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# BEGUILED IS *OVER!*

...NOW WHAT?!

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# THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL BEGUILED 2024 TEAM!

- You guys did a great job transitioning to the *Capitalist Apocalypse Edition*.
- We're looking forward to the end of capitalism, but until then, hopefully we'll get a new hotel!
- Next up in the community...

# WHAT'S NEXT? AN INTRODUCTION!

- In coming up with this class idea, we recognized that many members of the online ethical hypnokink community are *very online*, and struggle to access in-person communities and events.
- Our goal is to help our community to feel more prepared and comfortable reaching out to their extended kink opportunities in the form of:
  - In-person Hypnokink conventions
  - In-person BDSM and other subculture events and communities
  - Wider online social spaces
- There's a wide world of wonderful, pervy people out there... it's time to go meet them!

# WHO ARE WE?

- Sunshine

- Mid-40s. She/her. Trans/queer/plural/autistic/furry. All sorts of good subcultures and neurospicy stuff.
- Active in kink communities since the very early 2000s. Recently back in hypnokink spaces! Generally sub-aligned but knowledgeable about toppy things!
- Attends Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Delaware kink events including BPH and The Owl's Nest.
- Partnered to, bound by, and in lesbians with her Enchantress, Lady Alienor (also she/her).

- Techfreak

- 27. He/him. Cis straight male. LGBTQIA+ ally. Autistic/ADHD. Certified friend shaped friend.
- Joined the online hypno community in late 2019, helped run online cons during early covid, started going to in person conventions starting with Beguiled 2022. Sub leaning switch!
- Attends Beguiled and Charmed hypnocons regularly. Resides primarily in the HypnoKink discord server and has lots of experiencing interacting in online spaces.
- The guy who tends to get associated with boobs and subby flustering.

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  - The Oikos
- ... and all the headpats that got Techfreak to where he is today.

# WHAT'S THE PLAN?

- When we're done here, we hope you have gained the following skills and knowledge:
  1. How to find communities offline
  2. What kinds of communities are available offline and online
  3. How to know if offline communities are good/safe for you
  4. How to behave in offline spaces as either a submissive or a dominant (or neither, or both!)
  5. How to connect with individuals online

# BEFORE WE GET INTO THE MEAT OF IT

- Let's have a quick primer on some kink standards and terms.
- Feel free to ask if you aren't sure what anything means.
- We're starting *very basic* because we want this talk to be accessible to everyone.

# KINK ORIENTATIONS

Type	Role	Description (“Someone who...”)
Power Exchange	Dominant	... enjoys taking control from their partner
	Submissive	... enjoys giving control up to their partner
	Switch	... enjoys both
Sensation and Bondage	Top	... enjoys providing stimulation/sensation/penetration or doing bondage
	Bottom	... enjoys receiving stimulation/sensation/penetration or being bound
	Versatile/Switch	... enjoys both
Pain	Sadist	... enjoys inflicting pain in a sensual context
	Masochist	... enjoys receiving pain in a sensual context

There are a *lot* of terms in the kink world, but these have specific meanings that are important in defining roles between community members.

Someone may be any combination of the three main types! Submissive tops, masochistic dominants, and sadistic bottoms are all valid! There is no “wrong way” to express a kink orientation.



# A QUICK PRIMER ON BASIC KINK ETIQUETTE

- Unless you have an established, negotiated relationship with another person who you are meeting, *everyone you meet is just a person*. Don't make assumptions that subs are all going to be submissive to you, or that dominants want you to kneel or use honorifics to refer to them.
- While conventions are a kink space and very kink-friendly, every new relationship is between equals and people until negotiated.
- Be kind, polite, and friendly, but not groveling or overly deferential/demanding. A lot of dominants may enjoy minor demonstrations of deference – such as offering to hold a door – and many subs may enjoy assertive behavior from dominants. But leave it there, and don't take it past that point until an agreement exists.
- If a person isn't into you, that's okay. Be kind and move on.
- If you're meeting a person who you know online, but they seem different or not as approachable in person, take a step back and maybe talk with them online. Give them the space to acclimate.

