

# Utah TNG Play Party Orientation



# What this orientation covers:

- Basic overview of BDSM terms and topics
- What you might expect to see at a TNG party
- TNG specific party rules
- General etiquette for TNG community events



# What this orientation doesn't cover:

- How to find play partners
- How to plan scenes
  - Other than in respect to general party etiquette
- How to find sponsors, mentors, protectors, etc.
- How to get laid





Who was this Rorschach...

VIA 9GAG.COM

and why did he draw so much of gay porn?

# The vague definition that is BDSM

.What do the letters mean? The most commonly accepted definition is:

- Bondage & Discipline, Dominance & Submission, Sadism & Masochism

.BDSM is an umbrella acronym for certain types of erotic behavior between consenting adults; including, but not limited to:

- Power exchange (Dominance and submission)
- Role playing
- Erotic sensations and experiences
- Sadomasochism
- Fetishism
- Voyeurism and exhibitionism
- A shit-ton of other kinky sexy fuckery that'll blow your mind.

The one true god?



# The one “twue” way of kink

## BDSM CAN BE

- .Erotic
- .Cathartic
- .Sensual
- .Sexual
- .Magical
- .Spiritual
- .Painful
- .Relaxing
- .Fulfilling
- .Energizing.

## BDSM IS NEVER

- .Abusive
- .Criminal
- .Non-consensual
- .Therapy
- .Invalidating
- .Immoral
- .50 Shades of Grey

# BDSM 101

There's no one right way to be kinky. There's plenty of wrong ways.

- The philosophy of SSC
  - Safe
  - Sane
  - Consensual
- The philosophy of RACK
  - Risk Aware
  - Consensual
  - Kink





**Are you playing safe?**



**Why don't you  
take a seat over there?**

# SSC

- Safe

- Playing in a way so as to not cause any permanent damage to anyone physically, mentally, or emotionally.
  - Reusable “Tops” and “bottoms” are good things. Breaking someone is only cool in shitty erotica.

- Sane

- Everyone involved in the play is of a properly sober mindset so as to be able to consent to what is taking place.
  - Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs not properly proscribed by a licensed physician means someone is not sober in this context.
  - Not being under the influence of medications properly proscribed by a licensed physician means someone is not sober in this context.

- Consensual

- Fully informed and enthusiastic agreement to participation in the activity.
  - Consent can be withdrawn by anyone participating in the play at any time. All play by everyone involved must be stopped immediately at this point.



# Risk Aware Consensual Kink

- Shit happens
- Those engaging in RACK play know of the dangers and risks involved with the activity.
- Those involved have educated themselves on the proper techniques, and have the required skill set, so as to engage in this activity in a way which minimizes possible harm or danger.
- Those who consent to this sort of play, are informed of the risks involved, and aware of predictable possible outcomes.

# Consent 101 – Yes means YES

- Consent is a mutually expressed, physical, and emotional agreement to what happens.
- Consent must be free of manipulation, threats, or head games.
- Fully informed and enthusiastic consent is key!
  - Being excited and into the enjoyment of someone else as equally as we're into our own enjoyment.
- Consent must be mutual and continuous.
  - Just because you said yes to one thing, doesn't mean you have consented to anything else.
  - **You can stop at any time.**
  - **You can change your mind.**



# Consent 201A- No means NO!

This rule is absolute. Any failure to respect consent – or the lack thereof – at any time will:  
Get you ejected from any Utah TNG event.  
Legal action may also be taken against you.

You will be: banned, booted, forbidden to return, kicked off the island, excommunicated, one of the unclean, black listed, cast off to outer darkness, hopefully carted off to become a large inmate's bitch.

You will not only be disinvited from all future Utah TNG events and venues. Your information and the details of your actions (the information or conduct of your victim will remain confidential) will be communicated to all other groups and venues in the area, and they will make their own decisions as to your ability to be involved in their events.

**This shit is serious, get it? Don't fuck with consent, ever!**



**BUT WAIT!**



**THERE'S MORE**

# Consent 201B: Maybe means what?

- If you do not want to do something with someone, let them know in no uncertain terms.
- No means no, bar blow-offs do not.
  - “Not right now”, “Maybe later”, and “I'm not sure” are not no.
    - Don't be surprised if you tell someone this and they return to you later, or ask more questions.
  - “No, I do not want to do \_\_\_\_\_ with/to/on/in/around you or let you do that to me” is clear.
- If you have issues with someone pressuring you, respecting your consent, or crossing boundaries **TELL SOMEONE** so the issue can be addressed right away.

**NEED A SAFEWORD?**

**WHY NOT ZOIDBERG?**

# Safe Words

Used to alter or modify the flow of BDSM activities.

- “No” and “Stop” are not good safe words.
  - The philosophy of “consensual non-consent” is often used in BDSM play. So the words “no” or “stop” during play might be confusing or unclear for some participants.
  - Traffic light system is popular and clear.
    - Red = Stop!
    - Yellow = Slow down, re-evaluate, communicate more please.
    - Green = Continue, more, harder, faster... oh god yes!
- “Safe wording” is the removal of consent. Safe words are ALWAYS to be treated with the utmost respect.

**GO AHEAD**

**TRY TO USE A SAFEWORD**



# When safe words aren't words

Sometimes participants aren't able to vocalize themselves during BDSM play. In these cases alternatives can be used to signify the alteration of consent or removal of it.

- Why use a non-verbal safe word?
  - The bottom is unable to speak due to a gag or speaking restriction.
  - The environment is too loud, a lot of play or loud music, for the participants in a scene to hear each other clearly.
  - The bottom is mentally too far into “head space” (a euphoric condition caused by play and neuro chemistry) to clearly vocalize words.
- Balls, hankies, chains, body motions, a “spotter” can all be used to aid in non-verbal safe words.

So this'll be your first play party?



