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# TAKING IT TO THE NTH DEGREE

## WITH OLI DICKINSON

• Written by: Marco Hohl •

*Oli Dickinson commands attention the moment you lay eyes on him with his rough demeanour, big arms and cheeky smile. The 33-year-old personal trainer from Manchester is a famous face within the fetish community, who loves to be in control. So what makes this sir-with-a-septum-ring tick? WINGS sat down with Oli to talk about his devotion to rubber and leather and the positive impact kink has had on his life.*

**Let's start with an easy question: what is your favourite fetish or kink?**

“Oh wow, it is probably quite wide ranging. There are a lot of different facets of fetishism that I am interested in: rubber, leather, military, skin... But the thing that combines them all for me is the concept of control. Even before I found out about fetish my sex life would always involve elements of aggression, control, discipline and protocol. Since my early twenties I was largely having sex with vanilla people, who were quite put off or perturbed by that (he laughs). It was not until I moved to Manchester about five years ago that I first started to discover the fetish scene and meet likeminded men. I think fetishists are rather born than made in that respect. I hadn't had any exposure to the fetish scene, it was just something that was inside of me that came out during vanilla sex. I think that is important for people to understand. A hot topic in the UK at the moment is fetish representation at Pride. You hear things like: ‘Think of the children’ and ‘Is it right for them to be seeing this?’ I wish I had seen it at a young age. It would have saved me years of confusion about where these feelings were coming from and how to deal with them.”

**“PEOPLE IN RUBBER FEEL LIKE ANOTHER RACE TO ME”**







***The age old debate: leather or rubber? Which side are you on?***

“I used to be a purist in rubber for three or four years, but recently I have been getting more and more into leather as well. They both affect me in different ways. I find rubber almost a little dehumanizing. You move differently. It becomes a second skin and that changes you. People in rubber feel like another race to me. You step out of humanity and create your own society and rules. You essentially become a super being. That is really good fun, because it can get more playful and aggressive. Leather on the other hand has an earthier feel to it. You are very much a human being wearing a uniform of superiority. It empowers you. You are not creating rules, but reinforcing the ones that are already in place and you use those to the maximum of your ability. There are rules on what to wear and how to wear it. Clothes have a meaning and dictate how people should approach or address you. Leather and rubber make me feel incredibly dominant and controlling. When I wear leather I am myself at my most powerful. Rubber on the other hand turns me into something else entirely.”

***What role does fetish play in your life?***

“It is pretty universal. It has become part of my day to day life. I have met people through fetish that have become part of my chosen family. Some of my closest friends are fellow fetishists and I value that there is a lot of support from the Manchester fetish community when one of us suffers hardships. Fetish is always present even when I’m not playing. It is something that might be discussed or I receive some kinky pics through social media. And I am still finding new ways to play. You can never get bored of it. Fetishism started a long time ago when someone looked at sex and thought: how can I make this better? How can I make this more interesting? And then the rest of us took it to the Nth degree. There are a million different things you can do and I think that is absolutely fantastic!”

***What new kinks have sparked your interest recently?***

“I am getting more and more into rope play. When it comes to bondage I prefer heavier materials like steel and leather. They feel more permanent to me. Chains and steel for example look incredibly enslaving. Rope on the other hand seems like a lot of work (he laughs). But I am starting to appreciate the aesthetic quality of it and the concept of taking the time around it and how that can play into different scenarios. And that is really good fun. The skin scene is new to me as well and it is one that I am getting more into lately. I haven’t gone to my first skin night yet, but I have been playing around with it privately. The scene is notoriously aggressive and as I have mentioned before that is something I quite enjoy. There are a lot of other things that I have been playing around with recently, but I won’t disclose them all. Your readers are welcome to contact me if they want to know more (he laughs mischievously).”

Get social with Oli Dickinson and follow him on [Facebook.com/oli.dickinson.5](https://www.facebook.com/oli.dickinson.5). Want to get in shape with his professional help? Then check out Oli’s personal training website [odpt.co.uk](http://odpt.co.uk). He will basically tell you what to do, which works for him and you! #winwinsituation

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# MISTER B IS A HAMBURGER



• Hennig Tensfeldt, shop manager •

• Written by: Marco Hohl •

Brunos loves men. Tall ones, short ones, ripped ones, chubby, hairy or bald, and especially men who love other men. With stores in the four biggest German cities - Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and Munich - Brunos caters to the needs and desires of a major part of Germany's gay scene. We are proud to be part of Brunos Hamburg with the new Mister B Shop-in-Shop that opened in April. We spoke with store manager Hennig Tensfeldt about this exciting collaboration.

## What kind of store is Brunos Hamburg?

"At Brunos gay men can find anything for their lifestyle. We offer daily needs like condoms and lube, but also toys and underwear including Barcode Berlin, aussieBum and Addicted. We sell coming out novels, books with erotic stories, gay literature, television series like 'Tales of the City', blockbuster movies like 'Call Me by Your Name', and hardcore porn DVDs. Our store feels open, easy going, and we don't hide the sex. We believe sex is a normal and important part of life. Therefore, you will find the intimate toys next to our selection of underwear and the pornographic DVDs next to the Hollywood films. There is no clear distinction between soft and hard. Brunos doesn't look like your typical sex shop either; there are a lot of people who accidentally stumble into our store. We are also quite popular with straight girls who like to buy sexy underwear for their boyfriends."



• Mister B Shop-in-Shop - Brunos Hamburg •



Photography by Hans-Christian Schröder

**You have been working at Brunos for more than ten years, so you get exposed to a lot of sexual fantasies. Do you have any fetishes or kinks yourself?**

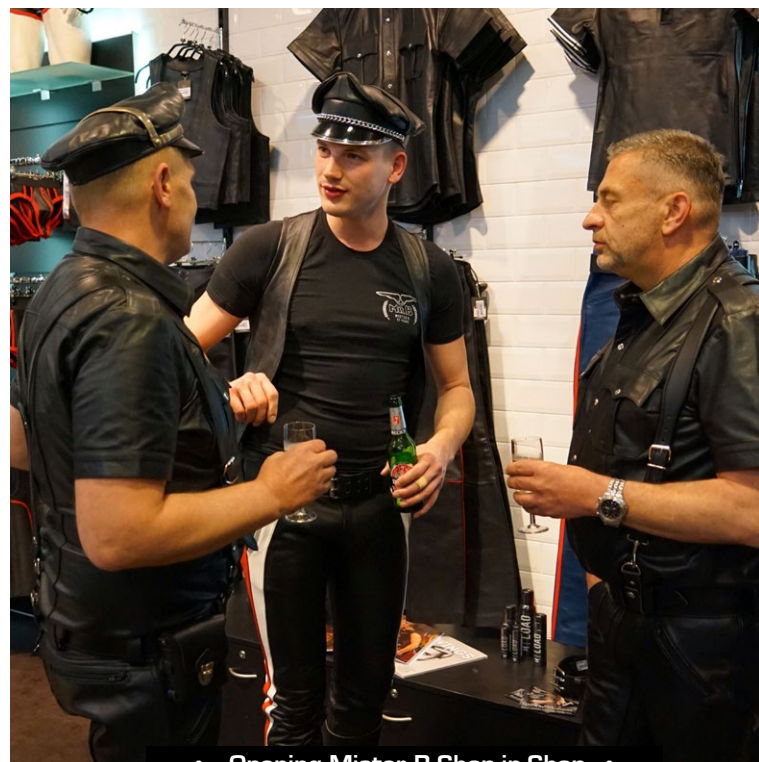
“Only since recently. I never was a leather man but Mister B sparked my interest in leather fetish clothing and I really, really like it. I bought leather pants and a police shirt from Mister B and I wear them when I go to fetish bars like S.L.U.T. Club in Hamburg. It is a completely new world for me. When you wear leather, it elevates you as a person. It almost feels like wearing a uniform. You stand up more straight. You have more presence. It changes your attitude. People who have never seen me in leather before usually act surprised, but the response is mostly positive, sometimes even admiring. For me it is a lot of fun.”



• Team Brunos •

**You have also been selling fetish gear and toys by Mister B since April. What can customers expect from this cooperation?**

“We opened a Mister B Shop-in-Shop a couple of months ago in our store. This means we have a separate section with the latest Mister B clothing and toys. We mostly offer leather fetish gear including pants, vests, police shirts, belts and harnesses. But we also sell Mister B Neoprene, which is a first for us. We have noticed that neoprene is incredibly popular amongst our clients. The Mister B Shop-in-Shop has a changing booth and my colleagues and I advise the customers. We also sell the newest line of Mister B dildos called Fucktools that come with a suction cup, which makes it easier to fuck yourself. Puppy play is very popular at the moment in Hamburg. That might explain why we sell a lot of Sk8erboy socks. Pups and handlers should definitely come over to our store and check out our collection of puppy masks and gear.”



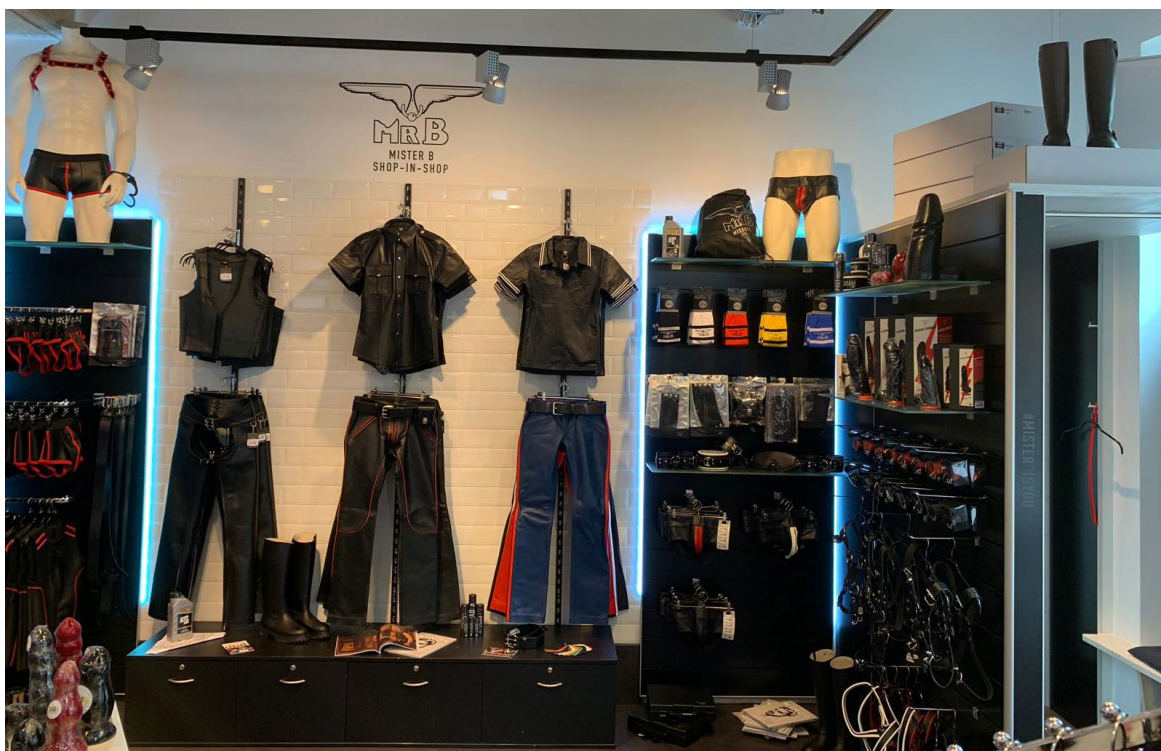
• Opening Mister B Shop-in-Shop •

## What is the fetish scene like in Hamburg? Do you have any tips for our readers?

“The scene is developing and becoming bigger and there are a lot of nice places to go to. Around the corner of our store you can find S.L.U.T. Club. They organise a lot of fetish parties where you have to dress in rubber or leather. They also have a naked night and there are evenings without a dress code. TOMS Saloon is the oldest gay bar in town. It is a nice place to have a drink. And if you really want to party you should go to Babylon in Bahnhof Pauli in the middle of the Reeperbahn (Hamburg’s world-famous red-light district). It is a men-only party, with a sexy, younger crowd. When it comes to clothing less is more. People wear harnesses, tank tops, no shirt or nothing at all. The atmosphere is nice and relaxed and when you meet someone new you can take them for a test drive in the darkroom.”



• Opening Mister B Shop-in-Shop •



# BRUNOS

Hennig and his team are looking forward to giving you some expert advice on the newest Mister B gear and toys. And they can even help you with some fundamental reading tips when it comes to gay erotic literature, like the classic novel ‘Gott fickt gut’ (God knows how to fuck) by Michael Soze. Brunos Hamburg is located @ Danziger Strasse 70 on the corner of the Lange Reihe, the central street of Hamburg’s gay neighbourhood. Check [shop.brunos.de](http://shop.brunos.de) for opening hours and more information.



**MR. RIEGILLIO**

FETISH FASHION



# QUENCH YOUR THIRST IN ZÜRICH



• Written by: Marco Hohl •

If you are #thirsty then Zürich is the place for you. The largest city in Switzerland has over 1200 drinking fountains. There is one on almost every street corner. If that is not enough to quench your thirst, we suggest you pop over to one of the parties and gay hot spots highlighted in this instalment of Close Up. To quote Katy Perry 'Swiss, Swiss, bish' and keep on reading!