# HELPFUL TIPS FOR IN-PERSON SPACES

- Paying attention to personal appearance can help greatly in in-person spaces.
- Grooming, cleanliness, and dressing well can all act as signals that you *care about yourself*.
- People are more likely to want to engage with community members who show that they are putting forth an effort to present themselves well.
- This doesn't mean you have to dress according to society's expectations! Effort is not gendered, nor does it look like any specific thing.
- Likewise, try to be a little outgoing! It can be difficult to find the spoons to engage, but being open to joining spaces will make it easier for others to make the effort to get to know you.

# PART 1

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PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST (OR NEXT) IN-PERSON HYPNOCON

# IN-PERSON HYPNO EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD\*

- **January:** Charmed (Maryland, USA)
- **April:** NEEHU (New Hampshire, USA), HYDE (Germany)
- **June:** Beguiled (Illinois, USA)
- **September:** Deepmind Darkwood (Massachusetts, USA)
- **November:** UKRHW (Wales, UK)
- **Monthly:** MindPlay East Midlands Skillshare (Nottingham, UK), Hypnothetical (Rotterdam, NL), Suggestion (Near Germany, NL)

\* Inclusion in this list is **not** an endorsement of these events. We haven't vetted them. Do your research!

# PREPPING FOR CHARMED 2025

- Charmed is a great time! Hosted in Maryland, US and run by a wonderful group of people.
- Cost is reasonable – Hotel is about \$125/night, and ticket prices can be reduced by volunteering or early-bird registration.
- It's a fun-filled, educational four/five days with lots of community and educational engagement!
- Highlights for Charmed:
  1. Many classes presented by skilled educators and community members, from 101s to advanced techniques
  2. The vendor room for our community's pervy wares
  3. The "Gallery of Living Art," a unique exhibition of hypnotized subjects in various situations
  4. Hanging around with your friends from online, sharing meals, and building lifelong bonds
  5. There's a dungeon, if you can find time to prioritize it over all the other amazing stuff!



# WANT TO GO TO CHARMED? START PLANNING NOW!

- Charmed is in January 2025, and needs some prep.
  - Plan your finances. Figure out plane tickets or transit. Find a roommate!
  - Join the Charmed discord and meet people. Socialize!
  - Don't overload yourself. You can't make it to every class. Manage your spoons and make time for yourself and your friends.
- Make plans to see your friends! Every convention is better if you've got a crew waiting to spend time with you.

# WHAT DO I DO AT CHARMED, THOUGH?

- **Classes**
  - Just like Beguiled, except hybrid!
  - Go to an in-person class, then chill out and watch a hybrid/online one.
- **Socializing**
  - The reason many people continue to go to cons
  - Mention D&D and see how many people turn your way
  - Playing games, going out for food, and chatting
- **Playing**
  - In person scenes!!!
  - Get ahead of the game and socialize online
  - Can be private and intimate to public (for con goers) scenes with an audience

# IS THAT ALL?

- Volunteer
  - Volunteering at Charmed is a great way to have a bird's eye view of the community
  - Make friends and get involved with helping the community thrive
- Exhibiting
  - If you're already an experienced hypnotist or hypnotee, you can sign up for the Gallery of Living Art
  - If you're crafty, you can vend your wares at the community vendor room
- Meet New People
  - It's amazing to be in a space where random strangers are into *your thing* and understand you. New friends are around every corner and in every elevator ride.
  - Please don't try to "meet" the hotel staff, though. Just other con-goers!



# HOW TO FIND PLAY AT CONS

- Socialize
  - Talking to people and finding common interests is a good way to lead into potential scenes.
- Wishboards
  - On con servers as well as an actual board at some cons!
- No play at con ≠ failure
  - Not everyone is looking for play
  - People generally want to get to know you first (very important for first time congoers)

# HELPFUL CONVENTION TIPS

- Remember the 6/2/1 rule – At least six hours of sleep a night, at least two *real meals*, and at least one shower per day will make everyone's con experience better!
- Food at cons can be tricky. If you have the money, meal delivery services can be a great and cheaper alternative to the hotel restaurant. If you can plan ahead, the Charmed con hotel is near enough to a Target and a grocery store that you can catch a ride with someone and shop for provisions!
- Bring more essentials than you think. Extra underwear and an extra change of clothes, especially.
- Wear real shoes. Don't make Sunshine's mistake and try to spend an entire convention in sandals.
- Con spaces can be loud and busy, so if you're sensitive to noise, having a set of earplugs to block out noise for a little "you time" can be extremely helpful.
- Conventions can be fatiguing. Take time for yourself to rest and recharge.

# ETIQUETTE FOR SOCIALIZING AT CONS

- Everyone at the con is *just people*.
- This means everyone. Celebrities from the scene, people you've known online, people you've seen on OnlyFans... everyone is *just people*. Treat them as such.
- Get to know people as people first. Socialize. Say hello and make connections. It's fine to mention that you're looking for a scene/play partner, but most people don't want to be scene/trance dispensers!
- Never offer to pay someone for their time or attention. We're there as a community, and sex work at the con is forbidden, though we do support our sex-working friends! Just save it for outside con space.
  - Some vendors do offer services! Charmed 2024 featured a photographer who could be hired for glamour shots.
- Don't succumb to sub or dom frenzy at your first con. This might be your first time around people who *get you* in person, and it can be overwhelming. Try to keep it cool.
- Remember basic kink etiquette.

# PART 2

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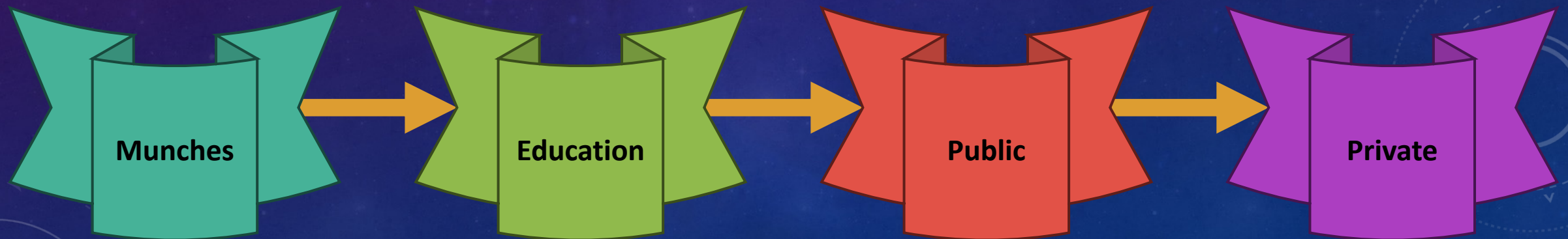
FINDING AND JOINING IN-PERSON KINK COMMUNITIES

# WHY JOIN NON-HYPNO COMMUNITIES?

- Hypnosis as a kink is growing, and our community is lovely and strong, but it remains small compared to the broader world of BDSM, fetish, and other communities that actively hold in-person events.
- The PA/DE/MD area (Sunshine's home turf) has two major hypnosis events each month... and over a dozen BDSM munches plus play events hosted in at least four major metropolitan areas.
- Getting out and interacting with the greater kink community gives both a greater sense of connectedness to people *and* a greater mix of opportunities for meeting partners and having fun.
- Just because a group isn't into *your thing*, it doesn't mean they can't be an amazing, worthwhile group.

# WHAT KIND OF IN-PERSON EVENTS ARE THERE?

- The greater kink world is structured with increasing levels of privacy in mind.
- In general, you find communities through word of mouth or Fetlife, then attend *munches*, move to *skill shares and classes*, then get opportunities to attend *play parties* and *private play events*.
- Each level of event effectively acts as a vetting process to establish your good name and reputation.