# Respect and Confidentiality

BDSM play parties are safe places for people in the lifestyle to express and experience that which they might not be able to achieve in their lives outside the party. Many consider a play party and the venue at which it is held to be a “sacred” place. In order to maintain this atmosphere at parties attendees are asked:

- Only share the location and time of parties with people whom you know well enough to trust that they will respect the confidentiality of all who attend parties. You're not just informing them about your lifestyle. You're informing them about all of ours as well by association.
- Do not share what you see at parties outside of an event. Even vague details might result in someone accidentally being “outed”.
- Do not openly make judgments or comment negatively on the fetishes, play, or kinks of others at the party.
- *You are not expected to get off on, or even approve of, all the activities you'll witness at a party. Please do not comment negatively or in a judgmental way if you see something that you don't like or agree with. A party is not the time to push an agenda or try and “save” others from a certain style of play.*

# What happens at a party?



## SLAVE LEIA PILLOW FIGHT

Somewhere there's a nerd with only two wishes left.

# What happens at a party?

- What to expect?

- It all depends on who comes to the party and what they – or you – are plotting. Every party evolves differently. There's no requirements for what sort of play will happen.

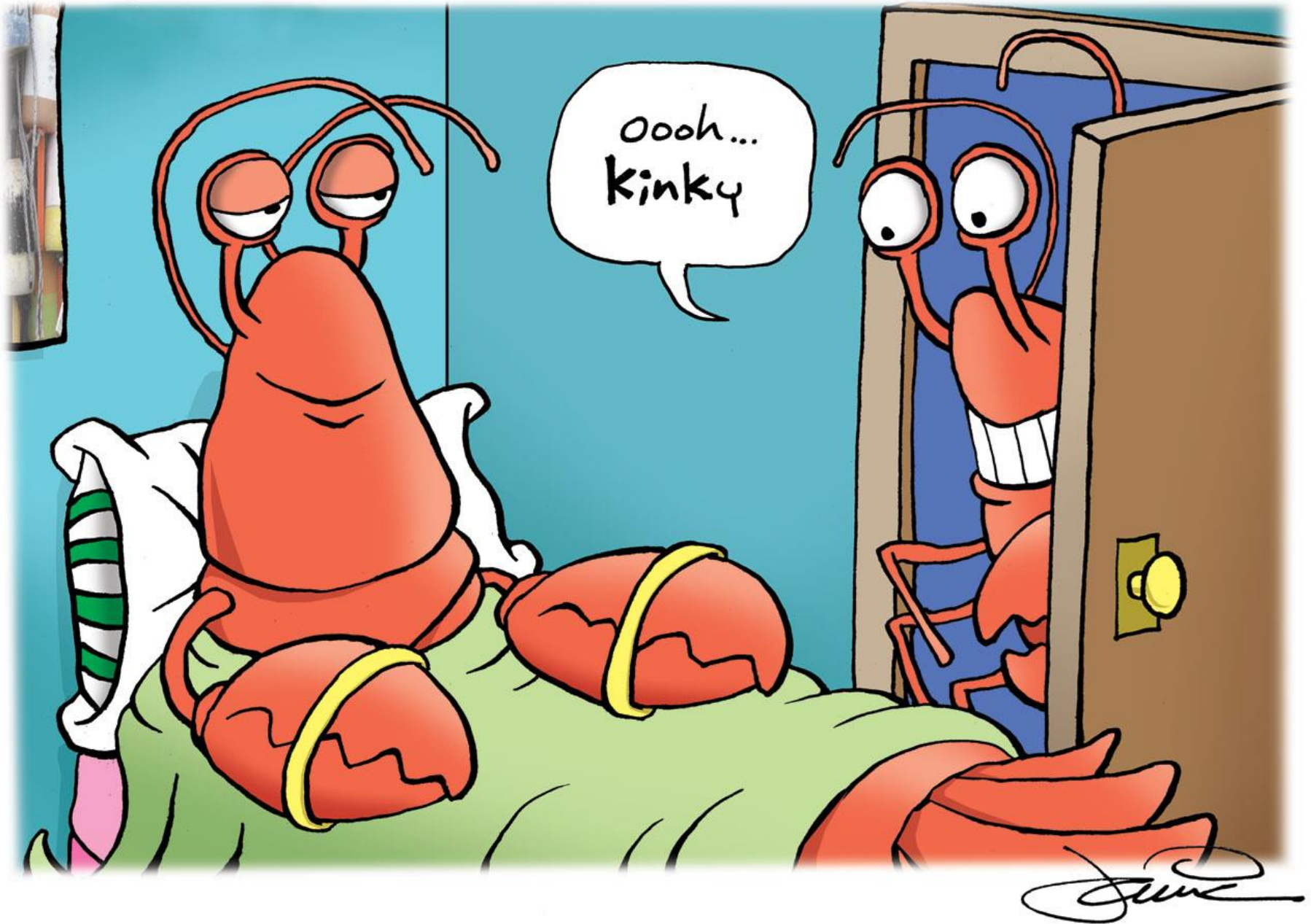
- That being said... here's some of what you might be likely to see:

- Impact play: spankings, flogging, caning, body punching, etc.
- Bondage: rope bondage and suspensions, mummification, industrial and medical restraints (handcuffs and leather cuffs)
- Sensation play: wax, knives, electrical, fire, needles
- Power exchange: Protocols and rituals, service submission, physical Dominance (take downs and wrestling)
- Also you could see: Pet play, age play, boot blacking and other leather lifestyle activities



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# What will or won't happen to you at a party?

- You do NOT have to play. You can say NO to anyone at anytime.
  - There is no obligation to participate in any activity because you attended a party.
- Your kink is not my kink, and that's okay...
  - Do what makes you happy or gets you hard / wet / hard & wet. Don't worry about what anyone else thinks or might think. A party is not a competition for who is the most hardcore or who has the best skills at what.

# Watching is encouraged.

- No play and lots of watching is just fine; just be a respectful spectator.
- It's okay if you see something that makes you uncomfortable.
  - If something disturbs you, you're invited to stop watching and leave the room. Please talk to someone you know and trust if this happens.