## MALE PARTY

Male Party is spreading its wings. Have you been to the Cologne edition? Then do yourself a big favour and check out Male Party Zürich as well. It is slightly smaller than its big German brother but it has a familiar and friendly vibe that regular guests have come to love. Sexy gogo's, great lighting and amazing music are included. The party is held multiple times a year and features the best DJ's from across the world like David Leroy, Max del Principe and GSP.

#alwaysgoodtoknow: t-shirts are taken off quite quickly at Male Party Zürich, which means the guests feel welcome, comfortable and at home. That also explains why most of them keep dancing till the end at 7 am and continue to do so at the after party that goes on till 1 pm. And if you need to catch your flight afterwards, you are in luck, since the airport is right around the corner!

Check [www.male-party.com/zurich](http://www.male-party.com/zurich) for upcoming dates, tickets and line-ups.





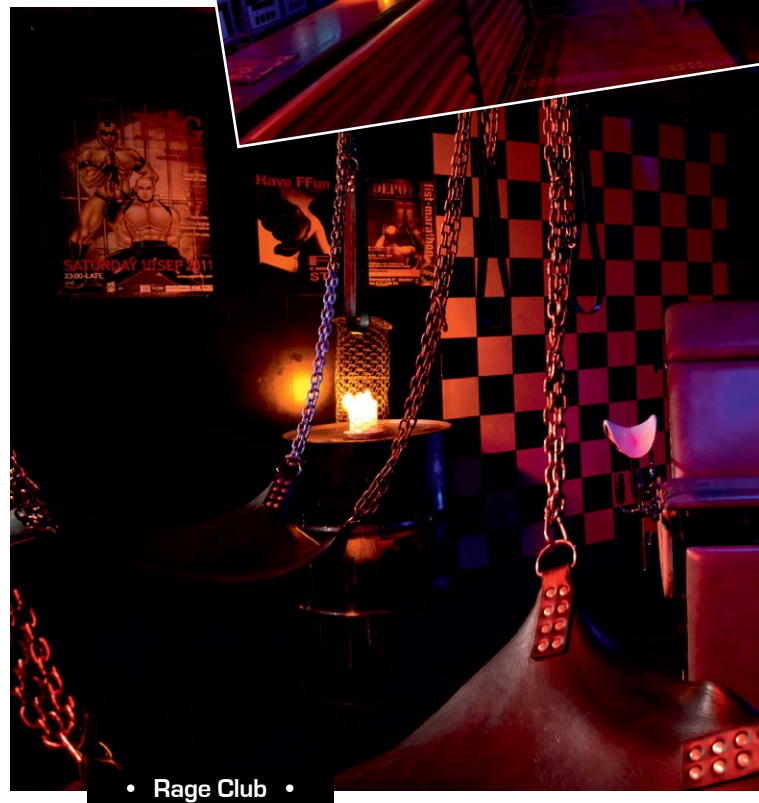
## RAGE CLUB

Rage Club is a gay cruising club in Schlieren (near Zürich) with two bars, darkrooms, cabins and a fetish club spread over three floors. You can expect to hear trance, techno, progressive and house coming from the speakers, but there is no dancing going on, since this club is all about cruising and fucking. You can dress the way you like in Sector A and B aka the cellar and the ground floor. On the first floor you will find Sector C, the fetish club. The dress code for this area depends on the theme of the night (leather, sportswear, piss etc.) and can range from leather chaps and rubber boots to jockstraps and rugby socks.

Rage Club is opened on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. One of the most popular events is the packed XXL Naked Party on the last Friday of October, February and June. Also important to know: if you want to get totally *nekked* or need to change your outfit, there are lockers and a wardrobe available. #lessclothesmeansmorefun



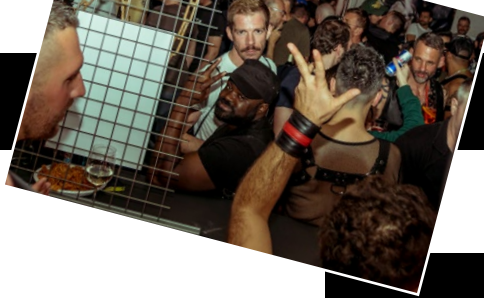
Check [www.rage.ch](http://www.rage.ch) for more information and upcoming events.



• Rage Club •



• Male Party Zürich •



## MÄNNERZONE

Männerzone is kinda versatile: it is a fetish shop and a bar for gay men in the centre of Zürich. The shop sells leather by Mister B, rubber, neoprene, bondage gear and sex toys including dildos and anal speculums. In the back of Männerzone there is a bar that looks like a garage. There are old car parts and wheels for decoration, the tables and bar are made from metal oil barrels and there are pictures featuring barely dressed muscle men in fetish gear. The bartenders wear overalls while serving the guests, with zips that are way, way down. #customerfriendly

Männerzone organises a couple of fetish events a year together with the Swiss Gear Heads, the Leathermen of Switzerland and the Swiss Rubbermen and there are also theme parties every now and again. In October the bar celebrates Oktoberfest with big glasses of Bavarian beer from the tap, yodelling drag queens, pretzels and Weisswurst. The shop is opened from Tuesday to Saturday. The bar is opened on Friday and Saturday nights till 3 am.

Check [www.maennerzone.ch](http://www.maennerzone.ch) for more information and upcoming events.

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• Mister B concept store - Männerzone •

## TIPS FROM THE LOCALS

We asked Remo Jost (Male Party Zürich), Andy Imholz (Rage Club) and Melchior Burch (Männerzone) what their personal tips are for tourists visiting Zürich. Here is what they had to say!

### REMO JOST

“I love Barfüesser because they serve amazing sushi there. It used to be one of the most important meeting places for gays in Europe in the fifties and it has a lot of history. Cranberry Bar in the centre of the city is the perfect place to go for a drink. It is where people meet up before they go out. They play everything from electronic music to RuPaul.”

[www.barfuesser.ch](http://www.barfuesser.ch)

[www.cranberry.ch](http://www.cranberry.ch)

### ANDY IMHOLZ

“When I have time - which is unfortunately almost never - I go to the Infinity Bar in Niederdorf, the old part of the city. It is run by two of our former employees. They play house, hits and sometimes even Schlager music. It is a nice place to go during the week. The best time of year to visit Zürich is during the summer in my opinion. The Zürich Lake looks like a dream then and I recommend visiting the gay bars in the Dörflistrasse when you are in town.”

[www.infinity-bar.ch](http://www.infinity-bar.ch)

### MELCHIOR BURCH

“I think Petra’s Tip Top Bar is a lot of fun. It is a Schlager bar, so they play a lot of German language songs, with a mixed crowd. The Werdinsel is an island where the gays meet. You can bath naked there. Unfortunately, they took away a lot of the bushes and cut the trees because there was too much sexual activity going on in public during the day. But it is still incredibly beautiful and looks like a little paradise. If you want to enjoy an incredible panorama view of the city and the mountains you should take a trip to the Üetliberg. And it is also nice to visit the zoo which has a mini rainforest in the Masoala Halle with plants, birds and lots of other animals.”

[www.tip-top-bar.ch](http://www.tip-top-bar.ch)

[www.zoo.ch](http://www.zoo.ch)



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## AT THE BOOTS ANTWERP

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Arguably one of Europe's most satisfactory leather/fetish bars, like something from the old days (almost that good), the Boots continues to thrive at a time when establishments of this nature are finding it increasingly tricky to lure in the younger set. Opened on 4 July 1983, the Boots was originally on just one floor, but there are now six to choose from, with bars on two of them — including one in the sexy-smelling and atmospheric basement — and extensive play areas on two levels further up. It's a vertical labyrinth with an endless-seeming collection of (challengingly steep) stairs. Traditionally a leather bar, by necessity the Boots now embraces the full range of fetish, from sportswear, skinhead, underwear and diapers to sneakers; the naked too have their place, as do the pups.

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• Written by: Jacob Alexander Clark •

In this issue of Wings Magazine we take a slightly different, if not somewhat unconventional, look at 'Brotherhood' in the fetish community. Mister Leather Berlin (2018) and Mister Leather Spain (2019) have successfully maintained a loving relationship whilst handling the pressures and recognition that tag along with their titles. Jens and Jose came together to tell us a little bit more about themselves and their experiences as a Mister & Mister couple.

### How long have you been a couple for and how did you meet?

**Jens:** I am going to stay quiet because if I say something wrong right now, he is probably going to hit me!

**Jose:** Haha! We've been dating since November 2016. We started talking on Instagram and at some point he asked me if he could come to Barcelona to meet me. Look at him — of course I said yes!

**Jens:** I hadn't planned to go to any fetish events or parties whilst I was there. I just went with the intention of spending a 'chill' weekend with a local. Things escalated from there and the rest is history.



Photography by T-huis photography

**Speaking of Instagram - on almost every picture you both post, there is the hashtag #sendraboots. How did that mutual obsession come about?**

**Jens:** Well, you have the niche of gay men, then the niche of the leather guys and then those that are into cowboy boots — when looking for someone, you can narrow down your search quite a lot! Sendra boots are a subset of a subset of a subset.

**Jose:** Since I was a child I got horny from leather boots, but cowboy boots really get me going. So, when I came across Sendra boots (which is the combination of the two), I was sold. I think that was the hashtag that brought us together!

**Jens:** It was some impressive Instagram matchmaking and the main reason I started messaging him. I think it was a recommended post from Instagram actually. Maybe it was a promoted post, who knows? *(He smirks, looking over at Jose.)*

**Jose:** I didn't pay them to promote me, I swear!

**You were both in a relationship before you became Mistrs. What changed in your personal lives after having been elected?**

**Jens:** When you become a Mister it really is like a second job. If you commit and put all your focus and energy into that role, it can easily turn into a full-time occupation. The time and effort I poured into being a representative for my community was a hard strain to put on my relationships, with my boyfriend and my friends. A lot of people didn't see me for most of the year. I was everywhere and nowhere at the same time. It is extremely exhausting but also extremely rewarding as long as you keep in mind that you are in a position to make a difference. Not sleeping properly in weeks and weeks becomes justifiable when you are having a positive impact on other people's lives.



## How did you balance the responsibilities and 'fame' of being Misters with your relationship?

**Jose:** The hardest thing was wanting to spend some alone time with each other and not having the opportunity to do so, because you are constantly surrounded by people. Trying to find those moments of intimacy was quite difficult. Naturally, when you are at these events you are prepared to share your partner's attention with other people. At the same time, when you are in a new city, you want to go to a restaurant or do some sight-seeing just one-on-one and that proved to be quite difficult.

**Jens:** Exactly! Going to a museum instead of a club together didn't happen that often. On the other hand, because we were both 'Misters' at the same time, this was easier to accept, knowing what the other was going through. It may seem strange from an outsider's perspective as to why we are doing this and why we are always running around and getting stressed, but when you have been in this position you can totally relate. In that sense we were quite lucky to be title holders simultaneously.

## When you do get a moment alone, what do you enjoy doing together?

**Jens:** Aside from the whole leather thing, we are both pretty big nerds, albeit in slightly different ways. I am more of the computer tech guy and Jose is more of the 'Japanese manga-culture' and K-Pop guy.

**Jose:** We also both love video games! Total 'gaymers'! We can spend a whole evening beating each other's asses on MarioKart and SuperSmash brothers.

**Jens:** When it comes to anything Nintendo, Jose wins. When it comes to playstation or other platforms — that's my time to shine! Jose: What can I say? I like playing games that are colourful and sparkly.

**Jens:** When he plays as Princess Peach, watch out! He will win.

## Is there much competition between you two outside of the video game world? How about with other guys?

**Jens:** Sometimes a little! Usually, we have quite different target groups and we are not hunting for the same types of guys. So if Jose is getting lucky and I am not, it is just because of personal preference. At least that is what I tell myself whilst I cry myself to sleep. Haha!

**Jose:** I go more for big, muscly men and he goes for cute, nerdy guys. Sometimes we share but there isn't much left of them when I am finished!

## What other dreams or ambitions did you have to discard to get where you are now?

**Jens:** In my case, it may sound as boring as it does interesting. I always wanted to become a professor for theoretical astrophysics — the whole Big Bang Theory thing. I actually studied for that but when I graduated, I realised I had interests and passions for which I needed money to pursue. I switched over to another line of work and I am currently CEO of a software company. It suits me nicely and goes well with being a Mister. I even get to wear my leather to work — see? *(He points down at the dapper leather shirt and tie look he is sporting for our interview.)*

**Jose:** I wanted to be a vet since I was a child because of my love of animals. When I finished university, the employment situation was not great in Spain and that is when I started working at Zara. My colleagues are all very interested in my 'Mister activities' — even the straight guys compliment me on my leather pants. I may not be a practicing veterinarian right now, but for the first time I am completely happy with my life. I have an amazing boyfriend, family and friends and I get to travel the world in Sendra boots!

## What advice would you give our readers that may be thinking about embarking on a similar journey with their partner?

**Jose:** If one or both of you want to be a Mister, you must practice patience. It can be very difficult at times but it is worth it when you know it is something your partner wants and when what you truly want is for them to be happy. Seeing your loved one feeling fulfilled and seeing all the goals they have achieved can be the biggest reward ever when you just have patience.

