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People extend people's lives and the quality of their lives. But it's not a glamorous disease and right, not quite why drugs? Yeah,



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I mean, they have really bad side effects. And these are things that you either side effects you really don't want to have, like, Jeffrey mentioned one of them. I mean, you know, the vomiting and all sorts of stuff. I mean, it's just not something you want to do with your life, if you can be happy and healthy. And



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I went, not to mention the cost associated, I know



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you have insurance \$30,000 a year for these medications.



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You know, what I would like to see, I would like to see a billboard, a billboard in Montrose have some kind of just reminding people of age, because I see, I see a billboard of gay.com. What is it like team up or something? Well, they haven't know now that where's the billboards in Montrose?



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There are a couple. I think there's one right? Oh, is that that may be gay.com?



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Do you know, I don't know what's going on?



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I actually think that's well. I think that's a good thing.



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I know, it's a good thing. But but it needs to be like like, you know, like don't get AIDS, you know, that's a billboard. And so this



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is the thing, the scientific community and the medical community has been saying for a long time now that there's going to be this second wave in HIV, you know, and in the epidemic, that is going to be the second wave. Really scary.



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All those public school kids who aren't being told about condoms, and yet, when they all go to college moms and dads, guess what, they're going to be more likely and more vulnerable to pick up things like HIV, or school board,



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and then they're gonna blame it on, of course, we always get the blame as the community. Well,



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I think I think there was an important sign out in the lobby that I was looking at. And they have no, they have, I think they were having an important, it was important that they have similar ones on the buses that say, you know, 60% of all new HIV infections are an African American community. Yeah. And many of them are women on the posts, right. And I think it's important that people realize that it's not just gay people that are getting this disease, it's all sorts of people. And that we really need to, to have a patient Yes. Because globally,



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the face of HIV is not a gay man.



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Rarely in America, right? Well, not only in



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America, but maybe not even in America. Because right. I mean, there's a lot of men and women who are, you know, who are straight, and they're just getting it because they aren't protecting themselves. And I think part of the reason that the gay community has this problem is because we don't get pregnant. Serious, because if you know, I think you're right, birth control is a is a is important in strict community, because because people don't want to get pregnant, you know, you don't want to have like 16 beforehand,



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if you got syphilis or gonorrhea, you just got a shot. Right? You're right. I never thought about that.



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And I think it's important that we say, you know, yes, we can't get pregnant. But that doesn't mean we can be ignorant or apathetic,



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I know about, that's why I was most vulnerable. That's why I'm saying that we need to, we need to get to the root of the problem. And that is self hating yourself. You know, let's say, for example, for example, let's say, for example, that they were to find a cure for AIDS, and, and prevention, you know, anti vaccine, and they weren't able to give that to everybody, what would happen one, once that happened, I'm afraid that we would go back to our own routines and stop the safe sex. And then we would go back to square one, and something else would come on the scene. You know, that's why I'm saying we need to get to the root of the problem. People need to stop self hating themselves, they need to, you know, to take care of themselves, they need to, you know, to have sex properly and safe. And until we get to the root of the problem, we're always going to have these problems,



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right. And, and, I mean, even if it's not HIV, it's things like herpes things you don't want, or genital warts, or, you know, things like that, that were really unpleasant that you really don't want that because, right, whatever it is, he is, especially things that are like viral, or, or, or bugs, then they're hard to get rid of viruses don't go away. And bugs are really not particularly sexy. We're easy to get rid of either. So it's not like a sound like, you know, syphilis, we can get

a shot of penicillin. You know, and I'm not saying that, and it's important that we say, you know, there's the proper thing to do is protect oneself, right? Because it's the proper thing to do,



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but before HIV came on the scene. Really, I mean, sure, syphilis and gonorrhea and all those things aren't nice. But people, people didn't die and you weren't going to get pregnant and Brian's right The reason the straight community uses condoms. It's so they won't get pregnant. Right? That's that's the reason they do that. It's not because it's sexy or because they're they don't want to get gonorrhea or syphilis. It's for the most part I'm being I making generalizations, but for the most part, so they won't get pregnant. So going back before HIV was on the scene, you know, there wasn't that incentive. I think that's insightful of you, Brian.



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Yeah. I mean, it's, I thought that, you know, people, if, if gay people actually got pregnant, then we wouldn't have this, this big problem that



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we wouldn't be vulnerable. And that's the reason why Africa is so vulnerable, because they, the contraception is not something they use, they use the church is against it,



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or it's like, it's it's not something they have. I know, in Thailand, what they used to do is they used to say, they, one of the senators found that it was so a circular problem, that he would go in in the streets with a basket of condoms and hand them out. And the the Thai government actually made a very effective method of presenting the in their clubs, they would have little escapes from friends. And they would go ahead and do these kinds of things. And it was very effective in preventing HIV



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very, Thailand is one of the most effective countries that have approached and dealt with HIV infection directly. Right.



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They've had a very, we can get it here. You know,



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I think it's because they realized that it was going to kill their people, and a large portion of their people. And they and their government responded, the government responded, they said, This is a health crisis. This is not about who's right and who's wrong. It's a health issue. And we need to take care of this health issue. And HIV is a health issue. If you're, you, if you want to be healthy, you go to the doctor, you get a checkup, you protect yourself, you know, with, with condoms, or whatever, you know, without whatever barrier method, you know, and you, you do the things, you need to be healthy, you eat properly. And all those things are important for health. And why wouldn't you? I mean, why wouldn't you? Why would you ignore your health? When if you want to live a long time? Or even just live till tomorrow? I mean, it's important.



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Yeah, it doesn't make sense to you. And maybe there are people who don't, people who don't see beyond what's connected. I mean,



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we got some people who actually think it's some kind of romantic thing to get HIV. I mean, honestly, there are some people who really believe that how so? I mean, I can't even begin to imagine. It's romantic. They they do. I mean, there are some people, you seem on the talk shows, they think it's this romantic thing to get HIV,



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or I think we're talking about a small portion where we're talking about us radicals. Yeah, you're talking about not large numbers of gay people. A very small minority. Well, I wasn't even referring to just gay people. Right? Oh, yeah. That's true.



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That's, that's a good point. Yeah. It's, it doesn't take a lot of brain cells to think, really, I want to protect myself. It's not that hard. Yes, it's going to be sexy. But you can make a taxi, if you really care.



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I tell you why you haven't chronic diarrhea. I mean, not very sexy.



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It's kind of going back to the whole apathetic theme, you know, hope, hopefully, people go out and they vote for, you know, maybe that means a gay friendly candidate, maybe that means for an initiative or against an initiative, or maybe it means they join a club of some sort. But I

think this is the bigger issue about protecting yourself and making sure you don't get a deadly disease. If you don't be apathetic in this arena.



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Yeah. Because this is, yeah, the community needs you.



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And, you know, as Jeffrey was saying, Before, the community needs you. And, and if you and you can't be effective in the community, if you're sick all the time, yep.



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And you got to think of the people that love you like my mom, she said, she said, um, you got to, when I was younger, I used to get in trouble. And she said, you know, you get into trouble. Maybe you don't care, but I care. And you need to think about me. So you just need to think about the people that love you. And, and, and imagine telling you, that your mom, your dad, whoever that you are HIV positive, because you're stupid and not wearing a condom, or having irresponsible sex and look and look in their eyes. Even if you don't love yourself, you love your mom or your dad or your family or friends.



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I think that's a good point. Right there. I mean, right. That's very good.



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It affects me more than it affects you.



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Yeah. And do keep in mind that, that it does happen in situations where people aren't careful, and they still get HIV, right.



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And so we shouldn't blame people with HIV because they're because they weren't careful. Because it and I don't



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think that's what you were trying to say. I think it's I think it's just kind of softening will



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make everybody happy, or most people you know, whatever.



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It's not their fault. You know, did they have HIV, they may not have known, they may not have known what it was at the time. And I



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mean, a lot of people have HIV or HIV today when they didn't know what HIV was right? I know where they



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were, or whatever. That's the problems we're going to have because our government knew



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what HIV was



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back on your show. They didn't know what was being transmitted. They didn't know these things. We know this was the move and it still happened and great movie and the band Why was it named? There was no ban? Well, no plane.



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I think it was from a line in the bathroom in the book. When it came symbolic. It's



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symbolic symbolic to gay ban. Well, kind of instruments do they play?



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Anyway? start wrapping up. So let's go around and say your chuteute. And

Anyway? Start wrapping up. So let's go around and say your shoutouts. And



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if my cousin April is listening, I'm giving a shout out to you. Thank you so much for listening.



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Joey Thanks for calling in. Morris. Thanks for calling in. Pablo, Lisa. Thanks for calling in. Thanks for calling in great friends. While we?



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Wait, I think we had we did have one.



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I think we had one phone call.



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We did have one person. I can't hear you at all. I'm not sure if it was part of the note can't hear you can't hear me check the volume. Okay.



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Jason, Jason card from Tomball. He was actually agreed with the statement. You talked about the billboards.



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That was one of your, what he was, what he was saying.