# Who are you?

- Who attends a kink play party?
  - Perverts, sluts, kinksters, fetishists, oh my?!?
  - People who wish to mingle with the local BDSM community.
  - People who want to use the venue and time for BDSM play.
- Who attends a Utah TNG play party
  - Anyone who falls within the guidelines of our mission statement. Anyone ages 18 to 35 and their partners.
- Who runs a play party?
  - The event organizers, venue staff, and volunteers.
    - The Admin group of Utah TNG organizes and is in charge of running their play parties.
    - Volunteers include: Party assistants (setup, cleanup, Dungeon Monitors)



Ensuring safety  
is serious  
business



# What is a Dungeon Monitor? (DM)

- Dungeon Monitors will have specific insignias or apparel, decided by the venue, so as to make them easy to identify.
- They are the eyes and ears of the event host.
- Are the “hall monitors” of play areas and the party in general.
- Have the final say on what scenes are or are not allowed.
- Are the only non-involved people who can adjust, move, or outright stop a scene.
- Off duty, non playing DMs are good sources of general info.

## • A Dungeon Monitor is not

- Your mother, your maid, your butler. Dungeon monitors are not responsible to find people for you to play with, clean up after your scenes, or fetch you an item you may be missing or have forgotten.
- Your conscience or an infallible safety net. DMs may intervene during a scene at their discretion. However, ultimately, personal safety is up to the people involved in playing.

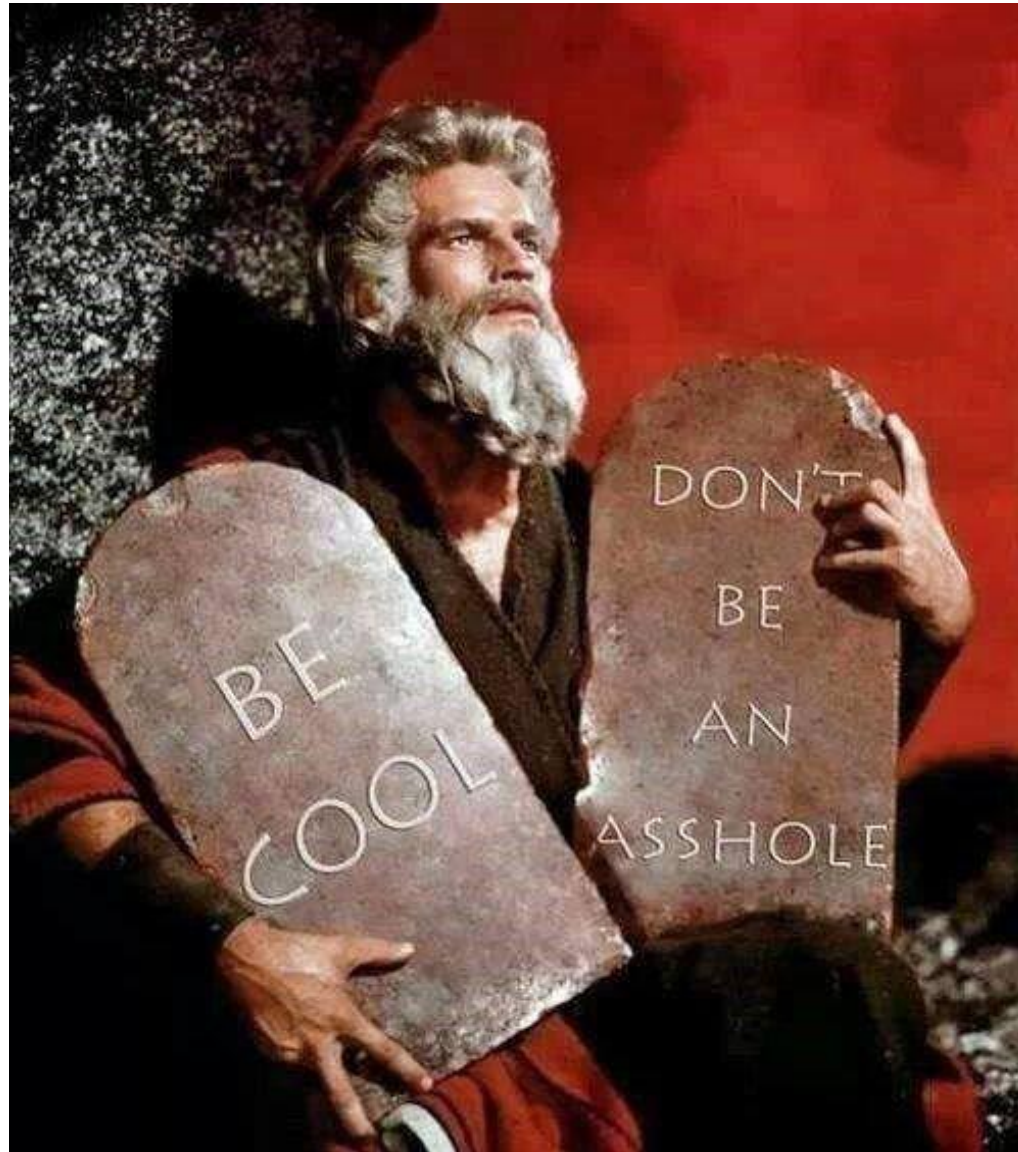
This is not the  
DM we're talking  
about.



# When should I talk to a DM?

- If your scene might violate or skirt the edge of a venue's rules.
  - Better safe than sorry applies here as playing outside the rules at a venue might get you ejected or even banned.
  - Types of play that might violate rules or require special permission or special safety measures might include.
    - Blood play or other bodily fluids, fire play, a large disruptive scene (12 man riot or Caligula-esque orgy), food or splashing play, firearms, extra long or messy scenes, etc.
- If your play needs extra space or close monitoring.
  - They can help coordinate or move furniture if needed.
- If you see something that disturbs or bothers you.
  - If others are playing in a way you think might not be safe, inform a DM. They are the ones who can intervene, or explain to you why that play is allowed to continue.
  - DMs can help talk you through or process something if any form of play has bothered, triggered, or offended you.

# There are rules



# Party and Dungeon Rules

- Like life in general, there are rules. BDSM events have rules too.
- Many rules are universal or should be common sense.
- Rules may differ between different venues, or events at the same venue. Always make sure to read through the disclaimer, listen carefully at an orientation, and pay attention to these differences.
- Rules may be intended to ensure order, safety, cover expected behavior, and/or forbidden activities.
- Ask someone if you aren't aware of or do not understand any rules you encounter.
- Rules on photography are often specific to the venue and event.
  - Always make sure any body part of any person in a photograph belongs to a body that has consented to being in that photo.
  - Most venues will require a DM to verify any photography taken.
  - Your phone or camera might be confiscated if in violation of a venue or event's photography policy.



