM, LAURA LIPPMAN, RACHEL )  
25 LOUSIE SNYDER, AYELET WALDMAN, )  
26 and JACQUELINE WOODSON, Individually )  
27 and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated, )

Case No. 3:23-cv-03417-VC

**STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~ ORDER RE: VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL AND CONSOLIDATION**

Plaintiffs, )

vs. )

META PLATFORMS, INC., )

Defendant. )



1           **WHEREAS**, the operative complaint in the *Kadrey* action is the First Consolidated  
2 Amended Complaint (“FCAC”), filed on December 11, 2023 (*Kadrey* Dkt. 64);

3           **WHEREAS**, Meta filed its answer to the FCAC on January 10, 2024 (*Kadrey* Dkt. 72);

4           **WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2024, the Court ordered that the *Kadrey* and *Huckabee* actions  
5 are related, and both cases are now pending before Judge Chhabria (*Kadrey* Dkt. 86);

6           **WHEREAS**, on January 30, 2024, the Court granted a stipulation voluntarily dismissing  
7 without prejudice all claims against Microsoft (*Huckabee* Dkts. 105, 107);

8           **WHEREAS**, on January 25, 2024, this Court held a conference, during which, among  
9 other things, the Parties discussed with the Court how to proceed with the *Huckabee* action and  
10 whether it should be consolidated with the *Kadrey* action. The *Huckabee* Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs  
11 in the *Kadrey* action indicated that they were considering consolidation via a dismissal of the  
12 *Huckabee* Action and an amendment to have one of the *Huckabee* Plaintiffs added to the *Kadrey*  
13 action. The Court confirmed that Meta need not respond to the Complaint in the *Huckabee* action;

14           **WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2024, *Huckabee* Plaintiffs Mike Huckabee, The Relevate Group,  
15 David Kinnaman, Tsh Oxenreider, and John Blase filed a Notice of Voluntary Dismissal pursuant  
16 to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a)(1)(A)(i), effectuating their dismissal without prejudice (*Huckabee* Dkt.  
17 109);

18           **WHEREAS**, Plaintiffs Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman seek to withdraw from the  
19 case and dismiss their claims against Meta with prejudice;

20           **WHEREAS**, separately, a dispute has arisen among the Parties over whether certain  
21 communications, including those included in redacted form in the FCAC, constitute privileged  
22 communications, which dispute the Parties are in the process of briefing and submitting to  
23 Magistrate Judge Hixson for resolution (the “Privilege Dispute”), *see Kadrey* Dkt. 103. Resolution  
24 of the Privilege Dispute, in turn, will likely inform what allegations Plaintiffs include when filing  
25 a Second Consolidated Amended Complaint (“SCAC”); and

26           **WHEREAS**, the Parties have conferred and agreed to deadlines for the filing of the SCAC  
27 and Meta’s answer to the SCAC following resolution of the Privilege Dispute, as well as to certain  
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1 restrictions on the content of these pleadings and certain prohibitions on further motion practice  
2 directed thereto.

3 **NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED** by and among the Parties,  
4 subject to the approval of the Court, that:

5 1. The *Huckabee* action shall be consolidated with the *Kadrey* action.

6 2. Plaintiff Lysa TerKeurst will be added as a named plaintiff in the *Kadrey* action,  
7 and Plaintiffs will be permitted to amend the FCAC by filing and serving a SCAC within five (5)  
8 court days following resolution of the Privilege Dispute. The SCAC will add the paragraph specific  
9 to Ms. TerKeurst from the *Huckabee* complaint (paragraph 23) and make deletions and conforming  
10 edits where necessary but otherwise add no material or substantive allegations. Concurrently with  
11 filing the SCAC, Plaintiffs will serve Meta with a true and correct redline showing all differences  
12 between the FCAC and SCAC as filed.

13 3. Meta will file and serve its answer within five (5) court days after Plaintiffs file the  
14 SCAC, and concurrently serve on Plaintiffs a redline showing all differences between its answers  
15 to the FCAC and the SCAC. The answer to the SCAC will address Plaintiffs' new allegations  
16 regarding Ms. TerKeurst in the SCAC and make conforming edits where necessary but otherwise  
17 remain substantively unchanged.

18 4. There will be no motion practice directed to the SCAC or the answer to the SCAC  
19 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6), 12(e) or 12(f).

20 5. Two Plaintiffs in the *Kadrey* action, Michael Chabon and Ayelet Waldman, hereby  
21 voluntarily dismiss their claims against Meta with prejudice. Upon their dismissal with prejudice,  
22 all outstanding discovery requests previously served upon Chabon and Waldman by Meta will be  
23 deemed withdrawn. All parties will bear their own costs and attorneys' fees as to this stipulation  
24 and the dismissal contemplated herein.

25 6. Nothing in this Stipulation will or is intended to otherwise affect the Parties'  
26 respective rights, defenses, or objections.

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1 IT IS SO STIPULATED.

2 Dated: June 28, 2024

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**PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 5, 2024

  
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HON. VINCE CHHABRIA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE