



Scene Negotiations & Consent

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Agenda

- Consent
- Elements of Negotiation
- Elements of a Scene
- Practicum for Major Elements
 - Take notes and partner up

Ground Rules

- No question is off limits
- All opinions are respected
- It's a fun presentation and discussion on a VERY SERIOUS topic



Dominion ONYX

- Leatherman, Kinkster, Sadist
- Co-founder, ONYX Mid-Atlantic
 - President | Pledge Master | Treasurer
- Kink writer and Educator
- Master to a slave, Sir to a boy
- Flags (left)
 - Black - heavy S&M
 - Red - fisting
 - Pink - dildos/toys
 - Fuchsia - spanking
 - Yellow - watersports



Consent

Consent is Permission that is...

- Un-coerced
- Un-influenced
- Non-pressured
- Freely-given
- Explicit
- Required of ALL parties

Consent may be withdrawn without consequence
Watch for...

- Mood/energy/engagement changes
- Withdrawal
- Explicit statement withdrawing consent
- “Triggered” behavior

Play without
consent is
ASSAULT



Consent is a KEY concept in all things Leather/Kink/Fetish

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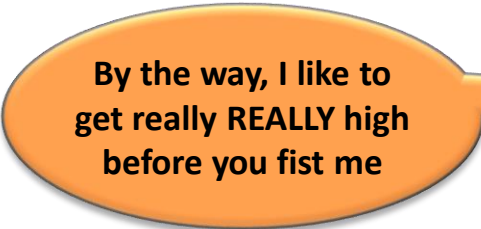
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Practicum: Consent

Give examples of

- Coerced/influenced/pressured “consent”
- Implied “consent”
- Not freely-given “consent”
- Situations where consent was not obtained from all parties

How might a change in consent manifest during a scene?

An orange speech bubble with a white outline, containing text. It is positioned to the left of a muscular man's drawing.

By the way, I like to
get really REALLY high
before you fist me



Have a plan to address these non-consent situations



Consent and Negotiation

Personal Considerations (DELTs)

- Desires
- Experience levels
- Limits (Hard and Soft)
- Triggers

Scene Boundaries

- Activities
- Safe Words/Concepts
- Headspace
- Aftercare

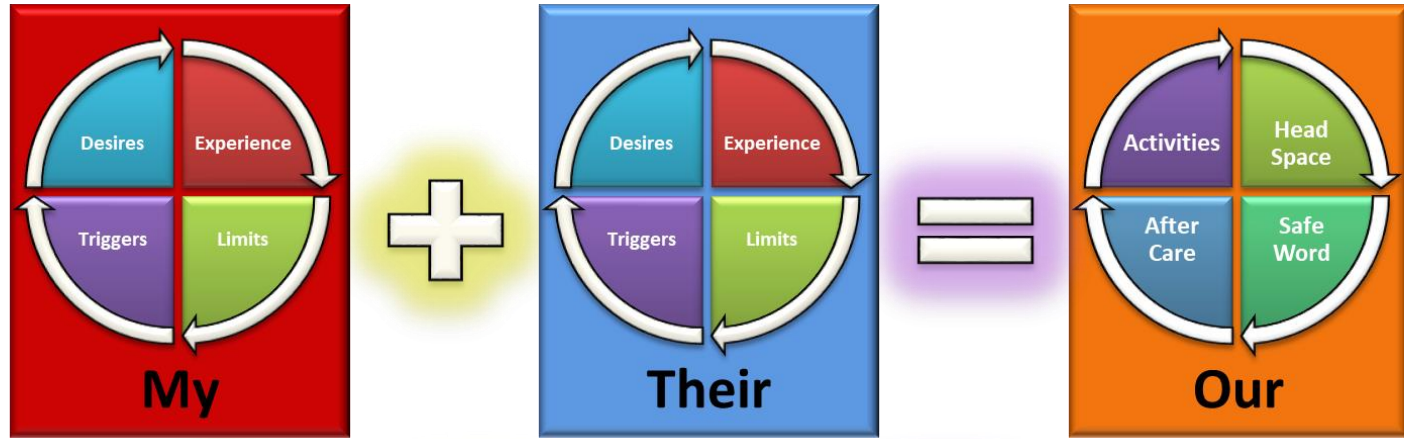
Negotiation is
conversation
not a dictation