**LET'S GET YOU  
HOME BUDDY**



**DAMMIT FRANK  
KEEP IT TOGETHER**

# Drugs and alcohol

It is extremely important that you be of sound mind to offer or withdraw consent, or to safely play with potentially harmful activities and items. If you arrive unable to do so, by virtue of your drug or alcohol intake, you will be asked to leave and may not be invited back.

**For this reason, Utah TNG's Drug/Alcohol policy is simple: None.** *If you arrive impaired, either because you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or because you didn't take your legally prescribed medication, you'll be invited to go home. If we catch you drinking or using drugs (of any kind) at a Utah TNG event, you will be asked never to come back to another Utah TNG event.*

Some events or venues allow guests to drink during the party, and their rules will address how to handle drinking and playing. It is our recommendation that you err on the side of caution while doing so.

**STILL**



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**NO GIRLFRIEND**

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# Play Party Etiquette

## Lesson One: How to behave among the natives

- Keep food and drink in designated areas. Usually only water is allowed into a play area
- Limit the use of strong fragrances and odors.
  - Bathing and brushing your teeth before attending an event is recommended. Things get hot and sweaty enough as it is.
  - Dousing yourself in axe/perfume, can overwhelm others.
- Know and respect the door times for the event.
- Keep your attire and behavior vanilla until you enter the venue.
- Have a valid government issued ID and cash ready when you walk in the door.
- Park according to any suggestions regulated by the venue operators.
- Store your personal belongings and toy bags in a suitable area.
  - Venues will specify where and how is appropriate.



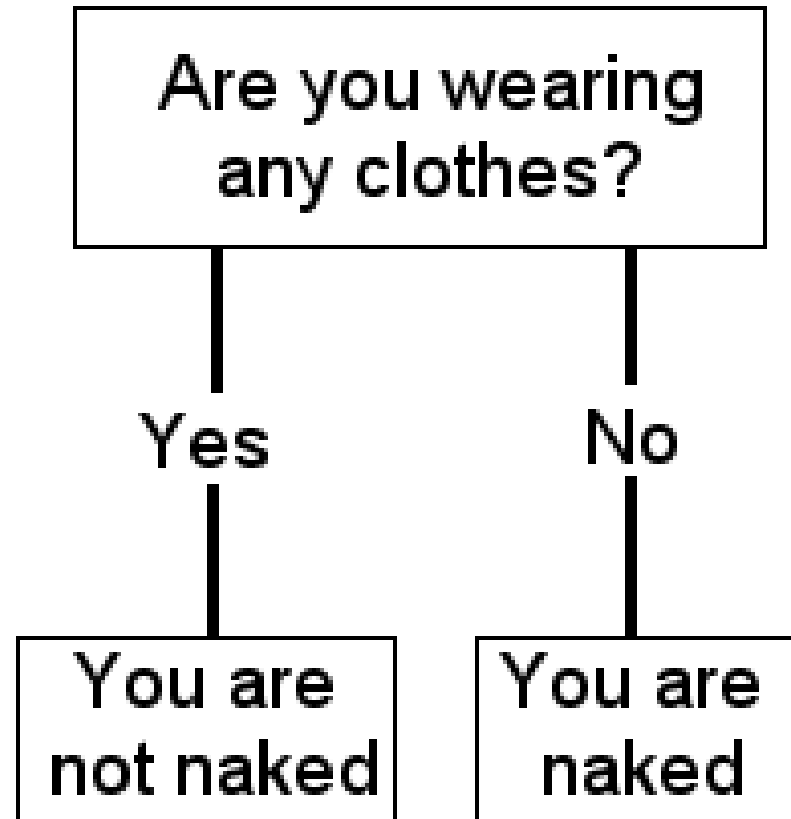
# What to wear

Once inside the venue there can be dress codes, or encouraged or discouraged attire.

- Kink attire is almost always encouraged
  - Rubber, latex, leather, corsets, lace, silk, fishnets, Gothic wear, uniforms, ultra formal wear, cross dressing, erotic clothing and costumes
    - Be advised it is best not to wear the uniform of a law enforcement official from the state in which the event is held.
  - If all else fails, pull that suit or little black dress out of the closet.