**Jens:** The most important thing is unlimited and unwavering trust. No matter where Jose is going, what he is doing and with whom, I know at the end of the day he is coming back home to me. I absolutely and unconditionally trust him not to hurt me or do anything that I would not approve of. That is the key to surviving a 'mister and mister' relationship — surviving any relationship for that matter! Sacrifice, trust and patience.

## Interested in using Instagram's tried-and-trusted match-making service?

Check out these two lovers at [@gearupberlin](#) and [@bcn4lthr](#) to get some 'hashtag dating' tips, a Sendra boots obsession and a hard-on — all at the same time!

# MEET THE SISTER(S)... SISTER ROMA

• Written by: Marco Hohl •

Hallelujah, motherfuckers! This year the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence are celebrating their 40th birthday. For four decades, these white-faced drag nuns have been raising money for good causes and promoting safer sex at fetish events like Folsom in San Francisco, Berlin and Prides around the globe. We had the pleasure to talk to the most photographed nun in the world and one of the longest serving members of this prestigious order, the iconic Sister There's No Place Like Rome, better known as Sister Roma!

**Happy anniversary dear Sister Roma! For the readers who have never heard of your order: who are the Sisters and what do they do?**

“The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence is a non-profit human rights activist and fundraising organisation that started in San Francisco in 1979. We basically picket, riot, protest and defend human rights for all people and raise a lot of money for charity. We give away about 100.000 dollars annually. The Sisters found their purpose around 1982 when HIV

and AIDS were ravaging the gay community. We realised that people were sick and dying and that they needed help. The Sisters were the first group ever to produce a safer sex pamphlet called Play Fair, which we still print, and we were the first group to hold a fundraiser for an HIV/AIDS organisation that provided practical care to the sick and dying. We have been on the frontline of the war against HIV and AIDS ever since. The Sisters are a beautiful melting pot of our community. From the very beginning we have had women, people of colour and trans members. This diversity has also had an influence on the charities we donate to and the people we help. We support LGBTQ youths, the trans community, the elderly and we donate to breast cancer research.”

**What achievements are you most proud of in the last 40 years?**

“I am very proud of the work we have done around HIV and AIDS. Together with the LGBTQ community we have taught the world how to deal with a plague in an intelligent, pragmatic and compassionate way. The Sisters are very political. When we go out it is a statement about religion, about gender and about drag. We are men in dresses, dressed as nuns. That is something a lot of people can't deal with. I am proud of the bravery of every Sister around the world. I am proud of the Sisters in Las Vegas for their drug assistance program and I am proud of the Sisters in Atlanta for what they do around homeless people. Every Sister finds a way to serve her community best. Personally I am proud of the anti-violence campaign that I started in 1989. We partnered with the San Francisco police department and local businesses that function as safe havens and we handed out hundreds of





thousands of whistles for people to put on their key chains to blow when they are in danger.”

**And you do all this important work with a spoonful of sugar right? There is a lot of fun involved...**

“Always! The vows that we take are to promulgate (promote) universal joy and to expiate (make up for) stigmatic guilt. We also take vows to serve our community and our fellow Sisters, but to never take ourselves so seriously that we forget to have fun.”

**What is the craziest thing you have ever done as a Sister?**

“In the nineties we performed gay marriages, way before they were a reality, on the campus of the Capitol Christian Center in California. We went there on an Easter Sunday and the people we met there were very homophobic. That was an exciting, crazy, colourful and fun way to do activism.”

**It is also a pretty direct way to confront a group that is clearly anti-gay. Wasn't that scary for you?**

“Oh yeah, that is always scary (she laughs). Those people are crazy! I remember going to the first Gay Pride in Fresno, California where we came face to face with the KKK. They don't wear white sheets anymore. They are completely out in the open with their faces clearly visible and they had their signs of hate with them. We passed a family with little kids flipping us off. People were screaming horrible things. I realised that moment that the police wasn't there to keep us in line, but to protect us from them. They were super violent. The same thing happened during the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights in 1993. The whole weekend was a beautiful, amazing celebration until we passed the place where they had the Christian counter-protest. You could feel their hate. The awful signs and comments. The looks they gave us. They were supposed to be Christians; people who preach and talk about love; but they were the worst, most evil people there. It was so weird.”

**How does it affect you when you are confronted with so much hatred?**

“It makes me feel more convinced that I am doing the right thing. It is interesting to meet people who are as convinced that they are right as I am. I have to respect their rights and beliefs, but the dialogue that we have really helps me reaffirm my beliefs and also helps me to explain better where I am coming from.”

**What keeps you going as a Sister?**

“Well it has been 32 years and I keep going because I love it! I love my community. I love interacting with people. There is always something to fight for and someone who needs help. There is always a reason to stand up for people who don't have a voice or to contribute our collective voices to important causes like the environment or the Marches for Gun Control. When I speak to college classes I never know who I reach or in what way. Last Friday the Sisters had a party in San Francisco and two beautiful young women came up to me. They were graduates from Saint Mary's College, a Catholic school, and they were in a class that I had spoken to the year before. I had talked about the Sisters, the LGBTQ community, HIV and AIDS and all those sort



of things. It was their first real contact with our world. My story opened their hearts and minds and they shared it with their friends. This gave one of their best friends the courage to come out to them. It was this whole domino effect of love and positive energy. Sometimes you just don't know how you affect people and that is simply amazing."

**Is it difficult to be a Sister of Perpetual Indulgence in the Trump era?**

"The current administration in the United States is waging a war against everything that we hold dear. So I can't stop with what I am doing. We will never stop! I have been around for a long time and I have seen the different social and political climates. We have fought for so many things. There are battles that we have won and battles that we have lost. The pendulum swings back and forth. In the seventies it was swinging left and in the eighties society became more liberal and it started swinging back to the right. We started pushing back with Obama and now they are shoving the pendulum back hard to the right. But I know we will swing back; that we will accomplish more. It is two steps forward, one step back."

**What would you say to young queer people based on that?**

"I don't want them to be discouraged. They have to realise that we fought hard for the rights they enjoy today and that they will have to continue to fight for them. They need to look outside themselves. Just because you are not a trans person doesn't mean their issues are not your issues. Just because you are not a gay black man, doesn't mean his issues are not your issues. Our community is made up of people from all cultures, all races, all walks of life, all social economical backgrounds, all over the world. Anywhere you go you will find one of us. We are together and we have to stick together as a family and as a community. We have to recognise that anyone's problem, is all of our problems and all of our fights."



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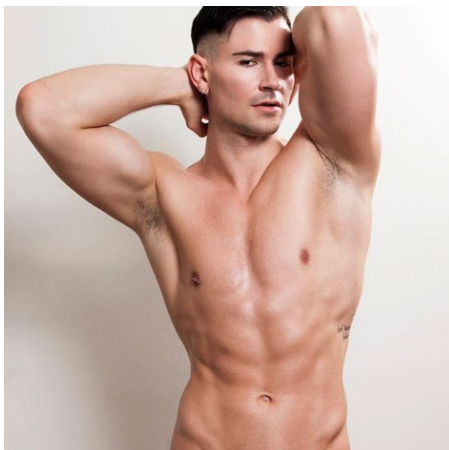
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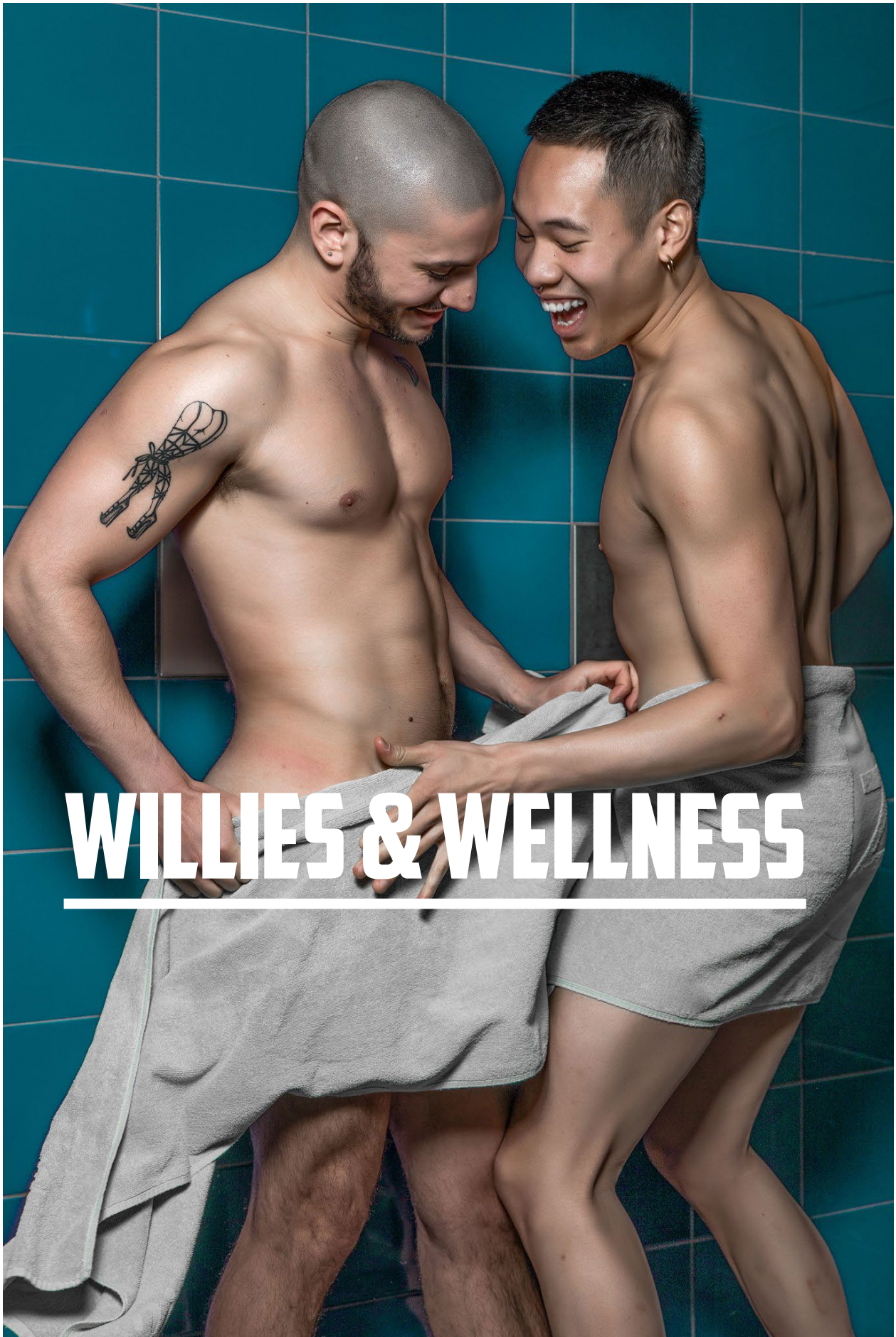
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# WILLIES & WELLNESS

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# SAUNA NIEUWEZIJD.

• Written by: Jacob Alexander Clark •

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Before visiting the Sauna Nieuwezijds (NZ) for the first time, I had never once stepped inside a gay sauna. I had two conflicting preconceptions in my head of what to expect.

One was like an awkwardly spotless, stylised and sleek porn set, and the other came from bad trip advisor reviews of other saunas – describing dark, dingy, dirty dives. (Getting aroused by all the ‘D’ in that sentence?)

To my surprise, neither were accurate. The NZ had a warmly lit ‘bachelor-pad meets wooden-chalet’ style lounge area with a well-stocked bar and a kitchen offering a full menu. (Bottoms! Avoid the chicken curry – it tastes incredible, but you’ll thank me later.) In the back I found plenty of clean showers, a Finnish sauna, a steam room, a darkroom, glory holes and twenty private cabins equipped with condoms and lube, comfy mattresses and red lighting for a good old sexy fuck.

Two years later I have the pleasure to speak with one of the company’s founders and owner Elard Diekman, to discuss the success of the company and what makes the NZ special.



# “WE ARE AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE PROUD TO CRUISE”

**So, when you opened, there was already a long-running sauna (Thermos) in Amsterdam. What made you want to start a second one?**

“I was getting bored with what was on offer. I used to go to Thermos since I arrived in Amsterdam, about 35 years ago. The last couple of years before it closed down in 2013, I was surprised by how quiet it got and how bored I had gotten of it. Plus, if you want to go to the sauna it is nice to have options to pick from. We saw there was a space in the market and opened NZ. That is also why we specifically didn't start a big sauna but a smaller one. At the beginning it was meant to be the second sauna of the city.”

**What do you think has made NZ so popular?**

“I like to think it is our trademark friendliness and hospitality that we took from our experience with our sister company Club Church, into this business as well. I really believe in those qualities, and we try to make sure our entire team possesses them to the best of their ability.”