Negotiation defines the parameters of the consent

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Scene Negotiation Formula



My DELTs will change over time

We're all equal during the negotiation




Changing DELTs require re-negotiation



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Your Desires & Experience

- What excites you about the scene?
- What do you want out of this scene?
- How do you want to feel?
 - Have you ever felt the way you want to feel?
 - Under what circumstances?
- What kind of mood is ideal for you?
- Have you done these activities before?
- Have you done your research?
- Do you have the equipment necessary?



Its ok to ask for
EXACTLY what
you want



Know the answers to these questions before the negotiation



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Practicum: What are you into?



I'm into fireplay,
fisting, scat, and
watersports

I love
leather play, butch
black girls, skunkin',
pullin' the blinds,
and poodle-ballin



Don't yuck
someone's yum
(but be honest if
you're not into it)



I'm looking for
a rubber
sissyboy slave

I wanna be a
cumdump for
as many men
as possible



This is not the time to be shy!



Your Limits & Triggers

Personal boundaries based on personal experiences, preferences, fears, and/or moral or social beliefs

Soft Limits (Flexible)

- Circumstantial (usually person/trust based)
- Activities about which you are curious but hesitant

Hard Limits (Inflexible)

- Activities that are a NO regardless of the situation
- Nothing can change your mind on it
- Violation of hard limits may constitute assault.

Triggers (Hard Stop)

- Involuntary social/mental/physical reactions
- May be spontaneous

Know your limits and triggers before the negotiation



More on Limits & Triggers

- One person's soft limit is another's hard limit
- A person's trigger must always be respected
- **THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS NO LIMITS**
 - Would you let someone cut off your arm?
 - Would you let someone kill you?
- There is a fine line between pushing a soft limit and coercion
- Triggers are not always because of a direct personal trauma
- Open communication is key

Dominants/
D-types have
limits &
triggers too!



Know your limits and triggers before the negotiation



Practicum: Limits & Triggers

What are your...

- Soft Limits?
- Hard Limits?
- Triggers?

This is a SAFE SPACE
and it is TOTAL FINE
if you don't want to
answer

You're in the middle of a scene and someone is triggered

- How does the trigger manifest?
- What would you do?

I will stop if you
call me Mommy.
It makes me feel
like a pedo!



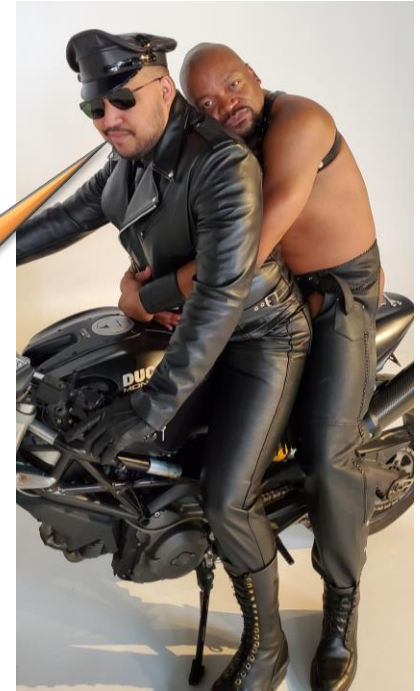
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Vetting Their Experience

- What is their reputation in the community?
- What do others who have played with them feel about their level of skill?
 - Do they respect boundaries?
 - How do they play?
 - Are they safe?
 - Do they honor safe words?
 - How extreme are they?

Am I a
Leatherman or
do I just take
good photos?