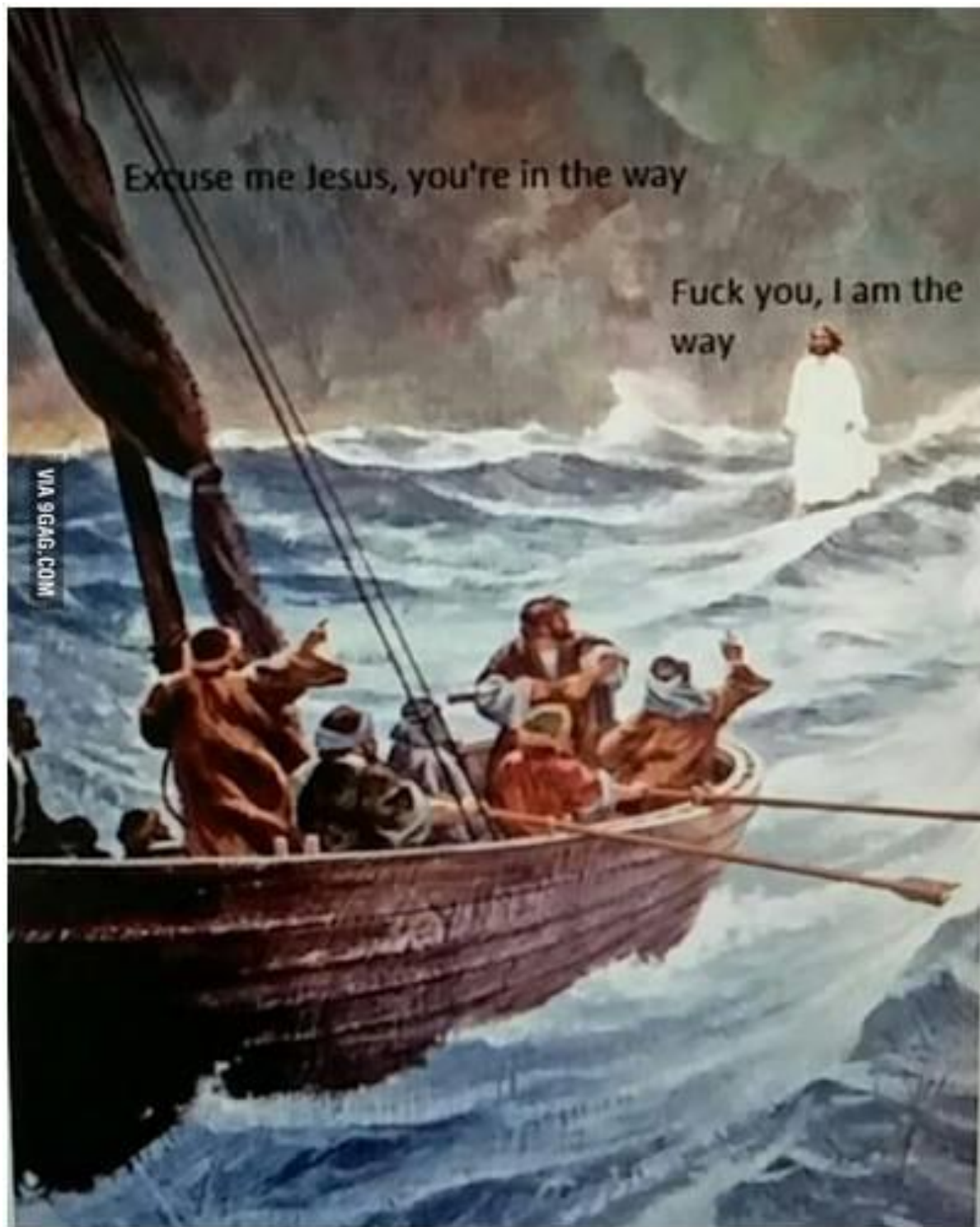






## Do I have to get naked?

- Be as dressed up or undressed as makes them comfortable.
  - While nudity is of course encouraged and enjoyed, there is no requirement to get naked. Please tell someone if you're being pressured to show more skin than makes you comfortable.



Be a  
respectful  
spectator

# Play Party Etiquette Continued

## Lesson Two: Be a respectful spectator.

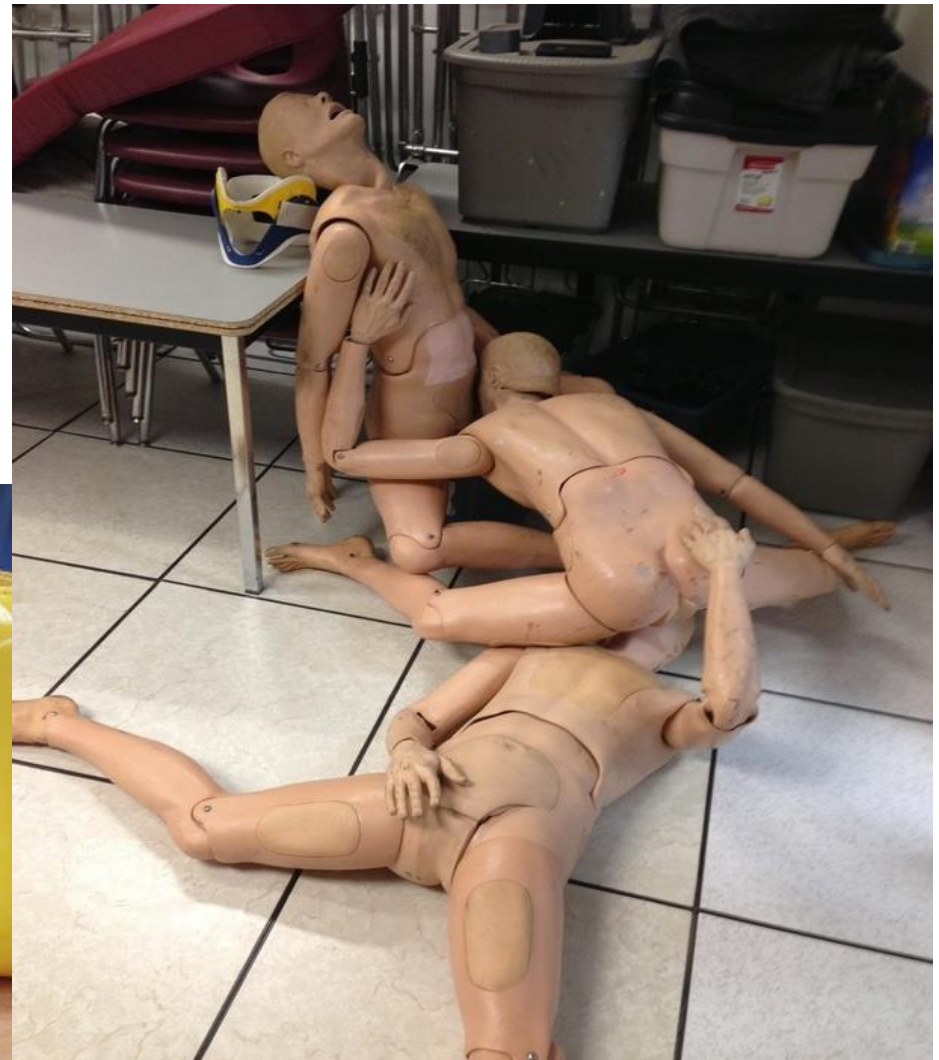
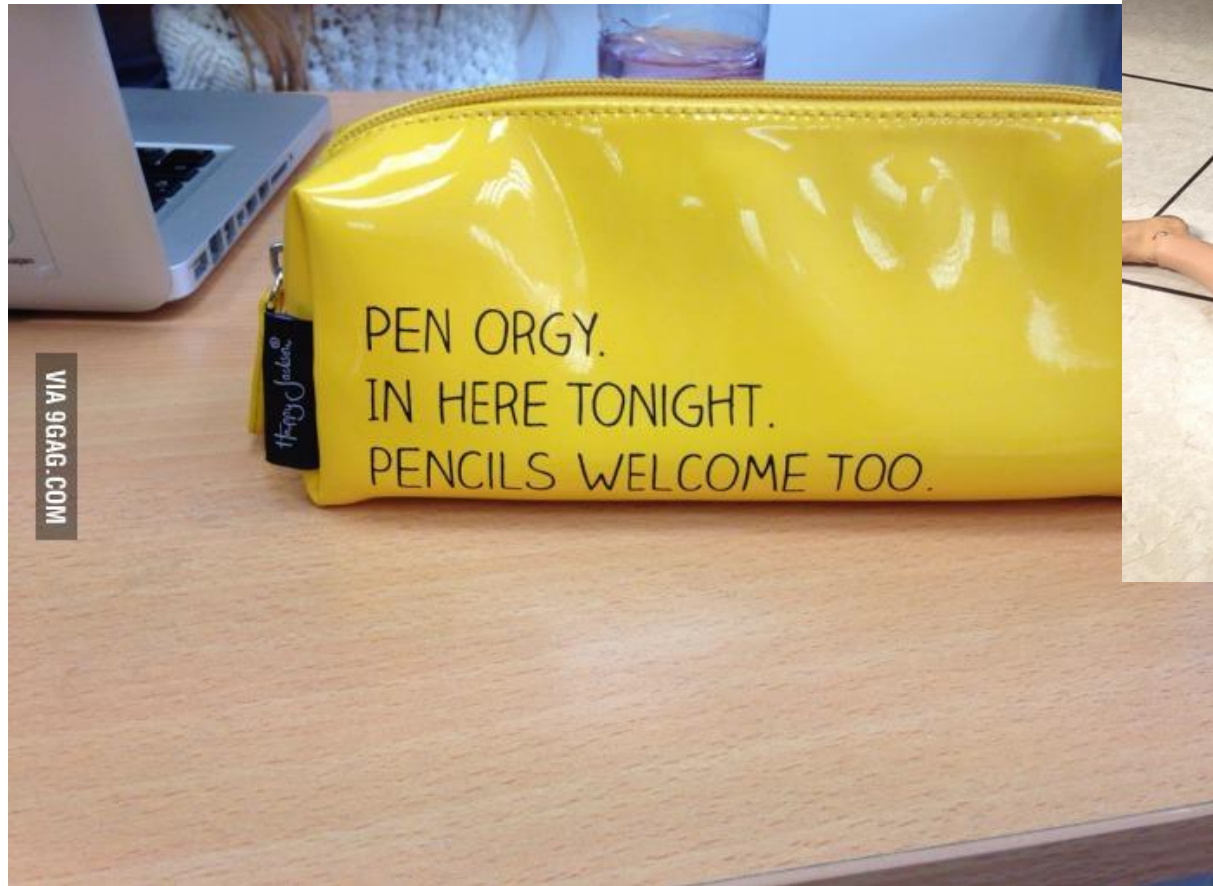
- Do not interfere with scenes in progress.
- Be mindful of your distance, don't hover.
- Be reasonably quiet in play areas.
- Keep social activities and chat in the social areas.
- This is not the time to:
  - Ask questions, critique, or join in.
- There is never a time to:
  - Cat call, applaud, or touch people or things without consent.
- The scene is not over until the players are up and moving around the party.