**You also provide that extra wellness element that a lot of gay saunas forget about. Why is that important for you?**

“I think it is important because the cruising scene amongst gay men is changing. For a very long time it used to be hidden. In public toilets, on the side of roads, empty car parks and that kind of thing. However, the gay community has emancipated. Nowadays we like to cruise in stylish environments and they should have atmosphere. We are at a time when we are proud to cruise! Which brings us back to your question — we have noticed that a lot of our clients really want that wellness element. It allows for an open, social aspect to come through, which modern day cruising demands, and it takes away from the hidden “hush hush” aspect associated with the cruising of the past. I am happy that we give people the freedom to use the NZ how they want. Sex or no sex.”



*Whilst we are on the subject of wellness — here is what the NZ has to offer! Mellow Monday is between 6-12pm every Monday (confusing, I know)! There are two ‘Aufgüsse’ that happen — a Finnish ceremony of sorts that leaves you invigorated, refreshed and far more sweaty than anything or anyone else will make you feel that night! A ‘chocolate session’ also takes place which can be used as either a chance to give your skin some love or give some love to someone else in the form of a chocolate-covered orgy. Wellness Wednesday happens on a Wednesday (OK fine, I’ll stop pointing out the obvious!) which also offers an ‘Aufgüsse’ along with an aromatherapy-scrub session in the steam sauna and a quick hot meditation in the dry sauna. It is the perfect opportunity to recover from all that darkroom action and catch your breath!*

**You also have another special night that has very recently made its way on to the schedule —‘Gender Fluids’ night. Tell us about that and why it was important to start.**

“Historically, gay men as a group are the most relaxed about sexuality and promiscuity. Usually when there is oestrogen involved it gets more complicated! The LGBTQ community is evolving and, more than ever, it is important to be inclusive. It irked us at NZ, more and more, that we were categorically saying no to the majority of society. ‘No, this not for you,’ solely based on whether you have a dick or not! It feels wrong to turn anyone away in a place that was created because we were being turned away elsewhere. Having said that we also recognise that most gay men need to be around gay men only to feel horny and cruise without inhibitions. So, in order to answer both developments, we chose to make the second Saturday of every month open to all gender identities and sexual orientations. We wanted it to happen on a busy day during the weekend. It shouldn’t just be a gap-filler. It is something we want to celebrate, and we are happy with the success of the night so far!”

**That is awesome and definitely a step forward for the Amsterdam scene. As the team behind two of the most prominent gay establishments in Amsterdam (NZ and Club Church) are there any future plans to develop something new in the city or elsewhere?**

“Haha! Well, we continue to renovate both places to keep them in top condition. But I also think the scene could do with another sauna or club. I think for the most part it is still a little on its ass. I don't know why that is! I always blame the aids epidemic. Welost a lot of creative minds and daredevils and those are the people that would have been in their 50s or 60s now, with money to start new things. I do think it is time for a new generation of gay places. So in that sense we are definitely keeping our eyes open for opportunities and inspiration. There is nothing concrete in the pipeline, but if we have enough energy we might start something again!”



*Feeling hot and bothered? Head over to Nieuwezijds Armsteeg 95 (1012NB) and get your sweat on! Alternatively you can follow them on Facebook at @SaunaNZAmsterdam for updates and upcoming events, or visit their website [www.saunanieuwezijds.nl](http://www.saunanieuwezijds.nl) for opening times, contact details and other information.*





# THE FETISH FLIGHT ATTENDANT

• Written by: Marco Hohl •

Have you seen this man before? The smiley one in the pics with the long scruffy beard covered in tattoos and latex? We think you have! His name is Michael Kaplan and he is all over the place, literally! From Boston to Barcelona to Fort Lauderdale to Helsinki. Michael is a fetish flight attendant from the States who lives at 36.000 feet in the air and travels the world for fun (and his monthly pay check of course). We sat down with Michael to talk about his work for Mr. International Rubber and his interesting trips to grandma's house.



**The 23rd edition of Mr. International Rubber is being held on November 8, 9 and 10 at the Vic Theatre in Chicago. What kind of event is it?**

“Like any international fetish competition it is really just a meeting of the minds. We get contestants from all over the world. Last year we had our first contestant from Japan and this year we are anticipating our first Mister Rubber from Brazil. The contest itself is held over two nights. Throughout the day we have a fetish vendor mart and a ‘kink university’. We offer multiple classes including a ‘rubber 1-0-1’, newbies can try on rubber for the first time and in the middle of the vendor mart we have a play space where you can get tied up and experience some bondage. Overall I think Mr. International Rubber is more social and less cruisy than an event like International Mister Leather. We want to include as many people as possible. It might sound crazy but we even had people at our event that are allergic to latex, including one of our tally masters. She was counting votes backstage but couldn’t touch any of the outfits because she would have landed up in the hospital (he laughs). If you can’t make it to Chicago this year you should watch the live stream of the contest on our website, which is free of charge.”



## What is your role in Mr. International Rubber?

"I am the 'judges and tally master coordinator' for the contest. Over the span of a year my team and I compile a list of potential judges. Together with the CEO we decide who will be on the final list of seven. Last year we had an all-star judging panel which I was very psyched about."

## Who is your all-time favourite judge?

"I might get myself into trouble with this question (*he laughs again*). For me that would definitely be Sam Brinton. They (*editor's note: Sam prefers to be called they/them instead of he/she/his/her*) are a fem queer person who runs a part of the Trevor Project which helps homeless LGBT kids. Sam is focused on ending conversion therapy in all fifty states and wants to ban it at state level. This means they go to each state to ask them to pass bills that outlaw this inhumane practice. Sam is an amazing and inspiring person with a great personality. Getting them to judge for us was a dream come true!"

## Let's get a little bit more personal. How did you discover that you liked fetish?

"During trips to grandma's house (*he chuckles*). I grew up in the northern part of Chicago. Most of my relatives lived in North-West Indiana. To get there we had to drive through downtown Chicago. Every once in a while - as we were driving to visit grandma - we passed by the Congress Hotel and there would be these biker guys with motor cycles hanging out in front of the building. I must have been 6 or 7 when I saw them for the first time and way too young to understand what was going on. I would always look out the window waiting to see these men dressed in leather and spotting them felt incredible. When I was around 10 years old I realised that those bikers were there every Memorial Day weekend. And some years later I figured out that they were attending the International Mister Leather event that took place at the Congress Hotel. It was very early on indoctrination. I eventually visited my first International Mister Leather in 2013 and I have gone almost every year since. It was an eye opening experience for me and loads of fun."



## You attend a lot of fetish events in the US and in Europe. Are the scenes very different from one another?

"The fetish scene in Europe is still very segregated in my opinion. Contests are often held in male only spaces. They don't allow women in their bars. Whereas here in the United States that is 100% taboo. We hold our events in leather bars that are open to the public: straight, gay, trans... I can think of maybe one male only bar in the entire country - not counting bath houses. This year in Helsinki they held the Mr. Fetish Finland contest for the first time in a place that was open to all genders. It was a huge thing for them and it went down very well. The venue was packed. But I have noticed that organising events in male only spaces is generally accepted in Europe. In the US that would be totally unacceptable."

## In closing: what are your favourite fetish cities? Do you have a top three for us?

"Let me start by saying that I can't include Berlin because I haven't been there yet unfortunately. Definitely Antwerp because I have never had more filthy sex than at Darklands (*editor's note: Darklands is the indoor fetish festival held during Leather & Fetish Pride Belgium*) and I have to include Barcelona because I have a thing for sexy Latin men. And finally I would have to say Manchester. The Manchester Rubber Weekend takes all the stress out of going to a fetish event. The community makes you feel incredibly welcome and at home. And there is something to do for everyone from art auctions to circuit parties. It is nearly impossible not to find something you like to do during that weekend."

## Want to know more about Mr. International Rubber in Chicago?

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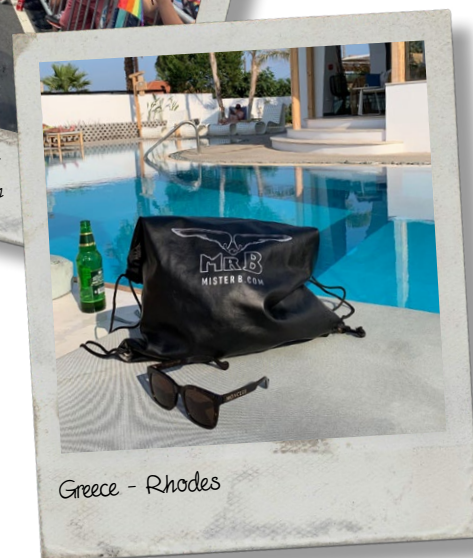


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# EMBRACING THAT SLEAZY FETISH EXPERIENCE

## AN XTREME! COLOGNE PARTY REPORT

• Written by: Marco Hohl •

My fiancé and I deserved that free Waldmeister shot at the entrance of Xtreme! Cologne. The sticky green liquid slid down our throats and washed away the memory of the traumatic event that we had experienced hours earlier. We were getting ready for the party, had our looks sorted out, felt pretty and then discovered that there was no way to control the pressure of the hotel shower which made douching next to impossible – unless we wanted our insides to be ripped apart by a high pressure garden hose – which we did not (#justtobeclear).



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Finding a solution to this problem took too much time, involved a lot of swearing, a rant about heteronormativity, multiple phone calls to friends, two Ubers, a hint of desperation and a teensy bit of stress. But anyways, there we were fresh and clean, ready to get down and dirty at the 10th edition of Cologne's biggest fetish event for men only. But it wasn't all bad. Our VIP tickets made it possible to skip the line – I felt guilty for about 0.003 seconds - and we even had access to a special wardrobe that handed out complimentary shots and copies of Wings magazine issue 7 (#goodomens).

The location, called *Essigfabrik* (German for 'Vinegar Factory'), reminded us a little bit of a stable for farm animals, which we thought was pretty appropriate because there were a lot of piggies attending. Oink. The crowd consisted of a wide range of fetishists. There were the usual BLUF boys, covered in leather from top to toe with whips and floggers and such, a big delegation of colourful rubber men and sportswear fans wearing gold chains, the newest Nike Air Max models and Sk8erboy socks. We also spotted some men with very specific fetish interests. There was a guy dressed in a fireman outfit (which confused us at first, because we thought he was the real deal), your friendly neighbourhood Spider-Man was drinking a Becks beer at the bar and I even saw a sailor from the 1936 Fred Astaire movie 'Follow the Fleet' sneak into the darkroom area.

We walked into the venue feeling excited and slightly turned on (we just got there after all). Music pumping from the speakers. Lasers flashing. With a naked couple in a corner making out and the rest of the attendees dancing, flirting, groping, chatting and drinking (in no particular order). London-based DJ Jack Chang, known for his sets at popular parties like Rapido, PiG and Hustlaball, was treating the audience to his dark tribal beats. Followed by Mister Mola (La Demence, Funhouse) with a mix of trance, tribal, progressive and happy house and resident DJ Mike Jayy (Bear Necessity, Green Komm) who was playing a combination of house, progressive, techno and electro.

But the music wasn't necessarily the main reason to visit Xtreme! Cologne, at least according to a leather man my fiancé and I bumped into at the beginning of the event. He preferred embracing 'the sleazy fetish experience' that the party organisers promised on their posters. And oh boy, they did not disappoint. The cellar of the Essigfabrik was turned into a darkroom that had more customers than a Macy's department store on a Black Friday. And the garden, which you could reach by walking up an illuminated slope, featured a gigantic open air play area with an overwhelming amount of slings, army beds and fences covered in black plastic to keep things a little bit more private (#whoarewekidding). There was also a terrace with beach chairs perfect for taking a rest, that spontaneously got turned into a corporal punishment corner by some enthusiastic leather men. FYI: the screaming ended when the sun came up (#whipitgood).

For us it was a fun night. The atmosphere was mega relaxed and there were a lot of sexy gearheads present that turned out be great kissers and more. We drank vodka cola's, treated ourselves to a couple of Jägermeister shots and made new friends, whilst hanging out with old ones. It might be a small detail but we loved that the event gave away free Currywurst to hungry partygoers - who could show their appreciation by voluntarily donating some change to charity. It had a very Oprah Winfrey-esque vibe: 'You get a free sausage, you get a free sausage and youuuuu get a free sausage!'

All in all, Xtreme! Cologne was a shitload of fun - maybe not the right choice of words considering the intro to this story - that begs for another visit! We hope to see you there next year!

Want to know more about Xtreme! Cologne? Then visit [www.extreme-cgn.de](http://www.extreme-cgn.de) for more information. The event is held at the start of CSD weekend (the German equivalent of Pride) and is a must for any self-respecting fetishist in need of a great party.





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Internationally, the guys have worked the floor at Bear Essentials and Indulgence in Sydney, headlining Rome's SUBWOOFER during EuroPride, BearAware and BEARserk! in Copenhagen, A Hard Night and Antwerp Leather Pride, Bear Pride Madrid, Berracuda during Folsom San Francisco and Cologne's famous Cock-Pit and BUTCH & BEAR parties....and then some!