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What he was saying was that instead of just doing here, the Montrose area, like singing to the choir, do it out in the Tomball on the outer reaches area, like where the rednecks are. But yeah, Jason called he wanted to try to come in and interact with he'll pay attention.



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Next, okay, I'd like to extend it to Drew who's somewhere in Washington, I think, some college or other, some university or other, and it's my mother who always brings me here. And my parents, friends, she's.



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And she has a trademark on that line for the show. We can't use that.



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And if you'd like to mill it, and I'd like to point out that if you'd like to get in contact with HACC, you can contact us at 713529359 O, or on the web at WWW dot att youth.org.



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And I like to give a very special shout out to Deb who, yes,



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we miss you the coordinator



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for Hatch and is the heart and soul of hatch and we do love you very much. She hasn't



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been feeling well lately. And we'd like to hospital.



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Yes, really. So



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we love you very much. We love you. We appreciate everything you do right? And also to let people know that the patch and me the activities that had participates in is in part sponsored by the United Way kids way gray. All right.



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Stick around here for once I want to before we get off to music and close that here. We get this email in and it kind of talks about hatches, I wanted to share it with you and share it with our listening audience. Guys, congratulations on a great program. lighthearted, humorous, serious at times newsworthy, and of course interesting. I may not be in Houston or even in USA, let alone the same timezone. But your program brings a smile to my face as I listened to your archives tries to stream it real time, but no, go here. Some of your previous programs you talk about hatchlings, and your gay youth and their issues and concerns bring back memories of my gay youth, albeit 30 odd years ago. It's truly great to hear people discuss their issues now as freely as they do. For when I was young, it was difficult to talk about them, let alone hear them in an open forum on radio. I can easily compare those issues of today with those of yesteryear, but I will never forget how they impacted on my life and future. My life may have been so much easier Had there been such a program I could listen to then when I was younger. I like so many others took what we could from the scene and enjoyed every minute of it. As with time and age, I discovered it was my time to repay back what I had taken from the scene by becoming involved. Even today, I'm still involved and giving back to our community what I took from it all those years ago. I'm actively involved within two major organizations and the Secretary of a third. I think it's wonderful you promote involvement and getting people together for a common cause and to help others. The idea of cube patrol and helping to provide a safe and secure environment on the streets is superb. I live in a city with only 1.4 million people and a relatively small gay scene, but gay bashings do occur. And when they do, it affects so many of us. hatch is yet another worthy group for what I have heard and wish it much success. We need to remember that gay youth have issues that are complex and difficult and are and without some assistance, these issues can become devastating. So from a new listener all the way from Perth, Western Australia. I wish you all much success and look forward to hearing more of your programs. And that was from Greg Barrett in Perth, Australia.



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Well, thank you Greg. Wow.



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Thank you We really appreciate that.



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And what a coincidence for a letter like this to come in on hatch night, when you're talking about apathy, and he kind of touched on that points on that, you know, a great coincidence from the other side of the world. Thank you, hatch, we'll send you next month and we're going to go a little bit music here. It's a scot free. The CD is called they call me, Mr. Free. And it's another day of cruelty and we'll be back.



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And it's time now for Dean Becker. Hello, Dean.



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Good evening. How's everybody doing?



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Fine. How are you doing?



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Good, y'all, we're talking about apathy. There it is. And I want to talk about some apathy. I want to join in a little bit here and different tangent, I suppose. I first want to make a statement and see if we can spark a bit of discussion about apathy. Now, we've all heard of the medical properties of medical marijuana, how it's good for glaucoma, it fights nausea. Nausea is good for anorexia, weight loss from cancer treatments, the effects of AIDS, Hep C for the spasticity of ms, the nerve damage of spinal cord injury, the pain of paraplegics and quadriplegics, and, if only for those reasons, it should be allowed to be prescribed by a doctor and used under a doctor's care. What many people don't know is that in recent years studies have been conducted in other nations that show marijuana may have other important and beneficial uses. It was reported just this week from Great Britain, it may in fact, slow the advances of Alzheimer's disease. A report from Spain last year said cannabis can slow or even destroy certain cancer tumors. and Israeli report from last year also said cannabis is the only medicine they've ever found that can negate damage to the human body from nerve gas. In 1993, the US government by Fiat declared that no studies, no studies of the medical properties of marijuana can be conducted on US soil without pre approval from the Fed. Now they're slower than Christmas to do these approvals. There's been one in the last 15 years on about six patients out in Berkeley, there's a couple that are perhaps in the works. But the big problem is they don't allow people to grow their own marijuana and they're damn sure not going to give you any from their farm in Mississippi. Now, last year, another study done by the Israelis found that cannabis, given immediately following a stroke can reduce on average, the damage by 50%. And this is damage caused by glutamates, which swarm to the brain following a stroke. And it helps people to survive to thrive after a stroke. I don't know about y'all, but I would like my government to make every effort to determine the truth of these medical studies. And if they proved to be accurate to immediately allow these medicines back on the shelf back in medicine. And I'm especially concerned because last Sunday following her church services, my mother had a massive stroke. Now she's still in intensive care. And we have high hopes that she's going to be coming home someday soon with a somewhat reasonable life. But I am certain you would agree with me that if a few vapors of cannabis immediately after her stroke would have helped her. I'd like to know the truth of that. And I think for you, or your mother or your children or your family, you would like to know if it is a valid medicine. But our government refuses to allow these studies to be done by declaring that marijuana is too dangerous to even study. Now. AARP was supposed to issue a report and their latest issue. And they've done a study that showed 72% of AARP members are for medical marijuana. But they didn't publish it. They they gave preliminary indications and it's been found out that an organization called ame, the American Institute for media policies, I think it is has come out and declared the editors of the AARP newspaper to be bigoted, leftist, etc, etc. and prevented him

from publishing a study Howard's grips, poll study done last fall. So 75% of Texans are for medical marijuana. And I guess my point I wanted to make to spark some discussion is why can't we change this? We own this subject.



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It's funny that just today I was flipping through a bunch of the local magazines in here and you'd think that we'd advocate for legalization of marijuana in our own community because of the number of HR Be positive. Exactly. And you have about the Drug Policy Alliance I was flipping through, I don't remember exactly what it is. But I came up out of all out of, I think maybe four advertisement. They say smoking marijuana can wreck your life and the government is making sure of it. More than 5000 Americans are arrested on marijuana charges every year, they can lose their jobs or student loans or access to public housing. Many are up in jail, probation, didn't work for school, and are not working for marijuana. It's clear the war on drugs is actually a war on people. Where the drug Alliance we stand for reason, compassion and justice. And it's a actually got a web page WW dot drug policy.org. On your website, you're still with normal. I



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still work with normal I work with Drug Policy Alliance of this week on the 420s. We actually have two reports from them. Three now that I think about it, I also work with the Marijuana Policy Project, I have a report from them. And I do work with the normal organization. In fact, I've been invited to the normal conferences, coming April 1. And I'll be out in San Francisco doing a doing interviews to prepare for a cultural baggage show with normal people. And I work with Americans for Safe Access the Drug Policy Forum of Texas, anybody and everybody who's working on this, I tried to help them out. And



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slowly but surely by their word of mouth, we can actually share all that and people can check it out at normal dot.normal.org Isn't it? Well,



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it is but I would prefer if they want to learn about the drug truth network that they go to drug truth.net I have over 100 of my cultural baggage shows stored online available for listening. Awesome. And, and I was gonna say this coming Tuesday, our guests I hope everybody will tune in. It's the noted chemist Sasha Shogun, and his wife and he's 79 years old has invented more than 200 psychedelic drugs, has conducted more than 4000 trips on psychedelic drugs. He's very cogent, inventive, and quite capable. And this is going to be Tuesday at what time 636 30



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Does anybody have any other last comments before we wrap it up?

Dana had any other last comments before we won't know?



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Just don't let it apathy bite you in the ash. Let's do something about these problems. Help help educate



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help spread the word. Yeah. Chris anything, Jimmy. Well, I like always.



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He was getting ready to talk. I'm good. Dean.



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I was just gonna say as always, I appreciate it. I appreciate it. Vinson. Y'all keep up the good work. All



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right. Thank you, Dean.



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Good night. Good night.



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Dean Becker's host of cultural baggage here Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. On KPFT and 420. In the afternoon, sometimes the am Monday through Saturday part of the drug truth network. On two dozen radio stations across North America. You are listening to after hours queer radio with attitude here on listener sponsored commercial free Pacifica radio for the Gulf Coast. KPFT 90.1 FM Houston 89.5 Galveston and always the worldwide web at KPFT dot o RG. Coming up in a couple moments, it's time for the leather line and time to put some new music to us in your ear. They've already played Saturday Night Live so you know they have to have at least two good songs and hopefully we're playing one of the ones they got on there. It's the Scissor Sisters. And it's time for a little filthy gorgeous and we'll be back



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all right, and that was Scissor Sisters with filthy gorgeous. That was an interesting song. And this is engineer Dave and guess who I've got in my studio. It's his mistress Max with a leather line. Was that mistress?



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Hey, everything. Good morning. I have strangeness in my ears hear strangeness. Really only one ear is working. That may not having stereo.



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That may be the headphones that only one side works. Okay. Well,



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good morning. All my precious little perverts out there. Early this morning on Kpf t 90.1. On your dial, and



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89.5 and Gausman.



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Yes. Okay. I have some very interesting guests this morning. And I'm going to have to hold on to my mic here. I'm so sure.



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Well, I have the buttons over here. So if he Okay, can I Okay, very good. Just wave at me and turn your mics. Okay. Okay.



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Tonight, tonight this morning. We're going to be In discussing this thing we do this BDSM from the male top side for the the masters and I have two gentlemen here with me I have Travis Wilson, who is quite a pioneer and leader in the BDSM. community here is



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a way to say I'm old, right? Well, you



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get around a minute or two,



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permission, that's a euphemism for oh, okay, I've



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got this old guy here. But that means you have a lot of things to share with us. And you have your you're



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much younger so.



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prematurely, jealousy is an upgrade here. I have a Steven. Very exciting gentleman. And we're going to talk about why these men do this thing that they do. Why they love it, why the women and the men that they play with love it while we all love it, actually. But I've been giving the female side for quite a while. So I'm going to try to get you guys to talk about your end of this. Why do you do this thing? Why do you do these nasty, terrible, wonderful things? to women? And why do they keep coming back for more?



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Why my mother always asked me Why do you do these things? But so your mother knows? Oh, yeah, she used to help me think up stage shows ideas for my stage shows. Now that's



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a mother you can be proud of? Absolutely.



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I think she for younger, she would have been a dominatrix. I think it's genetic. Oh, okay. But then to answer your question, why I have a simple, simple reason. It excites me sexually. It's about sex for me. Okay. That's, I know, there are a lot of other reasons to do it. Number of

people have argued it. That's all fine with me. But that's the main reason I did it turns me on. So okay, that's, that's long and short out.



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And every now and then I have I have a submissive female here, my little sidekick over here, Miss Pam. So every now and then she may not be able to get no hold on to her words and get in here in a minute. So I had to, you know, keep it at least even.



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There's three masters in one slave. Sounds like the beginning.



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Okay, now, exploit. How about you? Before we go on to that? Why do you do this?



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I'm going to tell you a quick story about that. Yes, that Steven will tell you he can answer it in one word. It's sexy. I guess it's not one word. But it's sexy to him. And it takes me about 14 minutes to tell you that same thing. But we used to have a group that that met at a club called Tantra. Tantra is now closed. And one night, I had gotten a bunch of play toy that we called talents, which is like long fingernails. And the whole night, I had a whole group of women coming over to me asking if they could take their blouses off and have me stroked them with his talent. So lovely evening, I was like 50 years old at the time, and naked women coming up and having me play with it. And there were three, what we call vanilla men that were there that night at the club. And they were like 30 years old. 32 good looking nice flat bellies, bright young guys. And the three of them are standing there alone. And one of them very nicely pulled me aside and asked me exactly the question you do. He says, I can see what these women get out of this. But what do you get out of this woman? And I said, Look, here's my answer to that. You know, you're 30 I'm 50 years old. And it's Saturday night and I'm here surrounded by beautiful women taking their clothes off. You three guys are 30 years old. And each of you is here with two other men. So it was a pretty simple kind of a thing for me it it brings women to you. I know Stevens just women lust after him. He is kind of a bad guy. And the better he



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gets Why do women like bad boys? Travis?



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Thank you, God thank you.



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Somebody told me last night we were in a group and we were having a discussion and this one woman said what if you do things really that bad? Because we were talking about some some pretty heavy duty things. You said if you do things that bad, no submissive will come to you. And I said you're wrong. The worse you are, the better you are the far more far out you are, the more they seek you out. If you'd come across as a gentle, loving, caring DOM.



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There's some place for that too. Yeah,



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but what is the attraction to doing that? In general, do you think for the submissive



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rule for the submissive? Yeah. God knows because you have to.



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Why don't we ask this?



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Well, we're gonna get to that. But what do you think it is? As a as a top?



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I do think I have some insight into it. Yeah. There's an element of trust here and intimacy that I've never experienced any other way. I don't think this lends itself very well, to one nightstands we've, we've all had little pickup plays and and things like that. And they were they were fun, but they were limited. And mostly because you can't get inside the head of your partner and understand where they are and what turns them on and what's special about them. And that intimacy grows very quickly, in BDSM, as opposed to a vanilla relationship where take it may take years, if ever to get that kind of trust and open dialogue between people. And I think that's at least one of the components is being able to forgive submissive to open themselves completely to someone and trust them not to trample on that.



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Let me know we



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taking lines, are we taking calls



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this morning? No, I was trying to figure out what they had already played. Okay, but the line was ringing. So



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we are taking calls this morning. Yes, we do want to take calls.



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I love what Stephen just said. And I'll throw one other word in that I think fits right in there. There's an intensity to what we do in our relationship. We talk about you read books about great love stories and the passion that's there and the power that's there, and how much you want to give. And you know, the harlequin romances where there's just you're overwhelmed with that passion and love that works both ways in these relationships. When you find the right person, and you're taking everything from them, and they're giving everything. Man you fall in love the next, you know, right, there's a power to that and intensity. And I think we all want that kind of intensity.



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A lot of us do. Yeah, I think that openness and trust is something that I never found in vanilla relationships. You know, I think with the vanilla thing, you're you're trusting that this person will take care of your heart and won't break it and all that and here, what we do, the person is not only just giving their heart it's you know, their minds and the body. And that does take a lot of trust. in particular. The let's talk about the pain aspect. Oh, yes. Let's



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I would never do that. That's Stephens job.



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Yeah, I got it. I had a I had a girl Call me once who was really known. She was exploring the scene. And she was asking me questions. I was trying to be open with her. And I was telling her

some of the things we did and she go, oh, but Steven, isn't that sick? And I go, No, it's beautiful, the intimacy and the connection. And we kept talking and every once awhile she stopped me with going but isn't that sick? And then finally she said, Steven, do you ever let the girls spank you? And I said, No, that would be sick.



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Before he gets I'm going to tell the story. Today, I sent out I've got an email list. And I sent out an email talking about this radio show to about 2000 people. And I mentioned that Stephen is going to be on it and send a couple of things about him as the bad guy of the community. And I immediately get two emails back from women that you talked to years ago, that still remember you and they're now connected to other men. And they're like, nothing has ever been the same since I talked to Stephen because he just deals with your mind. And he's so evil and he gets to you. And I'm like, Oh my God. That's and all this happened years ago.



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Okay, we've got a call a caller from Michelle. Is that Michelle?



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Hey Mommy back if I say we're losing the show, and it's tell you that sorry, Travis. I love you. Oh, man. But Steven, your voice is looking sexy. So worry right now. Nobody likes to dress funny. We're here at the house and we're listening and I wanted to say hello and wish you guys the best of luck. Okay, thank



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you. That's Miss Michelle from House Viper. She was a guest on my show. Matter of fact, we were at a party earlier at her house. So let's see what else we can get into this morning. So stay with us. Is that you on the other line to Oh, we've got somebody else. Okay. Talk to you later. Bye. We have cat cat from Tennessee



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is this cat from two Tennessee.



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This is Catherine Tennessee. Oh



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darling. Hi honey baby sweetie. Beisner comes. Hello



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everybody. Hello Miss Mac. How



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are you doing?



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I'm doing fine.



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This is the world's greatest bullet bottom next to Pam who's in the studio. Okay, Pam



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is here. Say hi to cat. Hi, cat. Love you, baby.



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Hello everyone love you guys. But I wanted to comment on something you said okay, about how one night stands and BDSM and the intimacy. There are certain topics out there that can read your mind and get the blueprints and be just as intimate and know everything about you. And one thing because that man sitting in the studio did that to me in one night. I love you, Travis.



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You're not the only one with a fan club, Stephen. Okay, you did well, and I'll send the check.



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But it's not something that happens very often, though.



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It's not Yeah it's amazing It was absolutely amazing And I think we'll always be lifelong

it's not, really, it's amazing. It was absolutely amazing. And I think we'll always be lifelong friends because of it. But great show and I'm listening. And I love you guys and talk to you later. Okay,



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Good night.



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Good night. So we were about to really get into some pain, figuratively here. Right? Because it would be real sick for me to get spanked.



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What is the terminal on with the pain? And I want to preface this by saying it is not always about paying? No. Okay, to those out there listening. I really want to make sure you know that it is not always about pain. This is something that can take in many, many, many aspects. But we're gonna talk about pain this morning. It does cover



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a wide spectrum of intensity. I mean, there's, there's really, there's no value to any of this. It's no more prestigious to play with someone with a feather or a chainsaw. I mean, it really has no value. We're just discussing what two people playing together enjoy. And at least to me, it's hard to differentiate pain, pleasure, humiliation, fear, anticipation. They're all aspects. And what interests me is there particularly with pain, there are two kinds. There's the kind that nobody likes. And there's the kind that a turn on. And I mean, nobody really likes that. I'm sure there's somebody out there who really gets off on having a bowling ball dropped on their foot or something. But as I'm sure there's a website in America, bowling ball on foot. Most definitely. But, but for me, it's mixing all those elements together at the right time. There's a lot of timing with at least the way I do it, there's a lot of timing involved. And the ultimate goal is, like I said, sexual excitement for me and for my partner. And it's it's essentially my job to read my partner and to be aware of what I'm feeling, and to build on that to a climax. And if you if you add too much of any of those components too quickly, or in a wrong way, it kills the whole thing. It's to me, it's a gradual building to some kind of peak. And what may be very clearly one part one person's pain tolerance and pain enjoyment is different from another person's



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wider variety. And on any given day that may be different for



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a single person. That's correct what someone might tolerate quite easily on Thursday, right exact same thing is way too much or not enough on the next day. So I think the key here again, is going back to being able to read your partner what it was like can't say whether it's in one day or a year or however long it takes to do that. But we have a number of implements for inflicting pain. Some of them they have varying degrees of severity. I think there's a lot of knowledge you have to gain about how to how to hurt someone without injuring someone. Yes,



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yes. Unfortunately, there's not a lot of places to go to learn these things. But we do have a lot of support groups in this area. And right now we're going to give a plug to take it away. KP like yeah, If you listen to KB, Mt 90.1 and 89.5 and Galveston and



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of the world wide web it KPFT dot O R G. This is listener sponsored commercial free Pacifica radio. Okay,



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so what about you in this pain thing, Travis, I know you would never do anything like this. You don't need me.



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I'm I'm listening to Stephen. And what I was going to talk about is the key here that we do as a top if you're going to good, a DOM or master top during a session that we call play, and we call it play for reason. Because it's supposed to be fun, ultimately, is we read people. I always say I'm not a sadist. I'm a button pusher. And it's my job to read the bottom and find out how to push their buttons in a way that is going to elicit the response that they need and the response I want. Perfect example, at a party recently, I played a young man, young boy named Seth, he's 2425 years old. I do a lot with bow whips set said he wanted to find out what bullets are like. So I was gonna do a typical kind of a bullet St. I put my hands on this young man's back. And I got such a response just from putting my hands on his bag that I never got into my toy bag. I never got out of flog or a whip or anything. It was all the hands. And it was an incredibly to me. And he says to him powerful scene that really wasn't about pain. It was going to be a scene about paying it ended up being a poseen about something else. I've seen Steven do this where you just kind of change in the moment, because you're paying attention. And all of a sudden, you have somebody that thought they didn't like pain, and you're playing them and man, they want it right now and they want to get hit hard. And so you're doing it because you're paying attention to what they need. So I think that's the deal. It's not about pain. Pain is a tool that gets you where you want to go. But it's like football players, sometimes how many running

backs do you hear say they really don't run? Well, if they don't get used a lot during the game, because they need to get the adrenaline flowing, they need the endorphins going and they need to get hit several times before they're pumped up. And after they've been hit a lot, then they feel more powerful. And they're really charged up and they and they go. And I think bottoms a lot of that way. They you warm them up. And then they take a lot of pain and they start flying. Because the pain is a tool to get the adrenaline and the endorphins go,



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Okay, have you ever noticed, I think this is really cute about bottoms. I've had I've had experiences where I'm giving sexual stimulation to a partner, and I'm giving pain to a partner. And I'm alternating between the two. And I've had this experience several times. And it just, it leaves me in awe, frankly, is I realized at some point that I can give them a little bit more of either, and they'll have an orgasm, and they don't really it's confused in their hair differences confused in their head, and all they need is just a little more stimulation. And it could be either one, and they're gone. So it's fascinating how that gets tangled.



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What do you say to people out there listening that are saying this is sick? That I don't care what you say, this is just abuse, it is just plain or wrong? To do this, what do you say to those people?



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I would say it will might be sick, I take exception with it being abused. If it's sick, I don't want to get well. I'm not



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I'm absolutely not trying to recruit anyone to do this. If you can't help it if you if you are if you are bent this way, and it's what you want to do. Come seek us out we'd love to have you but we're not trying to recruit anybody. You don't your children are safe, relax. But abuse it isn't. In fact, it's it's almost the opposite of abuse. We've until we first started off, the first thing we wanted to talk about was intimacy and caring. And, and that is at the core of all of what we do. There is there is physical contact, there is pain, but it's it's something that both parties want. And particularly we as tops have to know where the line is, I have a number of partners partner with right now would like to go much further than I think is appropriate. Frankly, I would like to go further it would turn me on, but there's a line that I know that if I crossed, it just wouldn't be good for her. It wouldn't be good for me. So I don't cross that line. But it but it absolutely is not abuse. In fact, a lot of abuse victims seek out the same. It's very common to when you get down in somebody's head and a lot of times they're very, very cleverly hidden away inside their psyche. And with a lot of digging, a lot of times they come flooding out and I've seen it many times I know you have I've heard some horrible, horrible abuse stories. But that's not what we do. In fact, if I'm certainly not a therapist, I'm not out to heal anybody or cure anybody of anything. But I think I've seen people come to the scene who were damaged, and through the scene and through caring people playing with them. They were better. Yeah, that's my opinion.

I had that experience. So I would say it's almost the antithesis of abuse. It's where people are accepted for who they are. And it's okay to be who you are. And I think that does some people some good, but it is absolutely it is absolutely not abuse. There



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are things that we do within the s&m community, things that we teach, that separate us from abuse, the key word that we hear all the time you go to any s&m leather event, and any sort of seminar and believe me, there's a whole underground of these leather events and seminars. And the word communication is there just all the time. And what we do if somebody who's abused doesn't get communicated to about that. But here, and I hate the term negotiation, because that sounds for business like, so I just said, we talk to each other. And we share what we want. If somebody goes to Steven, they're going to talk to him a bit on the on the telephone, maybe on the internet, they're going to meet for coffee, and they're gonna say, you know, what do you like? What kind of stuff do you really want to do? If they come to me, we're going to talk about bow whips. And we're going to talk about flogs and they're going to tell me what they like. And I've got a few real simple little tests that I do to determine something about pain tolerance that they might have, they don't, don't really hurt. And we're going to learn about each other before we do something. And I'm going to know what they're seeking out. And they're going to know what I like. And if together, we agree that this is something we want to pursue, then we'll go do that. But it's not something you grab off somebody off the street, and start beating them up, or you marry somebody and start beating them up after you get drunk. This is a matter of something we're going to do together that is mutually enjoyable, that we have talked about communicated and we're sharing something together. Not one person doing it to the other. It's two people doing a dance, no



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matter how much we say this, somehow there's somebody that says that's a justification. Listening to what you say, and I know in my heart, it's true. And I've watched you for years. I know, I know exactly who you are, you're absolutely the furthest thing from abuser. But I can hear that and what we say it does sound somewhat like a justification. The only thing I can say is that and I know it looks that way from the outside and people from the outside looking in are concerned about that. And I and I like the fact that people are concerned about abuse. But it's just not that anybody that anybody that comes in explores the scene I don't think they could, they could reasonably come away from it saying there's abuse going on there anywhere. I never see it, I see support. I see. I see people with good intentions, doing doing awful bad, nasty things. And having a lot of fun doing it.



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I also I've picked up from like from doing this segment is like the the safe word. And being able to stop the the entire interaction just by uttering that word. And that in and from coming from an abusive relationship. You don't get that safe word in abusive relationship and in abuse. It's totally one sided. And I can I can attest to the fact that sometimes it's not Atlanta. Well, it's not when you're doing the s&m stuff.



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Interestingly, the the with the abuse angle. When I've had partners that have been heavily abused, particularly as children, that's a big traumatic event. It may have been imprinted on them with some kind of sexual overtone. And sometimes they think about those things when they were children, and it excited them sexually. And it's all tied up with guilt. It's a real time bomb. And I've had a lot of times where that has been I've been I have been trusted enough to have that revealed to me. And on occasion, when I thought it was appropriate, we actually played with that, brought it out right and played it played a little bit with it. And a lot of times the person at the end may have had an orgasm and just shattered, broken down sobbing and crying. And what was different was they were held, they were told that it's not your fault. It's okay what you did, if you're not a bad person, and mean it and really mean it. And it's almost like teaching someone how to take something awful like that out to take it out, turn it into a sex toy, use it when you want and put it back up. It's not the giant monster following them that they always thought it was. It's a little tiny thing that you can take out and play with, and even show the right person and they're not going to think you're some horrible, horrible thing. So the



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young lady that Steven knows, and I won't mention the name on the on the radio here but years ago, I dated this girl for a little while. And she insisted up into everybody up until I dated her about two months that she had never been abused that she loved her father, that she had a wonderful family and everything was wonderful. And one night we were playing. And it got pretty intense. And all of a sudden, she just broke down and cried and cried. And I held her for probably seven hours, while she just cry. And all of a sudden, it was this pretty got repressed memories. And she started talking about the things her father had done. And she had totally repressed that. And it was real enough that she then went into counseling, and sought it out for a long time, and got a lot better. But these things brought that out, and she got loved and affection and, and support. And the first thing I said is, you know, I know, counselor, I don't do that stuff. Don't you need help? And you need to go now. And she did and treated it very seriously. And I'd venture to say you probably have had very similar circumstances to



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too many. Okay.



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I have to ask is, do you find that you have more people who have been abused coming into this type of lifestyle? Then just, you know, people who have had I get, dare I say normal lives and have never been abused? Or is it just about 5050? Or



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it's hard for me to say whether or not I'm, I attract a certain type of person, which is entirely possible. But just from my personal experience, it's very common. It's very common.



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Unfortunately, I think it's very common, because abuse is very common. Especially, you know, our generation. You know, the I Love Lucy, you know, Donna Reed, you know, where the pearls everything is fine generation. I think that it's only recently that abuse has been coming out. I think that is the reason why it's common. It's, you know, that's



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what worried me, I was Yeah, I thought for a while, well, it's just the scene or it's just, they're just attracted to me. But I'm starting to get the feeling that it's, it's a lot more widely widely occurring than, than I had thought. And I'm, I'm appalled.



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Yeah, there are some studies, some recent studies have been passed around in the leather community where the people take tests or fill out forms. And they've been analyzed by some psychologists that specialize in this, that say that, that the abuse is no higher in our community than it is out in the real world. But kind of like Ronald Reagan and all his anecdotal evidence. I'm like, Steven, and it's either me and the people that are attracted to me, or there is more, there are more people here, our abuse is just huge out there. Well, almost every single person that is coming to me almost every has been has a history of childhood, physical and sexual abuse,



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well, it actually makes sense, there's a lot of guilt tied up with that coming to a place where you can get punished, you can get put in those kind of situations, it makes sense that they might be drawn to that is how they're treated, when they get there. That's the important thing, being able



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to think to play it out and, and make it not the big monster, but very healing



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that there's a caveat there. And I will, I will caution people who are listening that might be exciting to play or might be just getting started. This in particular, is not really a place to play for beginners, because you think you can do a lot of damage with a bullwhip, try letting somebody open up that part of their lives and have someone who has no experience and and

maybe a little clumsy crawling around inside somebody's head like that, you may do a lot more damage than you could, with a with a with a bullwhip or a big knife. I would urge caution, if someone



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was just starting to play, therapists, you know, you



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but just getting inside and what when these things were revealed. It's a very vulnerable period for people psychologically. So I would urge caution and take it really slow. It can be very exciting to have these things happen. But it's they're very vulnerable at that point. It's



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sort of like Don't try this at home.



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There's something else out here that I mean, we're making this sound kind of morbid, yeah, kind of and I don't want to give the impression to get all turned on. Let's get back to that. I don't want to give the impression to the audience that I mean, you get involved in the s&m community that it's just that there's this sadness and abuse around because it's really a great fun place to be. This is a place of very supportive and I don't mean like a support. This is a place of fun and joy we have I mean we call our implements of torture, we call them our toys. We go to play parties. You know, this is all fun stuff. That's what we're out there to do is to have fun it's like playing a sport. People get hurt at Rugby a lot more than we get hurt at an s&m party they get hurt by foot now are climbing mountains. You



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know, it's all fun and games until someone gets hurt, then it's a lot of fun.



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Now, what do you think about the trend toward this becoming so much more mainstream? Like when you guys started this years ago,



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we underground Yeah, you know, really



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basement kind They've stuff



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the 1800s were wonderful, wasn't



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funny. But seriously, I mean, it's like all the way from leather being just very fashionable, you know, and you're starting to see a lot of this on Desperate Housewives. Yes, I



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news interview last week, and I meant to bring it, I cut out the full back page of like People magazine or something. And it was an ad. And it read. Speaking of cross dressing, have you ever thought of using my salad dressing as a marinade? And it was fun Newman's Own salad dressing?



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Call you nasty?



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My thought on your question was it's it's fine with me that if it goes a little bit more mainstream, but if you don't like the fact that it's becoming more mainstream, I don't think you'll have to worry. The thought police are soon going to stamp that out. You think? Oh, of course, anything? Well, they're



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not going to stamp it out. But you know, they may push it back. But I don't know. You can't sort of like you can't keep a good girl down.





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You know what I mean? But you can make them go back in the closet?



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Do you really think that that's what's going to happen? I personally, unless you know, we no longer have the president? Well, yeah, I



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personally think the pendulum is swinging back the other way. And that it's things are going to be a little more underground. I see. I hope I'm wrong. But I see a lot of repression coming. I see a lot of popular support for that. So well, let me let me throw. But sometimes when things are really repressed, it makes naughty things not. That's true.



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I mean, prohibition was a really hot.



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Not only what's going to push us back in the background, is not just a more repressive society that seems to be happening, but also a desire within a lot of people in our own community. There's a wonderful writer in the s&m community, and they are leather community named Guy Baldwin. And he started talking about this several years ago, that with the mainstream coming out, we've had to sort of dumb down what we do at s&m clubs, and make it more palatable to a larger and larger and larger group of people. And the internet is bringing in more and more people. So everything has to be more acceptable to more people. And so we have a lot of what we called gateway community clubs. And that would be clubs like Houston PEP, for instance, that welcome everybody, and we need those. But after a while, you get if you've been in this for a while you go you know what, I don't like the big public parties. I don't want to be someplace with 100 people doing these things. Because it does not give me the all those things Stephen talked about earlier, the intimacy, the power, the the the real connection you get with people. It becomes all about sort of a show and a nice show and a fun show. But if you really want what s&m or leather is supposed to give to you, frequently, you need that in a closer group of people. It's smaller, it's more intimate, and it's more hidden. And so it's not just



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I have a slightly different view, because I'm an incredible exhibitionist. And I want as many people watching the wonderful things that I do possible. And I do like putting a little bit of showmanship in it. I love playing with just my partner in an intimate setting. Yeah, that's one Hi. Playing in front of a few friends. That's another high playing in front of everybody that will stop and watch. That's a whole nother high and I really enjoyed doing that. What I did cry about where things were moving. I think partly what you're talking about is is that you have what I

call Stepford s&m. Everybody kiss. Everybody, everybody decides that this is the middle of the road. This is what we all must do. And if you're not doing this, you're wrong. And I and it really troubles me. I'm an edgy type player. So I'm gonna get that criticism right off the bat. Even when we weren't doing Stepford s&m I got criticized for pushing the edge a little bit, but that's just what I'm gonna do. That's my that's my reason for being here. But what what really what really troubles me is even more subtle than that is within the community. Come on, folks. We are a fringe group that people from the outside look at us they don't they misunderstand us and you just crying snuffle about how they don't get it. They don't understand this. But the first thing you do want to do when you organize the start going, Well, I'm right, but you're not doing it right. You're wrong. And we really, we say there's boundaries but we need people out on the edge over here and out on the edge over here. So we can say we're everything from this person to this person. They define who we are the people who play on the edge. Yeah,



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as as as a pro Dom I have experienced that. Sometimes it's like, you know, yeah, If you do that, but if you do it that way, it's not cool. But think that I like playing privately. And I like playing publicly as well. What has that got to do with it being shown the way it is now, like in the movies and on television in advertisement. That's not, you know, it's gonna send us back. But it's kind of two separate worlds, what they show for the most part doesn't have a whole lot to do with what we do in reality. Anyway, I



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don't think what's going to show in this back is what they're showing on TV. My concern is there's just a much more repressive look at what's happening in the gay community where the, the president ministration, and it's, it's passing down, lower and lower, that you can't even go to, there was a convention being put on recently where they were talking about suicide among the gay and lesbian and transgender community. And the President ministration would not allow members of the administration to go until they changed the name and took out the words gay, lesbian and transgender. I mean, that's pretty repressive sort of concept. And this whole present administration is that attitude and we have the concern are the Christian women of America. They're trying to stop leather events. There's a whole anti-sex attitude. We know



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their deep dark secret, don't we know why they protest?



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Most definitely.



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We're not trying to recruit them. It's okay. believe



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they're already here.



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Some of the what's on TV right now are in the media's I think it's great stuff. I mean, the probably half your audience watches CSI great stuff. And every one of the CSI shows has kink stuff on it almost all the time. Well, one of the good



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things I think that it may accomplish is something that you and I have always had an interest in, we knew, like, like you said, we were underground for a long time in Houston in particular, there were 30 people, no matter what we did, it was a hardcore group of 30 people that got together and played and went at it. And we always knew that there were more people out there that wanted to find us, but just couldn't. Or maybe they felt they were isolated. And there was something wrong with them. And they were the only ones in the world that felt this way. And we always wanted to somehow reach out to those people and say, No, come Come on join us. And I think the internet had a lot to do with the that being accomplished, but I think maybe some of the mainstream media showing this might might help in that respect. Some some people go well, you know, what if the Stepford if the?



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Yeah, the Desperate Housewives WHAT THE HECK YEAH, be anything wrong with it. And that's, that's the interesting thing. Now on the personal level, you know, and this is not just with BDSM, but also with the gay and lesbian, you know, groups. You want to repress it. It's not good, you can't do it. But they're, I mean, they've given it to yet and Technicolor on the TV all the time. Just with Plano sets, it's not good, you shouldn't do it, but all I see is TNA Yeah, I gotta get through all this TNA they even look at the car that I might want to buy



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Janet Jackson sold a Super Bowl a year ago. Yeah, and I think I read something the other day that the all the award shows who tried to really kind of dumb down the sex even doing that



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five second delay thing. And the



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the audience is just not there. They're they're getting killed in the radio.