# More Play Party Etiquette

## Lesson Three: How to play amongst the natives:

- Clean up after yourself. If you leave a mess, you'll be invited back to clean it up.
- Be respectful of time and space. If you are using a piece of equipment/furniture, or are in a high traffic area, please do not do lengthy scenes. Please allow everyone an equal chance to play.
- Ask for help with an unfamiliar piece of equipment.
- People in need of aftercare, just like the pregnant and elderly, get priority seating. Usually couches or armchairs are provided in venues for this reason.
- Use appropriate equipment for scenes: sharps containers for needles, don't do wax play on couches or carpeted floor.
- Pay for play is not allowed
  - Prostitution or solicitation of any good or services, including sex, is not allowed at any Utah TNG events.

# Sex?... yes please





# Sex and Play

- Follow the rules
  - Venues and events will have specific guidelines for where or when sexual contact might be allowed or what safety barriers might be required.
  - Learn and respect those rules, even if they annoy you, regardless of the policies within your relationships for sex and use of barriers.
- Respect the level of involvement of intercourse or sexual contact people wish to involve in their play.
  - If someone is pressuring you to involve more sexual contact in your play, remind them that “no means no”, and “only yes means yes”.
  - If someone's play is more sexual than you'd enjoy observing, you're invited to leave the room or step away from the scene.
- When does the orgy start?
  - Utah TNG welcomes safer sex in all forms. Utah TNG play parties aren't orgies. Group sex and random hookups aren't the purpose for the party.

# Know your wildlife



# Know your wildlife

How to recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ of your dreams.

- Does he/she/they/it belong to someone?
  - How do you tell?
    - Look for signs: collar, bracelets, a literal sign around their neck
    - When in doubt, just ask.
      - If they don't answer, speech restrictions or other protocols may be in force. The individual will probably do what they can to communicate in other ways in that instance.
- BDSM relationships can...
  - Last from minutes to a lifetime.
  - Be as simple as deciding who gets tied up and spanked tonight, or as complex as a negotiated Master/slave contract.
  - Have elements of role play involved.
  - Be negotiated.

Any or all combinations of the above, or all of the above

KINKMUNCH

SO, WHAT'S YOUR PREFERENCE?  
DOM, SUB...?

dishwasher

fridge

OH NO, I'M  
A SWITCH.

# Interacting with the local wildlife

Honor and respect individual rights and existing relationships.

- If someone seems like a Dominant type:
  - Don't fall to your knees at their feet, call them “Master” or “Mistress” and grovel. Simply speak to them with the normal respect you'd give anyone. If they do or don't want to talk or interact with you, they'll make it pretty clear.
  - If they appear to be, or obviously state they are, in a relationship, be sure to respect whatever rules or limitations they have in regards to playing with people outside that relationship.
- If someone seems like a submissive type:
  - Remember submissive does not mean doormat or common property. Regardless of someone's “owned” or unattached relationship status. Any non-consensual touching, playing, or assumption of role scenarios is not only rude, but also grounds to be ejected from a party.
- We don't provide free range submissives. Unattached submissives are not fair game for any wandering “dominant” type. Treat everyone with respect and courtesy. If someone doesn't seem interested, leave them alone.