Vetting a scene partner is critical to your enjoyment & safety



Negotiation

- Done prior (well prior) to start of scene
- Influenced by everyone's DELTs
- Includes a discussion on safety philosophies
 - SSC vs RACK vs PRICK
- Results in a mutually agreed-upon
 - Time and Place
 - Activities
 - Head Space
 - Safe Words
 - Aftercare

I just wanna
get nuttid in!!!
*sends pic of hole



FOCUS,
Tyrone!!

LOVE your
hole, btw!!!



Rushing or skipping negotiation can put you at risk

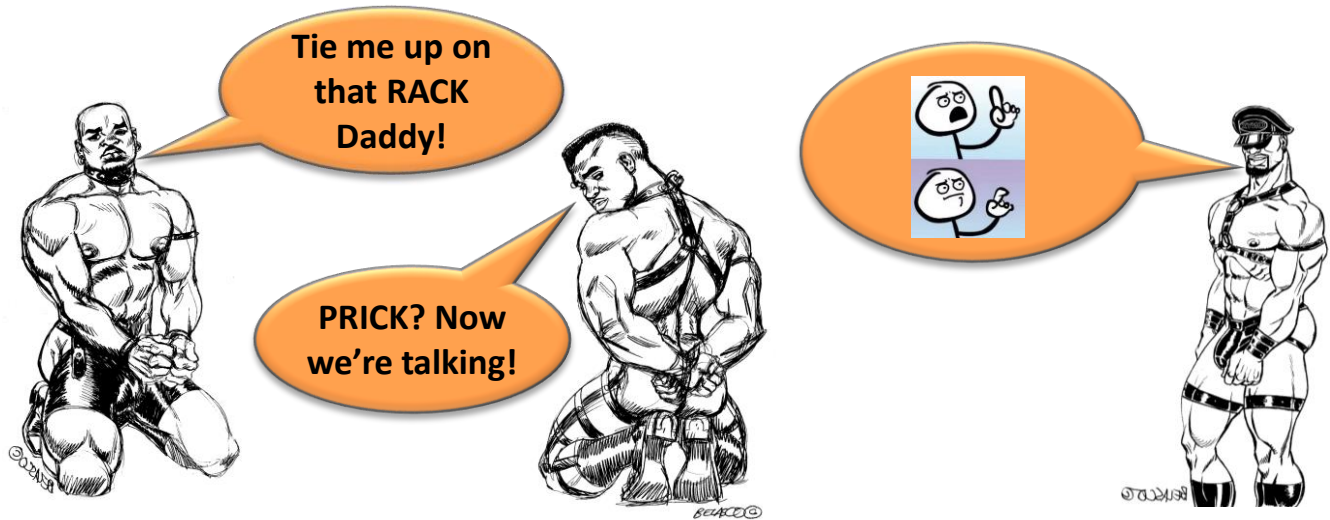
The logo for ONYX, featuring the word "ONYX" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters inside a dark oval with a glowing orange and yellow border. The background of the slide is a dramatic image of a volcano with a lava flow, and a person's legs are visible in the foreground, suggesting a bondage or kink theme.

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Safety Philosophies

BDSM practitioners use one or more kink philosophies

- Safe, Sane, and Consensual (SSC)
- Risk-Aware Consensual Kink (RACK)
- Personal Responsibility, Informed Consensual Kink (PRICK)



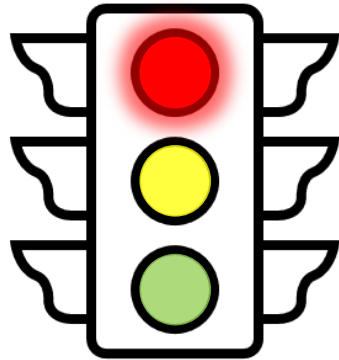
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Safe, Sane, & Consensual (SSC)

- **Safe** – We all understand the risk of the activities and either eliminate or reduce them as much as possible
- **Sane** - the need to approach activities in a sensible and realistic frame of mind, and with an understanding of the difference between fantasy and reality
- **Consensual** - all participants have freely agreed to participate in the activity and were in a state of mind to do so



This activity is risky because of <REASONS>, and we all understand that. We will not participate in activities that put our health or well-being in jeopardy, and we all agree to this.