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But look at what look at Vegas. They tried to do that family thing.



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Well, this is this is what hurts the broadcast network so much and what made cable was just that you went to they dumb things down and went to the middle of the road and people want you on what's on cable. Oh, that's more exciting. They got just about anything you want. So I think it's the way it goes people. Some people will buy that someone somebody's looking for a little more. Most



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of us kind of like to eat food and most of us are a little titillated by sex. And to try and deny that just a little little my age it's a little the old days it was a whole lot still Yeah, I guess probably still a whole lot. Okay for see



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like the downside of it being people trying trying the s&m stuff on their own, and maybe hurting each other or hurting themselves or doing something stupid like that.



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Yes, yes. That's why if you are interested, you need to go to Max rules.com arm and go to the links page. And there are a list of groups in the area where you can go and find someone who can help you learn how to do this safely. And that's our U L Z.



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And there's there's a wealth of good literature out there that a lot of good books out. Yes, yeah. I will advise there. There are some out there if the author has a PhD if their name wait till later to read it, they're usually they got in and looked at us like we were bugs and yeah, really didn't get the soul heart and soul of you've



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got you've got a list there. Is there anything in particular that you wanted to discuss? We're talking about



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most of it. I just jotted down just stuff I wanted to, if it came up to bring it up.



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Anything one thing,



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one thing I was going to talk to Travis about, I think between us, we have enough toys in our collection to start a museum. And I have found an interesting, at least for me, an interesting evolution over time. I hardly ever get my toys out anymore. But I still play. It just seems to me that I want physical contact, and I don't really need the toys like they were fun to play with it first. And they're all exciting. And they bring a novelty to the to what you're doing. I think most sex researchers would tell you, novelty is exciting, that that's what keeps things exciting is novelty. But I've reached a point now where like, we were at the bondage special interest group the other day and a girl asked me do you like to do the bondage? I said, No, I don't really need it. She says why? And I looked at it. And I said, Well, if I want you in mobile, I'll just go, don't move. And she goes, she goes



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I'm just saying there's a whole evolution here things that I was interested in 20 years ago, I still have an interest for it. But my interest had changed evolve with time and it kind of interesting watching myself go through that. Do you feel something akin to that? I know you're really like your toys. Last



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May I took a trip to Pennsylvania. And a really dear friend of mine is getting fifth angel, wonderful, wonderful presenter at some of these s&m events, and he gave a workshop on pressure points using just your hands. And Pam, I think will attest that this is about as extraordinary a way to play as any bullwhip or knife or anything else you can come up with. And for a long time, this past summer, I did not take a toy back. If I went someplace, I did not take any toys. So it's interesting. You kind of went through that same thing. I went through all the flogs and the whips and the knives and all that. And all of a sudden, I really, unless somebody else asked me to do that. I just want to use my hands. Because there are a number

of things you can do. So it's that whole circular thing. But you know what, six months from now asked me? Yeah, it's because it's a chance to ever change something. I'll find a new toy. I just bought a Sybian recently, and that's kind of fun to me.



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That was very interesting. Well, Symbian



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is what old men use. Viagra? Yes, it well. It's like an old man. It's a \$1,400 vibrator. And it's kind of shaped like a saddle and you said a young lady on it. And it's got any number of different inserts, and you turn on a button and it does all the work for you. It just does it a lot better than you could possibly hope to do yourself.



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And from what I saw last weekend, boy does it work. It seemed to work. It was something Yeah, so it's blushing over. us use it before. But I'm thinking about getting what Travis sells, right.



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The way my sex life has been going lately. Yeah. My



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Retirement Fund. People come on 15 bucks a ride.



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It is pretty cool, isn't it? Pam?



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Oh, absolutely. So I still like the samurai. Okay.



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Well, what's the Samurai is?





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It is the thing I talked about last month that you just insert and then it has a is it a 10s? Unit? Yeah. Electrical. Yeah, electrical unit, Stuart. And it does all the work you just inserted leave it alone and it makes your body contract around it. It activates you. So you feel the sensations is if you're doing a lot more than just laying there a workshop. You



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know what, it's amazing. These guys are really doing nothing but eliminating themselves.



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That brings up a really important point about being a DOM or a tarp. We do all the work. Yeah, you take a look at a party at the end of a party. Who is it that's leaning up against the wall trying to get some fluids and they're all curled up on a little pillow somewhere purring like a kitten with a little grin on their face. It's the service they did. Yeah. I want to be reincarnated as a Saudi. That's Then they got it made. We do all the work. Well, you



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know, there is an interesting thing about the toys though. One of the differences, I think between those of us in the s&m community and maybe this is just, I don't know being cocky or something. We study sex. We spend money on this stuff. We have I mean, lord knows this 1000s of dollar. Yeah, it's not a cheap sport. I mean, most of my bullets cost \$300 or so.



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Not mean, you cannot do this with kitchen utensils. From the 99 cent store,



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do a little bit better than those, the 99 cent store has tend to bend.



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Well, then you use the mid part.



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And you can go down the s&m aisle at Home Depot.



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Once you get hooked, there are toys out there that are just outstanding. But we study it and we research and it's like, how can we make this better? And that's part of keeping the kind of tension. I think every good sexual relationship has attention to it. When you're new with somebody, there's a kind of sexual tension, what's going to happen, what are they going to like? Were they not after you've been together a while maybe that goes and one of the things we can do in s&m is we keep that a lot?



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Absolutely. Absolutely. There's always something else are different to do with the same thing. You know, you could use the same item 1000 different ways just by setting up a different scenario in the mind. That's that's the ultimate sex toy. Absolutely. Absolutely. That place between the ears and that between the legs. Okay. When



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people talking about Stephen. He may play hard, but that's not these two people that wrote to me today. They don't talk about him play. They talk about what he does to the mind. Yeah, how he gets to them. Yeah, yeah, that's what good tops do. That's it.



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I had. The best compliment I ever got was the girl told me. Stephen when I play with you. I'm 99.9% sure that I'm safe. But it's that point 1% That makes me calm.



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and the World Wide Web it KPFT dot O R G and this is listener sponsored commercial free Pacifica radio. Did you want to take a break?



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Actually, I would speaking of play I think I would like to go and do a shower I'm going in the bathroom though. Okay.

bathroom though. Okay,



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well, I got a song that I found this and I just giggled because I figured it was for you. temptress
Odd Squad the crack the whip. Oh,



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right. That's the thought of going to the bathroom too.



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Alright, I was gonna cut that song short because it's like eight minutes long, and realized it was
that long when I put it on it was but boy, the hooded ungulate flogger, or something like that.
And this is listener sponsored commercial free Pacifica radio 90.1 Houston KPFT and 89.5
Galveston in the World Wide Web KPFT dot O R G. This is engineer Dave and I've got mistress
Max Payne and her guests in my studio.



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Well Did you just give me a new name?



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I said mistress Max Payne. So who the heck is that? Max rules you? I don't know.



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We now know who's gonna be beat right



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you're reading something somebody wrote that rope, right?



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I'm so glad he's him.



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Max Payne. When was that?



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I always thought it was Max Payne.



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Word Association.



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It's a Yeah, yeah, apparently. Max rules max power



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shouldn't call you Max Headroom.



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I'm not that old. Hey, Max rules. Sorry.



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It's Max. Mr. SMax. Rules and Max rules. Yes, I'm sorry, man. I



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do. Please, Master this fine.



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Just don't come across. I'll be calling somebody. Master it'd be 911



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That would be about accurate.



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Crawling, begging will help you.



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At one point this evening, we mentioned how a lot of people may feel isolated and alone. Having you know these feelings or these tendencies and with the powers that be definitely trying to tell us what we should feel and like it looked like and all those good things. I'd like to talk about how You guys got into this, especially way back in the day when this was underground, it must have been very difficult to, to even get the courage to go out and seek others of like mind. So where was your head up? When you figured out you were a kinky person? And what do you do?



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Well, mine was when I really came to terms with it, I guess was shortly after puberty. So it wasn't. It wasn't some long thing I wrestled with. I went chi, I enjoyed doing this. I'm pretty much a hedonist doing this



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what what, what, what did you do that? You went yummy control.