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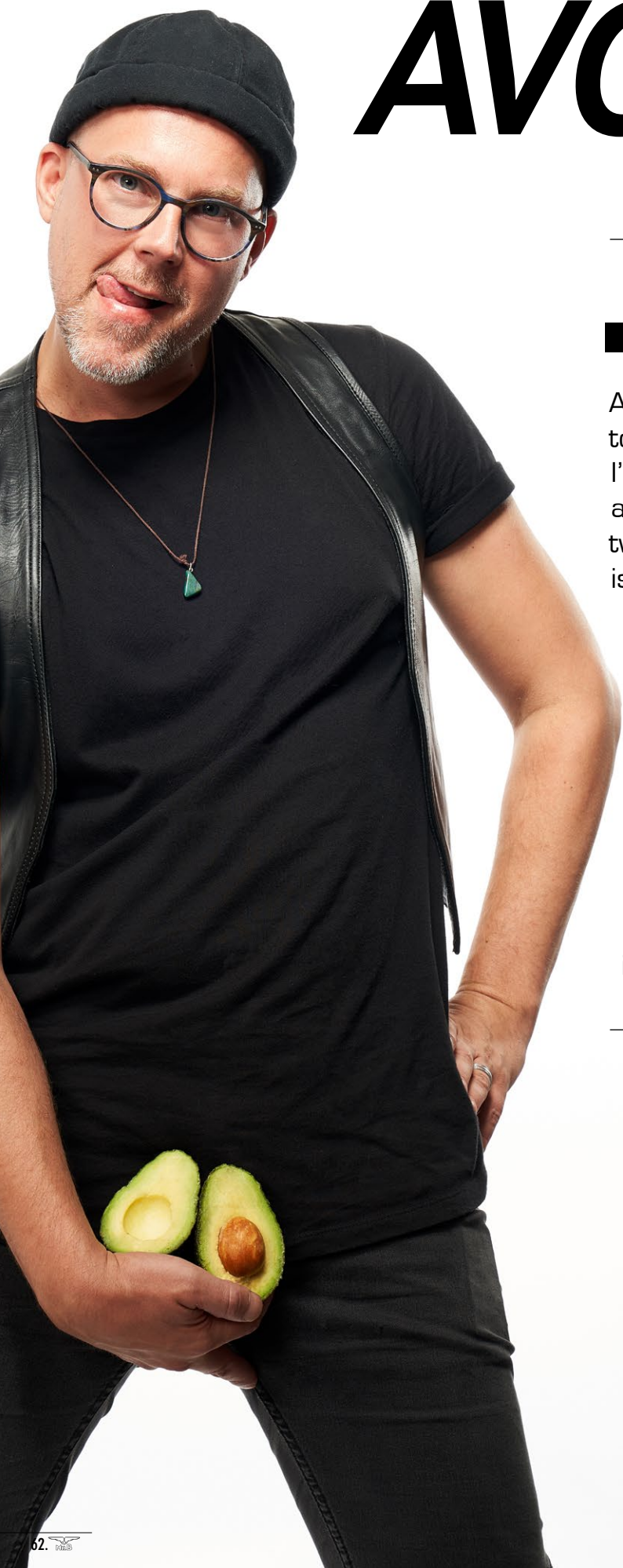


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A delicious(ly) slutty bottom Grindr mate once told me: “An avocado is a bottom’s best friend. I’ll tell you why: take 2 a day (no more, no less!) and you’ll basically only need to stick that hose in twice to get that water clean.” As someone who is not shy of bottoming himself, I was intrigued to say the least. I mean: I already liked and ate avocado’s quite a bit, but this was definitely an extra bonus! This ‘rule of two’ – something apparently not only applicable to Sith Lords (yes, I went there) and salted herring, the ultimate hangover remedy when taking 2 in a row (but more about that later)...but to avocados as well! – is something that totally tickles my soft spot for symmetry and (nutritional) balance. Yep, a mild nerd alert is in order indeed.





### A nerd alert on avocado?

Yes, simply because there are so many nice little fun facts to be told about this wonderful *Persea Americana*:

- The word avocado has its origin in Nahuatl, an ancient language from Mexico spoken by the Aztecs & Toltecs: *ahuacatl*, which happens to also mean 'testicle'...stick that in your mouth for starters!
- When ripe, this pear shaped fruit is often called Solange... so: no, her name is *nó*t Beyoncé!
- This one's especially for the Dutch readers among us: by name, avocado appears (indeed) to be at the root of the Dutch variation of eggnog, *advocaat*. On the Antilles, pureed avocado was mixed with alcohol to create a yellow beverage, which was then brought to Holland by sailors. By lack of avocados, they started to replace the avocado puree by eggs to achieve a similarly coloured beverage, *et voilà*: *advocaatje* was born...or so they say.
- They are part of the family of *Spermatopsida* (or *spermatophytes*), which is the family of seed-bearing plants. I MEAN...(sloppy) seconds anyone?

### A nice bridge to nutritional facts, I'd say. Got a minute?

- Avocados are very rich (2 thirds!) in monounsaturated fatty acids, something that actively keeps your cholesterol down, gives you direct energy, keeps your blood sugar levels in check – allowing you to keep burning fat at a high level – and keeps (breast) cancer at bay. The latter also goes for the well-represented vitamins A and E.
- The most 'present' vitamin is B though: B3 (Niacin, helps create fatty acids) and B6 (amino acid regulator) in particular, which in combo with the also present C, D, riboflavin and manganese are an absolute dream for your immune system.
- Then there's potassium, one of my favourites: not only does potassium regulate your blood pressure – lowering the risk of cardiovascular diseases – it also helps your body's digestive tract to detox from all the poison you may (have) put in there; alcohol being one of the most prominent ones taken care of. A real live(r) saver!
- Furthermore: avocado is one of the most protein-rich fresh fruits, and full of iron and other minerals as well...eat that, Popeye!
- Then, at the end of this little nutri-alphabet, there's good old omega-3: also starring very brightly in aforementioned herring, this 'classic' fatty acid is very good for the brain cells (which are 8% omega-3!), which helps to temper aggression and depression...perfect for after the 'weekend' ;-)
- Next to all these oils and fatty acids – by themselves already a dream coating for your intestines – avocados also contain SO many good fibers, that your stool will be nothing but regular as fuck and smooth like a baby's bottom...did anyone say bottom?

Ok, all nice and dandy, but I can imagine you might be getting hungry (and eager?) to put these goodies in your body by now, so here are my 5 favourite ways of taking in this green powerhouse:

**“AN AVOCADO IS  
A BOTTOM'S BEST  
FRIEND”**

## 1. Just Like That

Take an avocado (or 2), cut in half lengthways, remove the pit (softly hacking in your knife and twisting the pit, still the number one way to avoid mess), make incisions lengthways in the flesh, just to the peel. This allows any seasoning to get in the crevices, giving flavor all over...because we all know: avocados do need a bit of jushing up to become exciting! My 'cocktail' of choice: a squeeze of lemon, a splash of green Tabasco (one of my staples, mainly due to summer oyster extravaganzas), and a good pinch of salt (in this particular order, as the salt will then 'slide' on those juices into those crevices). Just spoon her out and eat like that...or serve next to some fried eggs for a perfect post-workout snack...toast optional ;-)

## 2. Sweet Indulgence

This (sweet) one surprised me a bit at the time, but now it has become a staple: avocado yoghurt.

- 2 (almost) ripe avocados
- 1 ripe banana
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 Medjool dates, pitted
- 1 tablespoon of maple syrup
- (Almond, oat, goat) milk (optional)

Put all in a blender/food processor and blitz until completely smooth. I personally prefer it really cold and 'set', so I put it in the fridge, (half) a day before eating it. If that doesn't matter to you, or if you want really none of the good elements to relinquish, eat right away. For a smoothie, just add a milky liquid until reached desired consistency.

## 3. Fancy Fresh Eleganza

This salad is light and rich, classic and adventurous at the same time, and a perfect(ly healthy) way to impress any brunch, lunch or dinner date when cooking for them. If (suddenly) alone: just eat the lot by yourself...it defo won't kill you!

- 1 packet (ca. 100 grams) of crayfish (there's no real substitute, but if anything: real crab, or surimi if you really must...but please do yourself and guest(s) a favour and just get those bloody crayfish!)
- Little Gem or fresh, crispy butter lettuce
- 1 pink grapefruit
- 1 (banana) shallot
- ¾ cup olive oil
- ¼ cup Champagne or white wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice (Tip from Flip: also perfect to stop avocado from 'browning'!!)
- lemon zest (optional)
- 1 tablespoon mustard (fine or coarse, doesn't really matter, as long as it's not too sharp)
- 1 tablespoon natural honey
- dried tarragon, to taste
- a lick of mayonnaise (optional)
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 medium to large, or 2 small avocados, ripe but still firm

Take the crayfish out of the fridge. Tear the lettuce into large pieces – leaving the smaller leaves intact – wash and dry properly. Segment the grapefruit (<https://www.healthination.com/food/how-to-segment-a-grapefruit>) above a sieve and a bowl below, to catch the excess juice while segmenting. Cut half of the shallot into very thin rings, and add to the lettuce. Mince the rest of the shallot and mix it with the oil, lemon juice, optional zest, excess grapefruit juice, vinegar, honey, tarragon mayo, salt and pepper (if possible: all in a jar, and shake). Take about 1/3 of the vinaigrette (save the rest for a next salad, it keeps a week!), add half of that to the and shallots, and toss to mix. Take the avocado(s) and cut the 'Just Like That', with the extra step of carefully taking these strips out of the peel with a spoon (for fancy presentation). Arrange half lettuce mixture on 2 plates (or 1 big serving plate), scatter half of the crayfish and a couple of the grapefruit segments over it, add the rest of the lettuce mixture over that, and finish by nicely arranging the avocado 'wedges' and remaining grapefruit segments. Top it off with the remaining vinaigrette, a drop of olive oil and a grind of black pepper...et voilà...dress to impress.



• Fancy Fresh Eleganza Salad •



#### 4. In Yo' Face

All the aforementioned nutritional goodies (the vitamin E in particular) make avocado super suitable for an all-natural, rejuvenating face mask: just squish a ripe one in a bowl, add 2 tablespoons of honey (all natural please, for only that has the real antiseptic and healing properties!), and possibly a couple of drops of lemon juice (good for dissolving dead skin and fading of blemishes and scars), mix it all together, put on damp face, leave on for about 10 minutes, and rinse off with lukewarm water. Keep young and beautiful, and you shall be loved.

#### 5. GUAC!

Last but definitely not least, of course: guacamole...no Mexican meal is complete without it! However: the amount varieties I've tasted is just as endless as the discussions I've heard (or held) about how it should taste, so I'm not going to give you a recipe here...hell: even mine changes all the time!



#### Nomnom realness, but...ehm... where to get the good ones?

A lot of the above (or any) recipes stand and fall with the quality and the ripeness of avocados, and I'll be the first one to admit: the good ones are not always easy to find, and results from the past don't give warranty for future success. This goes for both the babies from your local veggie (buur)man, as the overpriced, (not always) ready-to-eat ones from the supermarket. All I can say is: experience makes you 'rich', there are a few tricks to speed up the ripening process (look online) if needed, and you will know soon enough where the odds generally are the best.

#### Finally FREE...to do what you want to do!

I wanted to save this one for last: perhaps we shouldn't take my date's advice too literally – you might not want (or have) to take 2 a day – but because avocados are FREE, from gluten, nuts, soy, lactose, celery, sodium, sugar and cholesterol – and I probably missed a few more – these little bombs of nutrition are definitely an all-inclusive wonder of nature, and potentially (almost) everyone's best friend...for sure a true (fuck) Bottom's Best Friend Forever!

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# FEMME QUEEN DOM TOP

• Written by: Jacob Alexander Clark •

“No way!”, “Fuck right off!”, “Yeah right gurl” or more simply “Mmhhmm” accompanied by a disbelieving eye-roll are the usual reactions I get from people when I inform that I do, in fact, top. At this point I usually give them what they want by spanking my ass and saying in an ever so fabulous tone “of course not bitch”.

Truth is I’m not totally surprised because quite frankly look at me... I don’t exactly dress masculine, I can speak drag queen lingo fluently when the occasion is right, and I dance like a drunk white girl at an Usher concert.

To be fair on the unbelievers, it doesn’t help that I’m prancing around a rather ‘present’ ass to say the least - believe me when I say it’s not a blessing to have a god-given backside the size of J’Lo’s unless your upmost pleasure comes from having it torn in two and filled like a banana split... \* side note! \*

So recently I got to thinking how and why have I grown up in a place and time where the current generation of gay men have (fortunately) liberated themselves from most societal

expectations and yet I still face such incredulity when inform people of my sexual preference.

I was in Brazil recently to soak up the sun, drink absurd amounts of caipirinhas at carnival and get a good taste of their culture (and their men)! Whilst I was in Rio, I of course paid a visit to Point 9 beach - a gay hotspot for ridiculously horny, good-looking latinos and tourists a like. A jury panel of men would gather on their beach chairs, admiring the contestants who took their turn to pass by, flaunting their assets in what I like to call “The Walk”. One could almost compare this ritual to a cattle auction. Judging from the choice of swimwear and the stance of their strut, the on-lookers would asses whether or not the piece of meat before them would make a suitable lover for the afternoon.

Naturally I could not compete myself until I had found the perfect speedos that could say in one look “👆 4 👇”. So there I was, sweating like a whore in church, shoved into this tiny changing room with two pairs of speedos in my hands. One bubblegum pink

that moulded to my peachy ass like a second skin, and the other one blue that was far too small, cutting my cheeks in half in a very unflattering manner. I found myself going back and forth from one to the other, gradually getting more frustrated that the pair that fitted me better would be sending the wrong message as I took my turn to walk “The Walk”. All because of something as ought-to-be inconsequential as colour!