Emphasis is on avoiding risky (not safe) activities



Risk-Aware Consensual Kink (RACK)

- **Risk-aware** - all parties are well-informed of the risks involved in the proposed activity.
- **Consensual** - having been made aware of the risks, the parties have, of sound mind, agreed to participate anyway
- **Kink** - the parties agree to participate in alternative sexual activities



These are the risks in this kink activity. Having been informed of the risks and taking agreed-upon precautions, we all agree to participate in it

Emphasis is on informed (educated) consent



Personal Responsibility, Informed Consensual Kink (PRICK)

- **Personal Responsibility** – one chooses to accept or reject the risky behavior they engaged in and live with the consequences of their choices
- **Informed** – the decision to engage is made considering research done on the activities and precautions taken as applicable or desired
- **Consensual** - having been made aware of the risks, the parties have, of sound mind, agreed to participate anyway
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These are the risks in this kink activity. Knowing this, I make the informed choice to participate and live with any consequences

PRICK is seen as “sure, whatever” by some practitioners

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SSC vs RACK vs PRICK



You could get burned so I can't do fireplay

OK, but you can still stretch my hole, though, right?

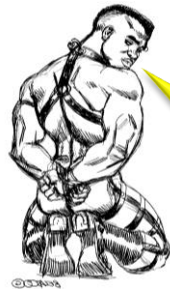


Condomless sex exposes me to HIV and other STDs. It's a no for me!



I learned fireplay from Sir Fire and have all the tools

Awesome! Do you have that fire retardant rope?



Sure, but I still get to fuck you first. HIV and STIs are crazy out here

All the tops have to show proof of a recent negative HIV test



I don't know much about fireplay, but I'm down if you are

FUCK YEAH!



Whatever bruh, I'm just trying hit that *scratches crotch furiously*

Cool, can't wait to catch that nutt *coughs uncontrollably for 30 seconds*

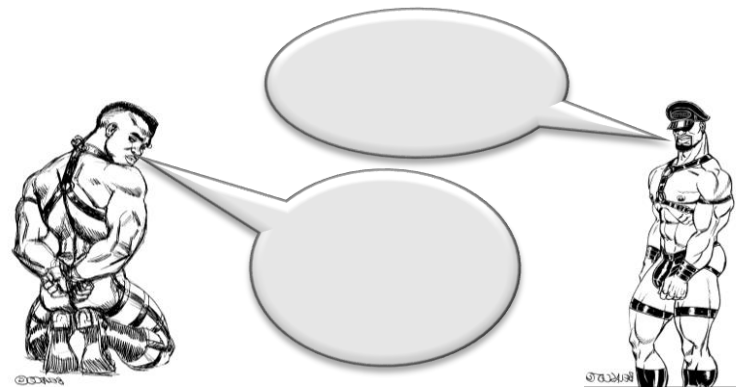
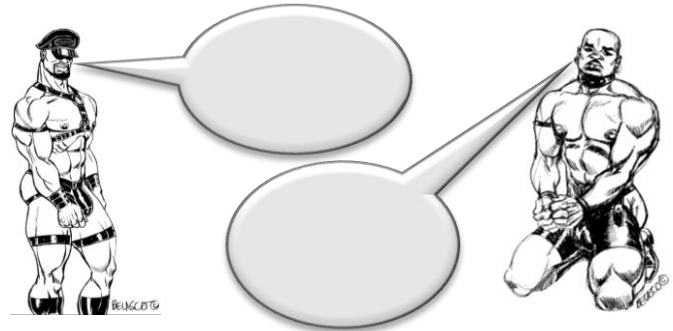


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Practicum: **SSC** vs **RACK** vs **PRICK**

Based what you are into what would a discussion look like for SSC, RACK, and PRICK?