# HOW TO FIND YOUR FIRST MUNCH

- What is a “Munch,” anyway?
  - Munches are kink events that happen in non-kink spaces. Usually at restaurants, but sometimes at bars or other venues.
  - Munches are *vanilla dress* and *vanilla manners* events.
  - Respect the time and place. Don’t involve people who aren’t kinky in the kink stuff.
  - Things to do: Make friends! Eat food! Tip the waitperson. Maybe win a door prize. Hear about upcoming community events and the latest gossip from around your region!
  - Things not to do: Cruise for play/sex/partners. Make a ruckus. Kneel in a diner or act all kinky in front of the vanilla waitstaff. Stiff the waitperson. Whip *it* out.
- Munches are advertised almost universally on Fetlife in 2024. The “events” page can show many such events in your local area and give a general feel for who is likely to show up.

# THAT MUNCH WAS GREAT! WHAT NOW?

- Many people are quite happy interacting with their local community solely through munches. They're a great way to make friends with people who *get you*, even if (or especially because) that doesn't turn into anything sexual or kinky.
- Many munch communities go a step further and host classes or skill shares for education on kink topics in their local communities.
- These are often relatively basic. Experienced members of the community will meet at someone's house or a local kink venue and hold a class on flogging, rope work, D/s protocol, needle play, or any other one of the hundreds of possible topics for a kink class.
- Skillshares are recurring meetings that meet at set times each month, where community members can meet to build skills from each other.
  - Examples: The monthly Trancesylvania hypnokink and weekly "Tethered Tuesday" rope bondage skillshares at The Owl's Nest in Philadelphia.



# DOESN'T ANYONE GET BEAT AROUND HERE?

- Munches and skillshares are great and can be a wonderful way to meet and develop a reputation with like-minded members of your local kink scene.
- But sometimes someone's just gotta get whomped, you know?
- *Play events* are the next progression from educational offerings in the kink space.
- Not everyone does play events, and some people choose to focus almost entirely on them.
- Play events happen in small groups, or in large community events.
- Play events can be fully sexual in nature, involving nudity, BDSM, sexual contact, and other activities!
- Not all play events and venues have the same rules regarding such stuff, though, so make sure to fully understand the rules of whatever event you attend!

# FINDING PLAY EVENTS

- Play events are organized through local kink groups, often in major urban areas.
- Some areas have dungeons as specialized spaces with recurring events.
- Fetlife has a directory of events, but most groups will require vetting before you are welcome to join their intimate play groups.
- Don't try to skip the munch/educational step. Become a member of the community before trying to get freaky with the locals!
- Many play communities will have private events that you only become aware of by being an active community member in that space.

# UNDERSTANDING FETLIFE EVENTS

- Fetlife is a cornerstone of the kink community in a way that many hypnokinksters don't appreciate.
- *Hypnokink* isn't particularly welcome on Fetlife (Thanks, Credit Card Companies!), so we don't use it as much as the rest of the pervs.
- Fetlife is particularly popular with two groups: kinksters and *swingers*.
- Be aware that many events that are posted on Fetlife are *swinger* events, and often operate on very different rules, etiquette, and consent models than the kink and BDSM crowds.
- What we're saying is, showing up at a random hotel room with people you've never met is probably not the way you want to be using Fetlife.

# PART 3

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OPTIONS FOR ONLINE COMMUNITIES

# CONVENTION SERVERS

- Mainly active closer to and during con time.
- Very active after the con to reduce con drop.
- Great to jumpstart connections when you're shy.
- Lots of smart experienced folks.
  
- Don't forget, you are already in the Beguiled one!
- Charmed! has a server as well.



Charmed!  
<https://discord.gg/fVfc6h5Ezh>

# DISCORD COMMUNITY SERVERS

- There are too many Discord servers out there to list.
- Different vibes for different folks.
- Events and classes!
- Useful resource for vetting people for cons, should they be in the server as well
- #where-to-find-me-elsewhere after the con.
- Be responsible and safe.
  
- Obligatory HypnoKink server shoutout.



HypnoKink  
<https://discord.gg/SfEN4d3Uav>

# SLIDING INTO THEM DMS

- Servers aren't the only option.
- Connecting in DMs after cons make it easier to connect for future con or even online play!
- Ask to DM!
- Everyone is just a person (or something else they identify as). No need to be starstruck!
- Don't be a creep, *please*.
- Understand that not everyone is down for DMs.

# PART 4

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QUESTION AND ANSWER



THANK YOU!

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