Let’s wrap this up with some brutal honesty - someone with my flair and effeminacy is what the majority of people automatically associate with a bottom, so recently in situations like these I’ve found myself lowering my voice, ruffling my stubble, pumping out my chest and cruising like an action figure. Sure, there is still an argument to be had about “being true to myself,” but the sad reality is that conforming to society’s ideals of masculinity will get me the ‘top’ status... in most cases at least!

(I still should have bought that fabulous pink pair though. Next time!)

## Messy Jacob:

“Writer by day, GoGo Boy by night – Irishman Jacob arms himself with an inquisitive nature and adventurous spirit as he navigates the messy waters of love, sex and the gay scene. In his free time he enjoys traveling, bargain-hunting and won’t say ‘no’ to some occasional day drinking.”  
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# BENEATH THE SASH

• Written by: Jacob Alexander Clark •

It's been almost a year since Wings last talked with Raphael Maciel, AKA Mister Leather Brazil. This time around, I had the opportunity to meet him in person at his beautiful home in Sao Paulo. We discussed everything from Bolsonaro to glitter, and delved a little deeper into the incredibly humble and disarmingly honest man behind the title.

**Thank you for meeting with me during such a busy period. Let us start with the pressing question of the moment: how is your carnival?**

"It is amazing but intense for sure! It is one of the best times of the year in Brazil. I arrived back from my holidays in Europe on Friday morning and started carnival on Friday evening. Crazy! Tonight there is a huge fetish party which I should attend. Tomorrow there is another one and another after that."

**How about the Leather On The Street party which you mentioned in your previous interview. How was that?**

"Well, I was drinking Skol Beats all day long and I didn't eat anything. I came home around 11pm, a little drunk, so my plan was to grab some food, take a shower, sober up a little and head out. I went to my room to sit for a second and the next thing I remember was waking up the next morning, still fully dressed in my harness, leather shorts and bowtie. Not to mention glitter everywhere!"

**That should be a new line for Mister B. Kinky carnival wear – glittery leather!**

"Haha! Can you imagine? I would buy it for sure. I love glitter!"



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**It is great that with the current political climate in Brazil, parties like Leather On The Street are still happening. What have you noticed, if anything, has changed since Bolsonaro came into power?**

“When Bolsonaro was elected, I received a lot of messages of love and support. We were all very frightened that day. Throughout his campaign and first weeks in power, attacks on LGBTQ+ people tripled. Since then things have seemed to calm down and stay as such for the gay community.

What has he got to gain? He’s already in power. Why fight the gay community now? For hate? I am an optimist and I will always say I think everything will be ok. I am actually more afraid of his vice president because he is the more proactive of the two so I would rather let Bolsonaro stay in power and finish his term. The problem is not always with the person in

power, but with their followers. Even with another president in power, homophobic people will always be fighting our community and we must persevere, support one another and continue being true to ourselves.”

*At this moment the doorbell rings and Raphael excuses himself, giving me a quick chance to observe my surroundings. The living room is brightly lit and modestly furnished with the salmon-pink couch being the centrepiece. In the corner stands a shelf, neatly displaying an impressive collection of childhood toys, travel memorabilia and nostalgic ornaments. In this soft and sentimental setting, it was hard to imagine any ‘pony-play’, CBT or sadistic activities happening here! My confusion came as a pleasant surprise.*



## **You don't come across as the stereotypical leatherman.**

"Thank you. I'm not! People ask me about that because they are scared that they have to behave in a certain way. I tell them 'no,' just look at me. Take music, for instance, because I am a leatherman, it is assumed I listen to rock music but that is most certainly not the case. I listen to Xuxa. She is a Brazilian pop-culture icon, tv-show hostess and singer from the 80's and 90's. I have collected all her records and CDs like a true fangirl. This is just one example of something that I like and I shouldn't have to pretend otherwise to fit some stereotype. Someone posted on instagram that it is disgusting that the Mister Leather Brazil likes Xuxa. I just think to myself, 'next time you should pick someone who likes the same things as you because this is me.' Sorry!"

## **That is very commendable and hopefully relatable to lots of our readers. Do people ever turn to you for advice on this?**

"People come to me to say they were afraid to join the leather community because of certain behaviours they thought were expected of them. 'I don't own much leather, only some gloves' or a harness or something small. I tell them not to worry and that they should just come as they are! If they like the smell, they like the touch or they simply like to see leather, then yes, they are welcome. With time they can build a leather collection, or not!"

# **"YOUR SASH IS THE BEST CHASTITY DEVICE EVER"**

## **Are there any misconceptions regarding sex that come with your title?**

"Well, yes actually. I am a leatherman and I love my leather and fetishes but I don't need those things to be involved every time I have sex. I like vanilla sex. No, I love vanilla sex! When I have a guy coming over who does not want to be stamped on by my boots, no problem! It also makes things easier for me just to throw on a t-shirt, shorts and flip flops."

## **Did your sex life change when you became a "Mister"?**

"Before I was elected, I went to parties and kissed a lot of guys and fucked a lot of guys. Now when I go to a party and I'm wearing the sash, forget about it! Guys will come my way to take a picture and smile or wave but that is it. I think they are scared

of me. I was at a party recently and it took me hours to even kiss anyone because of this sash. Someone eventually admitted they were afraid because I am somewhat of a celebrity in the leather scene. I had to chase after him, begging 'No! Please! Kiss me! I want you!' It really does not help that I am very shy. No one will believe it but it is true. I actually have a fear of cruising. Wearing the sash scares other people off and I am too shy to approach them, so we end up in stalemate. My friends will say I am a slut. Yes, I can be a slut but a shy one! I've been a judge and tally master at quite a few of the elections the last year and when someone wins I will go up to them and whisper in their ear 'Your sash is the best... the best chastity device ever!'"

## **What have you done with your year as Mister Leather Brazil?**

"I have been travelling around a lot, representing my country and the fetish scene we have here. I have been to Europe four times in six months! I went to Berlin, Nice, Barcelona and Madrid, Helsinki – and the list goes on and on. Coming in contact with other communities, Misters and clubs has completely opened my mind. Someone told me he could not understand 'leather' and 'Brazil' in the same sentence before he met me. I am so grateful to have been able to show the rest of the world this subculture of Brazil. We have leather. We want to join you. We exist. We are growing up. We are doing something here in South America. Even with the high temperatures, we are living the leather lifestyle and adapting it to us. That is why I wear the sash; to promote my country, not me!"

## **So your travels developed an awareness for your community and put Brazil on the 'leather map', so to speak. How did it develop or change you personally?**

"It was the best year of my life but not because of the sash. The sash opened the door to all these experiences, but the real prize was the people that came into my life. These people have taught me a lot about being a good leatherman but more importantly about being a good person. The amount of love I experienced blew my mind. So many people told me they would love me to come back. I would tell them, 'by the time I manage to travel to see you again I will not be Mister'. It took them some time, but they made me realise that they do not want the Mister, they want me. That has been the biggest blessing in my life. They say 'Congratulations on a job well done - now we know your country and community but we love you.' I have no words to describe it."

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# Lesbian fistfucking in the lecture hall

• Written by: Linda Duits •

What kind of image do you put on a slide when you're lecturing about fistfucking? I struggled with this question for a while, pondering the cons of explicit imagery in a university lecture and the pros of showing what must be showed. Science shouldn't censor itself. I decided upon a neutral yet unambiguous photo of a stretched arm with a clenched fist against a white background. The perfect companion for my class on sexual variations, which included an account of lesbian fisting practices in the 1970s.

My favorite text in this course (Introduction to Gender & Sexuality Studies, taught at the University of Amsterdam) is one by the marvelous Gayle Rubin, entitled 'The Catacombs: A Temple of the Butthole'. Rubin is an anthropologist and a leather dyke, and she explored the S/M scene that blossomed in San Francisco in the decade after Stonewall, the blissful period before aids. Rubin's writing is affectionate and nostalgic: it is clear that she enjoyed this space and misses it. Fistfucking is described as an almost spiritual experience of exploring the pleasures of the body.

The Catacombs was an invite-only underground club in San Fran, established in 1975. Rubin calls it a "beloved institution", "a fister's paradise" and "a Mecca of handballing". Although it wasn't easy to get on the list, it drew in sexual pilgrims from all over the

world. The space was designed to enjoy pleasing pain in the most comfortable of ways. The lights were low, the temperature high and the quantities of Crisco lube vast.

No one could enter after 11pm, so there was no distraction from the doorbell or newcomers settling in. Settling in meant stashing your stuff under one of the many benches. There were multiple rooms – a social area, a 'bridal suite', a dungeon – with 'operating tables' and stirrups, and plenty of slings. In the air was a sense of intimacy, trust and playful humor.

S/M was (and is still) problematic in the lesbian community, due to feminism's awkward relationship with sex. Likewise, fisting is associated with gay men, and perhaps straight kinks. San Francisco had risen to be a gay capital in the sixties, and the non-heterosexual population was large. Although there were not many S/M lesbians, they were enough to network and meet up. For instance, in 1975 Samois was founded: the first lesbian S/M organization.

The Catacombs was originally only accessible to men, but this changed when owner Steve McEachern hooked up with Cynthia Slater, who paved the way for women. A typical party would involve sixty to eighty men, and one to five women – kind of like an evening in Amsterdam's own fetish club Church. Steve and Cynthia started to organize female parties as well, that would attract about thirty women and two men – Steve and his lover. Rubin, who became a regular, notes that lesbian sadomasochists learned to party in this Temple of the Butthole, and they passed on their learned lessons to generations of kinky women to come.

My students read through the extensive descriptions of the area, the equipment and the acts. They have to reflect on whether such a place can have transformative effects on one's experience of gender and sexuality, as Rubin claims. Their responses have always been positive. Maybe because, as with fistfucking, they have been eased into it – the session on sexual variations is located at the end of the course. I take pleasure in widening their scope and stuffing them with stimulating insights.

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# CROSSING OVER WITH MR. RIEGILLIO



• Written by: Marco Hohl •

Riegillio de Wagt is a fashion designer whose work is as unique as his first name (more on that later). He has received a lot of praise for his innovative clothing brand Mr. Riegillio that is a crossover between fetish and fashion. WINGS sat down to talk to this talented and humble Dutchman about his favourite designs and his love for unconventional materials.

## What is Mr. Riegillio?

“We are a new clothing brand that sees potential in fabrics that others don't. Our goal is to make fetish more fashionable and the other way around. The material we are most known for is PVC. It is a very luxurious item in the fashion world and it is quite small in the fetish scene, especially for men. The big fashion brands like to use it and that was a trigger for me when I came up with our first designs. This crossover between the worlds of fashion and fetish means that we appeal to a bigger audience. There are hip, fashionable youngsters who like to combine our PVC dress shirts with denim jeans and a good pair of sneakers, but there are also fetishists who want to wear a complete PVC outfit with leather boots.”

## How did you get started in fashion?

“As a designer I am completely self-taught. I have never learned how to sew from anyone. When I was 14 years old I started changing clothes by cutting up t-shirts and pants, and I used to put my own prints on t-shirts as well. I signed those pieces with ‘Mr. Riegillio’ and that name stuck with me. The name ‘Riegillio’ is unique: I am the only person who appears in the search results when you Google it. So I thought it was a good idea to keep it. When I go to fashion parties I like to steal the show. Last year I was looking for materials that would make an impact and I found a bolt of PVC. I made an outfit with it, wore it to a party and within a week I received hundreds of enthusiastic reactions. People thought it was fun, exciting and whack. It was mega successful. Two months later I started producing my first Mr. Riegillio branded PVC clothing and within half a year Mister B sold part of our collection in its stores. It all went really quickly.”

## You must be very proud of that!

*Riegillio says nothing, but he answers with a huge smile on his face.*

## Fetishists new to PVC might like to know what the material feels like when you wear it...

“It feels smooth and soft to the touch, and it crackles a little when you grab hold of it. It feels like greased up rubber. Unlike rubber, PVC is lined on the inside; it would be impossible to put it on or off otherwise. I often receive erotic pictures from customers in our clothing, but at the same time I get pics from people in trains or on terraces wearing our PVC shorts. That is the clear difference with latex and rubber. You won't see people wearing them while they are waiting for their flight at the airport in Milan. Our clothes embody fetish and fashion: you can wear them in the supermarket, and you can have sex in them. Our PVC pants and mini short for example have a zip that goes from the back to the front. Ideal for playing!”



## What is your favourite Mr. Riegillio piece?

“I am most proud of our PVC tracksuit which consists of a jacket and a pant. It is the perfect combination of fetish, fashion and sport. The tracksuits were very well received. Sportswear boys love them and fashion people go for them as well.”

## Is it difficult to work with a material like PVC? Does it limit your creativity sometimes?

“PVC can't handle too much pressure, so you can't make an outfit with a lot of applications because it is not strong enough for that. Making an overall or a full biker suit is also difficult since it doesn't stretch enough. You could of course make one, but you would have to stand up all the time when wearing it. PVC might not be the easiest material to work with, but it forces you to think and ask questions. What can I make from it that is fun and innovative? And what look will fit the material best?”