# Play nice with the natives



# That new play partner smell

- When playing with someone for the first time, regardless of their or your previous skill level and experience, here are some helpful guidelines.
  - It is often recommended to mostly just watch at your first play party. There's no prohibition from playing at your first party. It just helps some people feel more comfortable and at least to just be able to watch the first time out.
- Ask their level of experience.
  - Be honest about your experience and skill level regardless of your preferred role in the scene. Over exaggerating what a badass Top you are, or how hardcore of a masochist you might be, will not lead to clear expectations.
- Get a recommendation.
  - If they're well known and have been around a little while, people are likely to know about their experience and how they play. No one who has experience in the lifestyle would have any problem with this.



# PLANNING

You should never, ever combine carne asada dinner night with rubber fetish night

[motifake.com](http://motifake.com)

Planning can be difficult...

# Scene planning suggestions

- Ask about any health issues, phobias, or triggers.
- Thoroughly negotiate the scene.
- Explain intentions, expectations, limits, and desires clearly.
  - Clearly define expectations and intentions on both sides. Don't just focus on what you won't do, or don't want from the scene. Also talk about what each of you is hoping to experience and enjoy.
- Select/Use safe words.
- Play soft the first time – you don't have to go hard or go home. Take it easy, get to know yourself and your new friend. Most importantly, have fun.

# Safety... third?





# Dungeon Safety

- Keep your play space clean and clear.
  - Leave room around your scene for others to play and pass by.
- Inspect equipment before using it.
  - If you're unsure how to use equipment, ask a DM for help.
  - Don't play on broken equipment.
- Protect all surfaces from messy play.
  - Use chux, tarps, or drop clothes as needed.
- Use STD / STI protection as needed or required by the venue.
- Clean equipment thoroughly.
  - Use 70% isopropyl alcohol or Cavicide and paper towels or disposable wipes to clean all surfaces.
  - Pickup and properly dispose of any used materials.
  - Place all medical waste or sharps in the proper receptacle and container.
  - Gather all of your toy and belongings.



**DANGER**

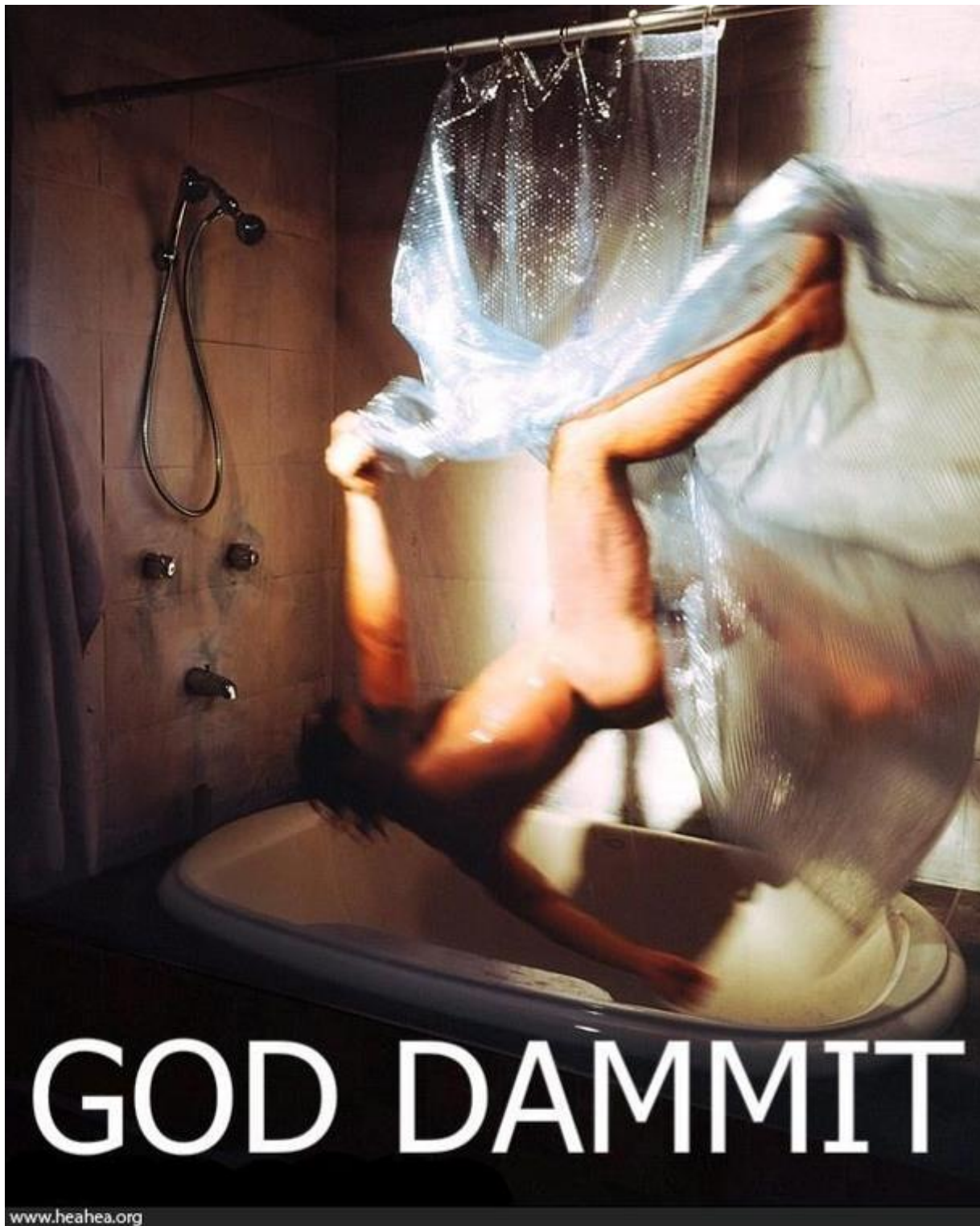
**DO NOT TOUCH**

**NOT ONLY WILL THIS KILL  
YOU, IT WILL HURT THE WHOLE  
TIME YOU ARE DYING**

# In case of Emergency

Calm the fuck down!!!