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Having someone please me, and seeing how much it pleased them. And exploring things like pain and humiliation was very shortly after puberty. For me. It was so it was sexual. For me. When I first became sexually aware, I moved in that direction quite quickly. And I'm pretty much a hedonist. So I didn't really spend a lot of time worrying about was it right or wrong? If I enjoyed it, I did it. I guess that's I'm still his same way. So I really didn't wrestle with it too much. In fact, in fact, I interesting I'm interested to see what Travis thinks about this. I have found in my experience that people who really particularly Dom's generally don't need a lot of support and coaxing to get into the scene, they just run to the deep end of the pool and jump down. That's been my experience, a number of people who are either switches or submissives, often the little nurturing like it's okay to come do this, if that's what you want to do. And I don't know, I've really never seen too many serious, serious Dom's that needed a lot of reassurance and peer support. So that might not be the case, universally, but it's just what I've observed. I do agree



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only one place I disagree. And it's not in the pain related things. I've never seen dogs that really have an overwhelming concern that they're doing a bad thing if they're flogging somebody, because the evidence of the joy on the other side is so apparent so quickly. But what was interesting, at least years ago, I come out of a product of, you know, I went to school in the 60s

and 70s. And feminism was was I mean, I was out marching the streets, anti war and pro feminism and women were at the University of Texas throwing their bras off and jumping in the ponds. And it was just great. I thought you were there. But when I got into this, I had no problem hitting a girl who wanted to be hit. I had a problem trying to control her, or doing any of the what we call DS the dominance and submission. Having the woman on her knees to me, was very difficult, because I thought that was demeaning her. And it took a lot of those women saying, Travis, no, this is not demeaning. It's wonderful. It's a real connection. It's a real bonding thing. And I did a little thing once where I did, where I switched for a week just to see what that role was like. And I realized how loving and connecting you can be if you do that. And so it was that experience that kind of got me over that hurdle. But I've known a lot of people that don't, that they consider themselves real strong feminists. And so they don't want to be demeaning to the woman. And yet they're perfectly happy, like you say, to do the



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particularly feminism, that's a real conundrum for submissive female, they're under a lot of, even if they buy into the whole, the whole notion, there's a lot of pretty radical feminists that are not too happy with a girl deciding to become a submissive to a man. And they're under that causes a lot of confusion, I guess, with someone who has a strong pull toward being submissive. They're, they're pulled in two directions at once. And I think it's really unfortunate. My wife actually has strong feminist ideas, but she's incredibly submissive. And her her notion is that feminism should have given her the right to choose the way she wanted to be. And she chooses this. So she's not betraying anything. And I would, I would say, people need to come to terms with it their own way, but I don't believe we demean women. I don't think there's anything like that. I think just like Trevor says, We have a great deal of respect for him.



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And it is that that consensual thing, I mean, we don't do anything to anyone. As a matter of fact, it's almost like we give them license to do what they want to do. Anyway,



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I have a T shirt that I had made for me and it says it's all my fault. That's that's what the intent was that well, however you want to be at least this way that you always wanted to be but could never come to terms with it for whatever reason, guilt or social pressure, whatever. You can just blame it on me. Yeah, that's Steven made me do that I didn't want to do it again.



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Every year, I'm lucky, I get to do some workshops, some talks at universities. And I used to always start off, I would walk in all dressed in my leather. And I'm, of course talking to a bunch of university students. And so half of them are 20, and 21 year old women, all very feminist and strong. And I would walk in dressed in my leather. And I would start off saying that, as a longtime leather Master, I had had to learn how to become very dominant. And I've become so good at that I can dominate any woman I want, any time. And of course, you can imagine the

overwhelming response get out attention. Yeah. And then I say, I can prove that to you. And I can prove it right now. Do I have any volunteers that want to help? And of course, every woman in the class is raising their hands like, yeah, cowboy Try me. And so I would then reach into my go up to somebody and I would reach into my wallet. And I would pull out, pull out a gold credit card. And I say, I now have in front of you, my Neiman Marcus, Gold Card preferred customer shopping cart. And I would hand it to the girl and I say okay, bitch, go shop. And thank God, that every one of them when I did that said, Yes, sir, may I? And that was my way of saying, Yes, I can dominate you and make you do exactly what you want to do anyway. And I'm probably not good enough to make you do anything else.



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That's good. Yeah, yeah. And frankly, therein lies the line between what we do and abuse.



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Sure. It's not that definition. Exactly. Alright. So what are you listening over there very, very quietly,



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misbehaving,



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behaving? Can you imagine that?



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You guys got we got into this? Yeah. Like Steven, it was, I don't think any of us that are DOM sit at the age of 30 decided, You know what, I think I want to tie some girl up. It started from a very early and we had very little literature even back then. So it was kind of things were in your head. But the story of oh, you remember that book? The story, the story of Oh, god, me. And when I read that book, I'm like, Man, I'm home. This is me, this is what I want to do. And people talk about that book be very unrealistic. And it's not I've done pretty much everything in that book. But there weren't other people around to do it. We've all had



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it. How did you find other people? I mean, how did you guys find each other?



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Back then you use magazines? latent image, you remember that one, there was an old contact magazine. And you'd be lucky to find three people in your state, not the hundreds of people here.



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And we and we used to have an ad. And what was that old? Weekly rag that came out? It's now defunct. But there were there were, you know, none of the mainstream media or even the pret Houston or the press or anything, would not accept any ads from Sweden, it's amazing to look at it now and say they wouldn't accept an ad for just a little discussion group. But they didn't want any part of it wouldn't touch it. What was the name of that old newspaper?



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I don't know. But we met at Charlie's a long time. And like Steven said,



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finding a place to meet used to be tough, people didn't want to be associated with that. And we



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would have almost every meeting, we'd have the same 15 or 20. People initially. And like Steven says, it got to be about 30. But for a long time was 15 or 20 people. And every It was so funny, every we'd met twice, twice a month, I think back then. And at every meeting, there'd be these two, maybe two couples that would show up and they would sit at a table far back in the back. And that'd be the last you ever heard of getting, it was such a slow process getting people to come in, because they somehow found is they would sit over and watch and then they they'd run away.



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Some would stay I mean, some people would fall out and we'd have a few new drift down. But it was it was pretty much like that. But it's definitely changed. They know. There are ways to find people and you can take a look. In fact, that's that's another thing to point out to people who may be deciding to explore and there's nothing wrong with just staying at home and exploring with your partner and never getting into a public scene it is it is a good way to learn and find out that you're not alone and learn how to do things safely. But if you are thinking about coming, exploring, most of the all of the groups that I know of here in Houston are very discreet. They don't want to out somebody you know some peoples have reputations and careers to protect a lot of discretion. And there's never any pressure for them to participate. It's fine just to come watch.



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Right but there are also a lot of just plain discussion groups. Absolutely as well where there is no place so you don't have to worry about that aspect at all. But another difference I want to maybe discuss is okay, we talked about the dumbing down of s&m, but what else do you see different the new generation coming up? I know I see. A lot less kind of proto Call, you know, I mean, it's more just kind of whatever, you know, but I've seen the same changes in like the lesbian community. You know, when I was coming up there was like Butch and femme. And now, you know, it's like, everybody looks the same, you know, it's almost like two twins together. You know, you kind of can't tell who's what. So what do you see? With the new generation,

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those kids and the crazy kids? Do you agree we were kind of we were kind of the generation that moved it away from that high protocol stuff. It seems to be it seemed to be that it was much more of that high protocol stuff. And I don't know about you, but I always giggle when somebody calls me, Sir Stephen are masters something, I just don't think of myself that way. I don't. I'm way too lazy to micromanage somebody, I'm just not going to do it. And I think the scene became more casual people didn't take it serious business. But people don't take themselves too seriously. I think there was really a move in that direction over time. And it fits in with with our personalities a little bit better.

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I think there's another reason to remember this scene, when there was a public scene in the United States, on the whole was a gay male leather seat, yes. And it was a time. And we're talking now about the 40s and the 50s, and the 60s.

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So we're dealing with a military component to that well,

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and being gay was not something you wanted to do openly. So the protocols had a real serious reason. They were there to protect people, you knew that these people were part of you, you were part of their club, they had to be careful who they let into their club, they might meet it as a motorcycle club, because they could be wearing their leather and look like they're straight. So you had a lot of people that were trying to be protective of their identity. And so they brought you in on a one time basis. And those protocols were necessary. And also Stephens' military idea that some of these people would come out of the military, they liked that formality. Well, nowadays, most of us haven't been in the military, they're in the group. We have a lot of young people they're coming out of college, they learned about s&m when they were 15. Looking on the internet, there's just they don't see it as a mystery. There are no high priests anymore, that have the secrets, the secrets are all in books and on the internet, and at

every leather event seminar you go to. So there's not a need for the dark mystery and the protocols to protect people we're all much more out, we're just doing something that's a lot of fun. It was true



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back then things were handed down much more like word of mouth, you had to learn at someone's knee, you had to there was an there is a considerable amount to learn to be able to do this successfully. And they're just tribes, right? There weren't those resources out there where people could at least get a leg up on it before getting off into it. To good point,



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Steve and I both were lucky that a lot of what we learned came from some very wonderful gay leather men that accepted us as even though we were hit. They accepted us. And they taught us and they shared with us and gave us a lot of information. In fact, the clubs here in Houston, that the pansexual clubs pretty much got their start because of work that gay leather men did. It's



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a shame that more of the people in the in the scene right now don't appreciate those roots that actually the the gift that those guys gave us when the kernel, the kernel cans and people like awesome people that were amazing people and they gave us a foundation to build on and we took it from there. So it was very interesting.