## What other fabrics do you use for your brand?

“I also like to work with leather and high quality artificial leather. We use an artificial leather that is thick, which makes it look more like the real deal. True leather men will immediately see if a piece is made from real or fake leather, but for young people with a smaller budget it is a nice alternative. During the Leather Pride in Antwerp we actually sold gear made from artificial leather to some diehard leather men, which pleasantly surprised us. We never thought that would happen. At the moment I am designing new items made from a reflective material and silver artificial leather, and I am working on PVC dungarees. There is a lot more coming up that I can't reveal yet. You will just have to keep an eye out for us!”

*Make sure to check out Mr. Riegillio in our online store [www.misterb.com](http://www.misterb.com) or hop on over to one of our brand stores in fetish capitals Amsterdam, Berlin and Antwerp and try on some Mr. Riegillio gear yourself!*





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# No paro nunca

• Written by: Marco Hohl •

I was waiting in line for the bathroom of Berlin's most famous techno club, drenched in sweat - it must have been around 7 AM on a Monday morning - when I overheard the following conversation coming from one of the bathroom stalls:

Voice 1: "My god Ben, you are hardcore! How often have you been in here already?"

Voice 2: "Seriously, why are you calling HIM hardcore??? Look at where YOU are Matt, look at the time and look at what you are about to take up your nose! YOU MY FRIEND are **HARDCORE!**"

There was a short, contemplative silence, followed by loud, excessive snorting noises, a door opening, six or seven people leaving the stall, and a new group entering the cramped toilet space almost simultaneously.

Matt's evident lack of self knowledge reminded me of myself a week earlier. It was right after a funeral that I found myself on a similar path to self discovery that reached its final destination here in this Berlin shithouse.

At the funeral I found out that I had a lesbian second cousin, which frankly blew my mind. I had always thought *I was the only gay in the village*, but apparently being queer runs in the family. It felt strangely comforting and there was an instant connection between the two of us. She added me on Instagram and Facebook and we started chatting on Messenger.

During our conversation I found out that she had majored in investigative journalism aka she had





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gone through a lot of my previous social media posts, which culminated in the spot on question/statement: “You are kind of a party animal, aren’t you?!” My instinctive reaction was to lie and deny. “No, no, no, I am not,” I protested.

Then I went to Berlin for Pride and my lie caught up with me on Day One of the trip.

In my defence, Day One should have looked like this: kiss the cats, leave Amsterdam, arrive in Berlin with the fiancée, go to Boring Jacob’s house, dump our stuff, eat at a Vietnamese restaurant, go back to Jacob’s place, sit on the sofa, gossip, drink tea, and go to bed way before midnight.

Unfortunately, Jacob was working abroad that day and his flight home got cancelled. So Day One turned into this scenario: book a hotel room above one of Berlin’s most famous leather bars, arrive to find hundreds of men in front of the bar, get Mexican food (bad idea, no bueno), drink alcohol, meet cute guys, drink more alcohol, go to cruising bar Mutschmanns, get lost in the darkroom, go to ‘temple of filth’ New Action, find out it is closed, visit the bar next door, stay for more shenanigans, lose your t-shirt, leave at 8 AM, sleep 2 hours, shower, cry (because you have to check out at 11 AM), dry tears, hate yourself, have breakfast.

Day Two we took it easy. Yay for us!

Day Three we decided to behave as well, even though it was Revolver at KitKatClub that night, one of our all-time favourite parties. The tickets were sold out anyway and it was not like we had connections with connections that could get us in for free with fancy all access VIP bracelets... To make a long story short: it must have been around 10 AM when we left the club. We might have been the last ones to leave even. Oooops.

Day Four we took it easy – except for some dancing behind a truck during the Pride parade. Yay for us!

Which brings us to Day Five. My fiancée has left Berghain hours ago and I am still waiting in line for the bathroom

## “NO PARO NUNCA MOTHERFUCKERS! I NEVER STOP”

because I have to pee and stuff. Surrounded by druggies, with no way to escape the music, or the heat. 14 hours of consecutive partying and I still don’t want to go home. The spot on question/statement of my lesbian second cousin keeps popping up in my mind: “You are kind of a party animal, aren’t you?! Aren’t you...???”

“Hell yes I am!”

“No paro nunca, motherfuckers! I never stop.”

I am like The Very Hungry Caterpillar from that famous children’s book, who keeps eating, and eating, and eating because he can never get enough. Like him I might turn into a beautiful butterfly if I keep on going. On the other hand, the only party animal I am channelling right now is a confused, messy moth too close to the flame.

Internal voice 1: “It might be a good idea to go home.”

Internal voice 2: “Just one more dance. Ok...?”

Internal voice 1: “...”

Internal voice 2: “Yay me!”

*Marco Hohl is a Dutch/German journalist who finds it difficult to leave the party before it ends. Please tell him to go home next time you see him dancing in a club after, let’s say, 5 AM! He lives in Amsterdam with two chubby kitty cats, his talented German fiancée and an Argentinean tattoo artist named Inky. Follow him on Instagram @hohlinone.*

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# YOUR LITTLE CHEMSEX BOOK

• Written by: Thijs Fransen & Linda Duits •



## What is Chemsex?

Chemsex is the abbreviation of chemicals and sex. Many people have had sex on synthetic drugs, like cocaine or xtc, but this doesn't count as chemsex. Chemsex means that there is a specific intention to combine drugs with sex. Not all substances qualify: alcohol, cannabis and poppers are usually excluded from definitions of chemsex.

Some substances make you hornier than others. Often, different drugs are combined: uppers like speed, 4FA and chrystal meth (Tina) are combined with downers such as GHB/GBL and/or trippers like ketamine and 2C-B. Usually, and especially during long sessions, people also take the erection stimulant Viagra or Kamagra.

## Appeal

Although straight people also engage in chemsex, the term is mostly associated with the gay scene. Combining sex and drugs in an ultimate pleasure fest has such a specific appeal because of certain features of gay culture, which since its more public manifestation in the 60ies has been a culture of excess. Intensive partying, the celebration of life and the absence of the established norms and scripts that govern heterosexual culture all work together in this. To some it feels like there are no limits.

However, growing up gay in an otherwise straight world leaves scars - as the book *The Velvet Rage* by psychologist Alan Down clearly documents (a must-read for all gay men!). The stigma that is still attached to homosexuality can lead to internalized homophobia. Gay men sometimes use drugs to self-medicate against that, or to deal with loneliness and depression that stem from being gay in a heteronormative society. There are still significant differences between LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ people in terms of psychological disorders and suicidal thoughts.

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Add to that a pressure to demonstrate sexual prowess and age discrimination, and you see how gay culture might form a toxic cocktail. It is exactly the combination of chems and sex that you can make you feel better than anything. Tina in particular causes the release of incredible levels of dopamine (the neurotransmitter that makes us feel happy): about six times as much as what is released when we have sex. These high levels of dopamine are both the appeal and the danger, because it's a kick that you keep wanting to experience.

Finally, chemsex exists in a time where there is easy access to drug dealers because of smartphones. Also, this phenomenon probably would not have existed without erection prolonging pills - God bless 'em.

## Prevalence

It's difficult to estimate how many men engage in chemsex. Soa Aids Nederland, Utrecht University and the Netherlands National Institute for Public Health and the Environment

(RIVM) asked questions about chemsex in their 2018 monitor on sexual health of men who have sex with men. 31% of the 3935 respondents had used chems for sex during the last six months. Xtc/mdma is by far the most popular chem for sex in the Netherlands: 62% uses this sometimes to frequently, 23% often or always. GHB/GBL comes in second: 47% uses this sometimes to frequently, 23% often or always. We then see cocaine and ketamine (both 26% and 6% respectively) followed by speed (25% and 7%). Mefedron (meow meow) is far less popular (9% and 2%), as is chrystal meth (9% and 1%). Mushrooms, lsd and crack are all under 5%. Heroin is the least popular drug in this list: only 1% uses this sometimes to frequently for sex.

Heroin has been tremendously unpopular in the Netherlands since the heroin epidemic of the 70ies and 80ies. Heroin use is associated with junkies roaming the streets, and people generally stay away from it out of fear of addiction. To most drug users, heroin is something that you just don't do. Meth carries a similar stigma: it's associated with addiction and irresponsible drug use, in contrast with for instance xtc that is seen as harmless recreational fun.

## Dangers and annoyances

Drugs make you feel good, but at a price. Alcohol gives you headaches the morning after, xtc makes you blue during the week. GHB is precisely so popular because most users experience no after effects, except for nightmares the days after.

The biggest danger of chemsex is the risk of physical and/or mental dependency. In the emergency room, where one of us is working, we mostly see the results of mental dependency due to GHB use. GHB stimulates your feelings of lust and gives you a shot of energy. Simultaneously, it subdues anxiety and insecurity. Nonetheless, GHB is not an upper: it's registered as a downer. That's why you can pass out when you take too much at once. The drug can put you in a comatose state and can even take away your respiratory drive. Meaning: your brain no longer gets an impulse to let you breathe. This can lead to hypoxemia (lack of oxygen in the blood) and hypoxia (lack of oxygen in the tissues). Death is the final stage in the event of oxygen deficiency.

Patients that come in the ER with withdrawal symptoms can be restless and agitated, and sometimes downright aggressive. Their mind simply can no longer deal with the stimuli of everyday life. As an addict, you mentally keep longing for the subdued world in which everything seems easier and nicer, especially when that was combined with a sexual high.



The second chem that causes the most dangerous problems is meth. Although meth carries a stigma, its use is on the rise in the Netherlands. Meth (aka glass, ice, chalk) is smoked or injected, and it gives you feelings of lust and alertness. Its effect can last for three days, but it's also exhausting. This leads to wanting to use more. Some men experience ultimate happiness from its high dopamine effect, a feeling that they don't want to lose. Moreover, because the hangover is big, it's easy to use more to fix the come-down. The vicious circle of sleep deprivation, exhaustion and the empty feeling afterwards, further increase meth use.

Some chem users lose touch with their social life. This applies the most to crystal meth, due to the stigma that surrounds it. They avoid social control from friends, and often cannot properly assess their mental state. When you recognize addictive behaviors in yourself, it's usually already too late. It's therefore important to keep in contact with your friends and let them know what kind of activities you're engaged in. That way they can keep an eye on you, your drug use and your whereabouts.

When we extend this to their actions during sex sessions, we see that boundaries are often transgressed. When you're consistently intoxicated, it's harder to watch and keep your own boundaries. Consent also becomes more difficult, which may lead to unwanted sexual acts. Consent means keeping contact with your partner(s) at all times and checking whether they actually want you to do the things that you're doing. Your body is yours, the body of the other belongs to them. Yes means yes, and no answer doesn't mean the other person is consenting. Chems can cause you to forget or not care about this, which may lead to harming yourself or the other person(s).

## **More information and help:**

*Knowledge is life! Make sure you know the effects of different drugs and the risks of combining them.*

*In the Netherlands, you can have your drugs tested so you know exactly what you're taking.*

*Check <https://www.drugs-test.nl/> for locations and times.*

*The website <https://sexntina.nl/en/> provides reliable information about Tina for both new and experienced users.*

*Are you worried you might be mentally or physically addicted to substances? The Dutch organization Jellinek has online tests that help you discover whether you're taking too many risks: <https://www.jellinek.nl/english/addicted/>*

*Mainline in Amsterdam has biweekly meetings on chemsex.*

*Check <http://mainline.nl> for dates and other information on chemsex.*

*The Amsterdam municipal health service GGD has a weekly counselling session, in both Dutch and English.*

*See <https://www.ggd.amsterdam.nl/english/sti-hiv-sense/chemsex/>*

*56 Dean Street in London has Chems Advisors on hand for informal chats. Their website also has good information on all things chemsex <http://dean.st/chemsex-support/>*

*Crystal Meth Anonymous is a twelve-step program with meetings of recovered and recovering crystal meth addicts. There are groups in cities all over the world, including Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin and London.*

*If you were victimized during a chemsex session in the Netherlands, you can contact Roze in Blauw, the special LGBT unit of the police. They offer a listening ear and support to those who want to report LGBT related chemsex incidents.*