- Non-Emergency problems that seem like an emergency.
  - Try talking to people, but failing that, find a DM or event organizer. Waiting may not be in your best interest, so please address the issue right away. Problems can't be addressed if they're not known. Confidentiality will always be respected and honored.
- Actual emergency emergencies.
  - MEDICAL: boo boo, cut, fall, stabbing, demonic possession
    - Act according to the seriousness of the situation.
      - Minor? Get a DM, event volunteer, or event organizer.
      - Major? Don't hesitate to call 911 first; then inform someone running the party second. Those running the party will stabilize the situation until the professionals arrive.
  - Structural: fire, leak, roof collapse, flood, or other acts of the flying spaghetti monster
    - Inform an event volunteer and then head for the nearest exit.



# In case of emergency personnel

Sometimes police, fire, or medical personnel are called to a location during a party. Event organizers might have to call them, or they may arrive unannounced. When that happens, everything is still okay. The authorities are aware of what locations are used for kink parties. They've seen weirder and worse.

If the authorities show up at a party, please do the following.

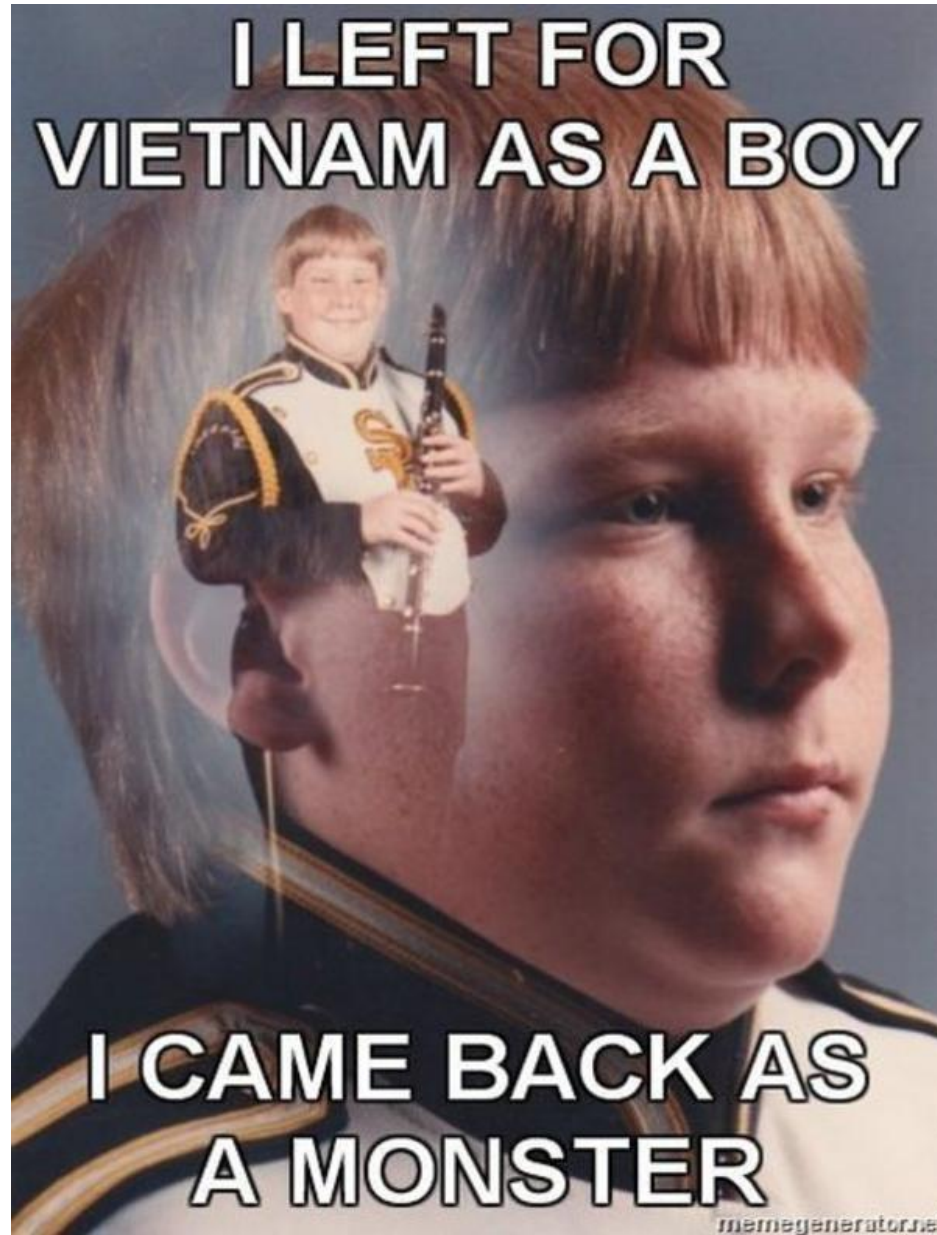
- Stop playing or wrap up your play as soon as possible.
  - Don't finish that flogging, just put the toys away. If you're running needles, take the needles out and bandage up the bottom.
- Get dressed.
  - Find a comfortable calm place to wait until play can resume.
- Keep your ID with you.
  - It isn't guaranteed they'll check, but better safe than cause a disruption or confusion.



# In Summary

- Be safe
- Have fun
- Be aware
  - Of rules and appropriate manners.
  - Of any relationships or protocols in place.
  - Of consent.
- If you're unsure about something, ask questions.
- Be respectful of the space and the efforts of all the people who made this evening possible.

Did this orientation change your life?



# Thank You

For taking the time to learn from this orientation. We here at Utah TNG are grateful to those who choose to share your lives, loves, and kinks with us. We appreciate you trusting us to provide you with a safe, peaceful space to play and grow in. We will do our best not to disappoint.

We enjoy having these parties. We love when people offer to lend a hand or have suggestions. Please remember to thank all those who volunteer so much time to make these parties possible.

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