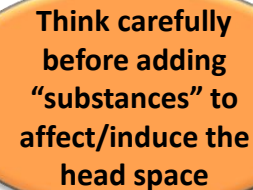
Think about scenes you've encountered in your life

A muscular man is shown from the chest up, inverted, with his arms raised and hands clasped. He is positioned in a dark, volcanic landscape with a glowing orange and red sky. Above him is a large, glowing oval containing the word "ONYX" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A bright light emanates from the oval, creating a waterfall-like effect of light and smoke that falls over the man's head.

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Head Space

- An altered state of consciousness within BDSM play where you 'lose yourself' in a scene
- Manifests in physical and emotional actions and reactions, images, feelings, and thoughts
- Experienced by both Doms and subs
- Rituals help set the mood for a good scene and good headspace
 - Actions
 - Words
 - Attire
 - Gear
 - Music

A yellow speech bubble with a black outline, pointing towards the character on the right. It contains the text: "Think carefully before adding 'substances' to affect/induce the head space".

Think carefully
before adding
"substances" to
affect/induce the
head space



You want the head space to last as long as possible

Speaking of Attire...



Don't forget your hoe bag!

I've got my ID, minimal cash, a debit card, keys, and phone



Keep the hoe bag on your body at all times, even if naked!



Practicum: Head Space

- What Rituals would you use to help set the mood?
 - Actions
 - Words
 - Attire
 - Gear
 - Music

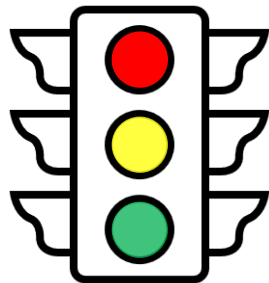
You want the head space to last as long as possible



Safe Words

Ensure submissives have a way to control or end a scene without any confusion

- An actual safe WORD - typically something one might not normally utter in the context of a scene or sexual act
- A traffic light system – the Dom will ask the sub how they are doing, to which one of the following responses is given:



Red – stop, I want this scene to end immediately

Yellow - slow down, we need to talk, I need a breather

Green - all is good, everything is fine

- Non-verbal safe words - developed for when one is unable to give verbal alerts, such when one is gagged, or mummified.

Think “ONOMATOPOEIA” instead of “NO” or “STOP”



Aftercare

Attending to participants' needs of the after the conclusion of a scene

Physical

- Helping remove restraints or blindfolds
- Providing food and water
- Providing blankets or warm clothing
- Kissing or caressing any part of their body
- Providing affection and comfort in a quiet place

Emotional

- Discussion the scene, how it made them feel
- Following up hours/days later

Self-care

What does aftercare look like for you?

Doms may need aftercare too!



Do not skip aftercare, even if they ask you to

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Summary

1. Consent is critical to a successful scene
2. You are on equal footing during negotiation
3. You must be honest about what you want and need
4. Be aware of your limits and triggers
5. Vet your scene partners
6. Do your research on a kink before trying it out and/or
7. Play with a more experienced partner
8. Don't rush or skip negotiation
9. Remember your safe word
10. Don't neglect the after care!

A yellow speech bubble with a black outline, containing the text 'Don't forget your hoe bag!'. The bubble is connected to a black and white line drawing of a muscular man by a tail.

**Don't forget
your hoe
bag!**



Remember to have fun! Otherwise, what's the point?

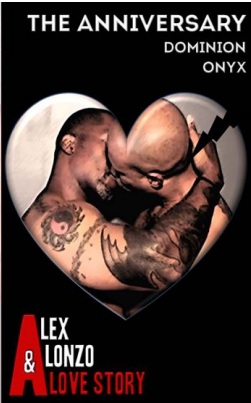


Dominion around the world...



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Lady Sasha



Kwame



slave Tyrone



Boo ONYX

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