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Are you also seeing a trend toward younger people coming in to the scene? I'm not talking about children, anyone? I'm talking about 18? You know?



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It looks to me like I see, frankly, I see very little of people that you know, mostly mid 20s into their 30s they're looking pretty younger Travis. You look pretty young.



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But it still seems to me there are more younger people, then there were 15 years ago to me.



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I think that's true, proportionally, there probably are. And I think that just reflects people's

interest in the thing. I don't I don't know how to explain that. I think it's great. And I frankly, as long as you're an adult, I don't think whatever your age is, should bar you from coming and taking a look if you want to. I mean, there are people there are people who are much older than Travis they even come and play it. That's



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true. That's true. So



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I plan to be I plan to hang a flogger from my walker and continue doing this just as long as that we've got yeah wonderful pharmaceuticals now you just can't.



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I always said I was going to build a retirement home for dominatrix. Eric's you know so you could get goes into like diaper play. Oh.



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There's a wonderful, wonderful lady named Viola Johnson, who has been an s&m slave for Yes, I know, a long, long time. And that's her pet project is building that. Yeah. But you're talking about young people, I'm gonna say, you know, there is even a nationwide group, that's called the next generation that is based on them on a wonderful group of people. They have a great chapter here in Houston, if anybody's in that 18 to 35 year old age frame,



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I think know what I hate when I hear things like that and understand the reason for it. But it just always sends my antenna up. I guess it just came from the way we started with the same, I really just all of a sudden am suspicious of any group that starts out that is exclusive, or really, that really troubles me at some level. Like, I understand that some people have different interests. And that's that's one thing. But when you start saying, well, you're you're you're not the right shape to be in this group, or you're not the right age to be in this group. You're not the right color to be in this group. I start getting, I don't know, I just it just troubles me. I don't like to see things and things have splintered. I have seen a trend. If you talk about a friend, I have seen a trend toward people saying breaking away and starting level, very special interest groups. And occasionally they're exclusive. And I don't I don't really like that too much.



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What do you think about that?



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I think, I think it depends on the reason for one of their banger exclusive. We talked a little bit about that earlier, I think there is a huge need. In every major city for what is generally referred to as a gateway community. That would be clubs like we have here in Houston with Houston pep and arrows, for instance. They're both good sized clubs. And they pretty much welcome anybody I have just doesn't really have membership arrows does, but with their welcome anybody to their meetings. So let's let's say perhaps they don't even have a membership roster. That's one way they keep it discreet. Everybody can go there. You're welcome. As long as your mind your manners, I mean, that's what I mean, our real protocol in the Houston Community is Amy Vanderbilt, read your manners book and be nine, you'll be fun. So you've got that large gateway community that is very non exclusive, it's totally inclusive. And that's going to be good enough for a lot of people. And there are going to be other people that find a need for one reason or another to be exclusive. Maybe they want to play heavier. Or maybe it's some young people that are very uncomfortable, they get around some older people, more experienced people, they feel intimidated. So they want to be a part of the large gateway community. But then they also want to have as something extra, not something totally separate, not something they do instead of but something they do as well as. And so they'll go to their the next generation meeting and talk with other people that are similar to them that have similar ideas and thoughts. In fact, it was kind of funny after they started the next generation. Another gentleman, and I started a club called the old folks group. Oh, I can't wait, we we excluded you if you're under 35. And we had better parties than they do. I'll tell you.



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He had all the experience app.



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I think it just it quality. Are they being exclusive? Is there a real reason for it? And in their exclusivity? Are they saying this is a something they're adding? And that's great with me? If it's something they're replacing and saying we don't want the others and nobody can come with it? Then I'm opposed to that to



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just think it's important that that at least as a community, we embrace everything. And that's fetishes and everything, like you said from from silk scarves to change those, I think it's important that we embrace all of that. So we are this.



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So as a participant in this DNS BDSM thing. How has Do you think that this has added to your being a better human being?



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It's an interesting point.



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I give a couple of workshops. One of them is called BDSM, and personal journeys. And in that I talk about the main journey that I think we all take in life is to somehow arrive at what is the closest thing to our own authentic self, to where we're not being what Shell Oil Company wants you to be or what your mother wants you to be or your sister, but who you really are. And BDSM offers us all sorts of hills decline, rituals to take rites of passage to walk through things that we can do to seek out who we are. Last May I had six big coil hooks stuck in my back and they hung from a tree in Pennsylvania. And it was the most incredible hour and a half I ever spent in my life. It was a hill to climb and a ritual and it put me in touch with things about myself that I did not know about. And I think we have those opportunities to grow in this community because they are things that make us face who we really are, and who we really want to be. So I think has helped me immensely.



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I would agree I can I can point to in my life and my younger life, I had a, I had a little problem with self control, particularly with my temper, gotten a number of significant jams, mostly because I just didn't bother to put any bounds on my temper. And I think particularly in s&m, the responsibility of having a partner that's in your hands, has taught me self discipline. Like to say I'm so dominant even dominate myself. And there's really it sounds funny, but there's really, there's really sounds that there's really something there learning how learning where your buttons are, where your limits are. And believe me Dom's have limits to there's no question about that. I've said no many times to things, right. But I think really, that's that's the biggest thing I've gotten out of it. And, and learning how to be intimate with someone how to in frankly, we talk about this. It's one of the fascinating things about the whole s&m experience to me is that it's, it's filled with paradoxes. That's fascinating. The obvious one is how can people get pleasure from pain? But the whole scene is filled with those kind of paradoxes like Travis was mentioning during the break. One of the surprising things is that really good Dom's in our experience had been incredibly sensitive people. And most people on the outside looking in say, Well, this, this bruise is anything but sensitive. But really, you can't do this successfully unless you are. So I found out some areas of myself some sensitivity and some insight in myself that I didn't really understand that I had before. And I've learned how to sharpen those skills. And I can give some of the credit at least escena.



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Would you would say it's definitely a self exploring. Absolutely kind of thing. What were you going to say?



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One of the things Stephen said brought this up to me that one of the interesting paradoxes, if you go to an s&m party, he will see women dressed in the most wildly erotic outfit, or nothing at all. And you see up on stages or on crosses, you see people doing these terrible things to that what look like terrible things are actually very pleasurable things. And you think that this would be a risky, dangerous place for a woman to be. But we often said that the safest place for a woman to be in Houston, Texas, as at one of our community play parties, on a Saturday night, walking around naked, because absolutely nothing will happen to that woman that she doesn't want to have happened, it is far safer to be there than it is to be at any singles bar in this town. It just looks bad. And that's part of where our formal protocol comes from. If you go to any of these organizations, you go into their parties. There is almost a real formality about how we deal with things. We treat each other with an incredible level of respect and kindness. Because we're doing these things that look so bad, that we pull back in how we actually deal with each other to where we show an incredible level of respect, right?



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Don't play with other people's things, you know, don't touch with us. Thank God, thank God. All right. You are with KPFT radio that listens to you. You just gonna look at me, George. Oh, that's right. It's not George. I'm sorry.



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beg your forgiveness. That goes a long way.



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I beg your forgiveness.



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I'll let me hear that again. I can't hear you.



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I beg your forgiveness.



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I beg your forgiveness mistress.



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Mistress. I beg your forgiveness. Mr.



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Said beg your forgiveness. Please, please.



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This is a fun room to begin tonight.



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Tell us about that nifty little thing you keep playing with cracking it. Yes. Microphone.



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Oh, let's not Yes. Don't



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let my dog get that.



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Well, you know, it is it's a dog to actually it's just a piece of rawhide. But it's a very, very nasty little thing.



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Yeah, yeah. Hit me with it in the lobby. Yes. And



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it gives a really nice little sound to it. Do Do we need we need to give up a little sound effects. You're close to her. Could you help me with that, please? Oh,



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Steven. That didn't take long.



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Do anything I found that there are basically two big categories of things you hit people with stinky hours and 30 saying yes, and I've also found that there's some I like more and sometimes my partner's like one over the other. But um, I'm gonna switch I like both. This is kind of like a switch. Once you get the leather



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Stephen has it this is a very long thing. It's really no larger in circumference than like a straw. It's



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maybe a yard



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in length, but it's very, very similar. Do you hear that?



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Might want to move the microphone closer? Yes.



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Pull the microphone down. It's too much work. Oh, she's taking off her jacket. Now you're coming



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to close again.



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Okay,



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can we do this on the pull that



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mic down so we can hear it so he's now taking this thing and hitting the breast with it. And she has this marvelous look on her face. Oh that looks



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really really nice ability is looks like that that makes you fall in love Yeah, yeah. Yeah. Quickly.



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NC can't come along to be helpful in that great I



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just wonder if your audit just want to throw this thing down slap your rating



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go up dramatically. If this were on TV, yeah.



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We keep trying to get that webcam in there.



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No, that would be great. Everybody always comes out to back to see what's happening with Toy of the day. Would you like to find out what we're talking about here? That's exactly what I came back. Welcome. Let me let me demonstrate. To toy



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don't hand it to him to try



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to get him back. Help him out here.



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Pants here we can say



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can you just drop the yes, it's just too much. But it isn't