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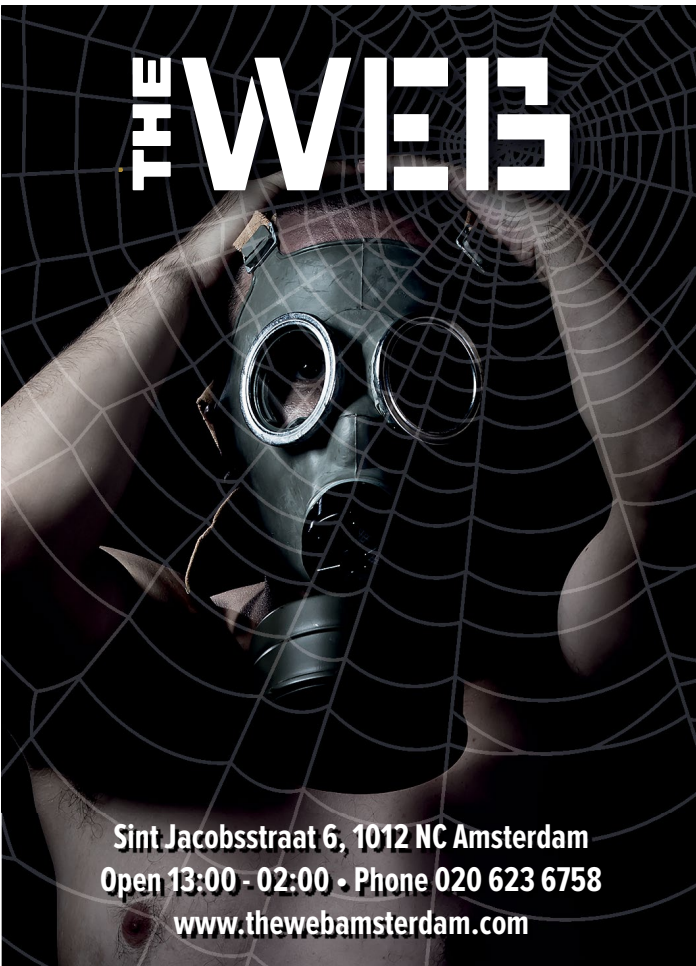


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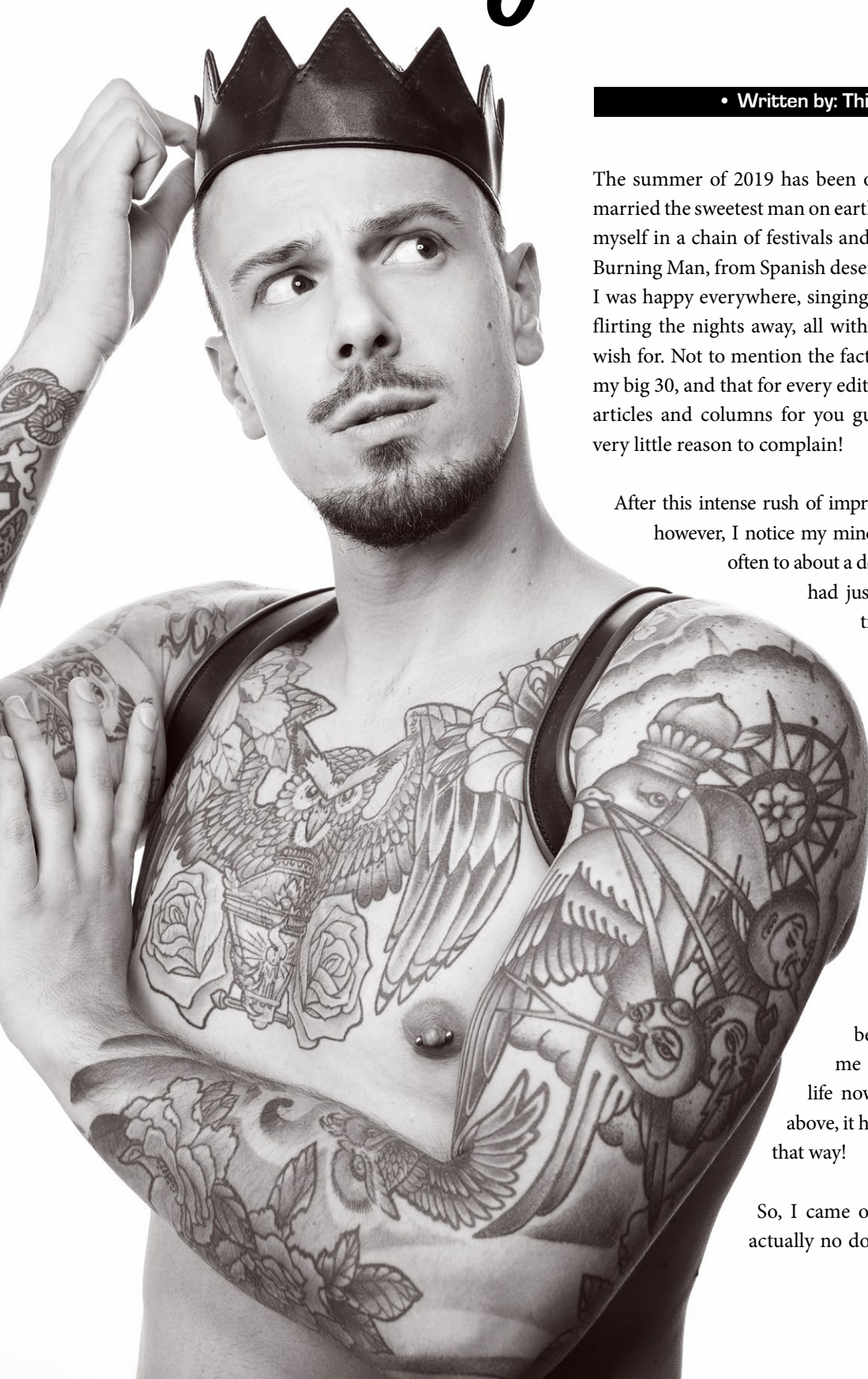
• Written by: Thijs Fransen •

The summer of 2019 has been one for the books. In July I married the sweetest man on earth, and after that, I immersed myself in a chain of festivals and festivities. Pride month(s), Burning Man, from Spanish deserts to German rural villages: I was happy everywhere, singing and drinking, dancing and flirting the nights away, all with the best friends one could wish for. Not to mention the fact that this October it will be my big 30, and that for every edition of WINGS I get to write articles and columns for you guys...no, Thijs Fransen has very little reason to complain!

After this intense rush of impressions and emotions of late however, I notice my mind wandering off increasingly often to about a decade ago, when I was 18 and had just come out of the closet...I try to redirect my thoughts, back to the cocktails and fireworks of the past summer, but my mind...has a mind of its own: 'thou shalt contemplate, Fransen!'

I fumble a bit with my shiny wedding ring and decide that it might actually be a good thing to dwell for a bit on those almost 11 years of being openly gay. Because let me tell you: as fabulous as my life nowadays may seem from the above, it has definitely not always been that way!

So, I came out when I turned 18, with actually no doubt whatsoever in all those



years before, that I was attracted to men: I was basically in love already with the male midwife helping to bring me into this world, and this preference never changed. I was an only child at home and we spoke very openly about everything, but the 'G' word was something I kept on avoiding whenever I could for a long time.

I was also completely convinced that nobody noticed anything (gay) about me, even though I had been caught in the act of printing out internet porn images a couple of times. But didn't we all do such things at some point though? In my case: a super slow dial-up connection, a printer processing about 0,01 mm paper per hour, of course also with a setting put incorrectly, having your favorite porn actor print-out fade from pink to yellow to purple...paper sheets drenched in toner ink, cartridge empty, daddy angry...the works.

Anyways, I had decided that I was going to come out on a certain night, about a week after graduating from secondary school. Like on any other evening, my parents had made dinner and we were sitting around the table. I was taking a deep breath to get attention for what I was going to say, when my dad went ahead of me. 'Son, we have to tell you something: your mom and I are going to have a divorce.' There was a silence, a very long silence. I had still mentioned 'I'm gay,' but this landed nowhere. A few days later I was out on the street, looking for a room, as we all 3 had to leave the house we lived in.

Fortunately it was all up from here, but can you imagine the shock, when the unit you considered your family for your entire life, suddenly falls apart, leaving you forced to continue on your own from there on out.

And indeed: starting a life of my own, basically from scratch, turned out not to be easy at all! I did have a boyfriend for a while with whom I lived together, which meant a room over my head for some time, but this didn't work out. I decided to end the relationship and was able to get a room in a (student) house, together with some childhood friends. It was a small room in an anti-squat building and I was moonlighting in a cheese shop for a living. I got myself a smartphone (good old 3GS), installed Grindr, and as such got a bit closer to the 'fire' of going out and dating. What I did and what I had perhaps wasn't all that much, but it was all mine and mine alone, and I was very proud of it!

After about 6 months I decided to become a nurse; it was crisis and staff shortages in healthcare were enormous. Through an open application I started training at one of Amsterdam's larger hospitals, and was therefore allowed a spot in the 'nurse's flat'. This marked the beginning of a period of lots

of, not only irregular shifts, but also irregular partying. On one of the departments I met Dennis, my big brother from another mother, and together we caused mayhem all across town. It was during this time that I discovered more and more who I really was, and what made me happy.

By going out more frequently in the gay scene of Amsterdam, I also got to know more and more people. A funny (and somewhat ironic?) example of this: I was going to meet one of my first Grindr dates in a pub. When he showed up, he turned out to be some 70+ years older than his profile had led me to believe. I ended this date quite quickly, but did keep hanging at the bar with my phone. I then got approached by a cute guy who was there with friends and a new contact was born.

It felt as if I got kind of inducted into things by older, more experienced guys. I was taken into the world of safe sex, consent, fetish, and...my first time in the Mister B shop, where I bought my very first harness, of which I'm very proud to this day! There was a strong sense of these people caring about my well-being, trying to make sure I wouldn't do things I'd regret later on. Looking back on this period in my life, I realise how very important this 'gay' kind of 'coaching' has been!

It is also thanks to all these people that I was standing at the altar this past July, saying "I DO" to my now-husband, with all my loved ones standing behind me.

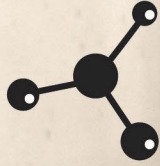
Even though at the beginning of this story I didn't seem to want to go back to those difficult times of then: never forget where you came from! The relationship I now have with my parents is enough for me to live by happily, and that is enough.

Your role within our community is likely to change as you get older and with that, a lot of good can be done to those who just appeared 'on the scene'. So, if you are ever hanging out in a bar with your friends, and you notice an insecure bloke walking around, hiding behind his smartphone, Grindr-ing and all, buy him a beer and have a chat. Chances are high that it/you will be a life-changer.

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# PUPPY PLAY

*An in-depth beginners guide*

# 101

• Written by: Chris Vincent •

## AROO!

“Who’s a good boy?”

Yes, you’ve guessed it. We’re gonna be talking about the fetish that is on everyone’s furry lips: Puppy Play.

Puppy Play was most likely my gateway fetish. It opened my eyes to all kinds of play and has conditioned me to get pretty much turned on by two simple words: “Here, boy”.

## ROLE PLAY?

In lack of a better term, Puppy Play is a sort of role-play in the area of BDSM (*Bondage and Discipline (BD)*, *Dominance and Submission (DS)*, and *Sadism and Masochism (SM)*) - although it doesn’t necessarily have to include these elements.

This is also where the term ‘role-play’ falls through. The connotation implies that one is ‘pretending’ to be something, where in reality it’s a very strong urge and inclination to a behavior, an attitude and actual *being*. You are not ‘playing’ submissive or dominant. You are those things. When people indeed are playing/pretending to be it, it can be a very cringeworthy experience.

The same thing accounts for pups in Puppy Play. The adopted behavior from our canine counterparts gives us a range of qualities that can be embedded in the play.

So what are those qualities exactly? Depending on what specific dog you have in mind, there most likely will be a whole list of qualities ranging from ‘playful’ to ‘brutal’ or ‘cuddly’ to ‘aggressive’ – and all of them, not very surprisingly, have their place in fetish play.



## GEAR, TOYS, HOODS & HEADSPACE

The clear giveaway that someone is a puppy is obviously the hood. It's a familiar story that I seem to have heard from many novice kinksters: that it is through the hood that most guys get into the so-called puppy headspace. This is often described as the hood serving to invoke the feeling of freedom to let go of your inhibitions and just enjoy yourself. There are many different types of hoods made of various materials and with different looks, and it's a very personal and very precious item to any puppy. The most popular types of materials and styles are rubber, neoprene and sportswear due to their flexibility, as running around on all fours demands some agility. Then, of course, there's the tail, which practically is a butt plug with a tail extension that gives you the ability to wag (a whole new set of sensation in- and around your ass). Together with the hood, the optical transformation is complete!

Another very significant item is the collar. The variety of which and their potential importance in terms of symbolism of ownership could make grounds for a whole article in itself. But as an introduction it's just an amazing way to learn how to let go of your self-control, and lay it in the hands (and leash) of someone else. It also allows the puppy to be pulled and held close. I personally find it superhot to be tugged down to suck dick and not be able to move my head away before I'm allowed to...

So how do you know what gear (or toy) is right for you, then? It's pretty simple: anything that gets you in puppy headspace. You can do chew toys, play fetch, drink out of a bowl, play in ball pits and with other pups - or you can be completely naked without a hood at home and still be in puppy headspace. At the end of the day, the kick is all in our heads, not hoods.

## PACK MENTALITY: ALPHA, BETA, GAMMA, OMEGA

One of the very unique aspects about Puppy Play is the occurrence of pack mentality; a sort of loyal bond across a number of pups and/or their owners (see below). As in any other pack of animals, there is a hierarchy where physical or behavioural dominance is applied. It goes Alpha → Beta → Gamma → Omega. Basically going from 'predominantly top' to 'predominantly bottom', which is most likely a coarse simplification. These are very technical terms for a behaviour that you adapt to instinctively, maybe even without being aware of it.





## OWNER, TRAINER OR HANDLER?

Admittedly, there's an underrepresentation of information regarding the counter-part to a pup, which is a shame, because they contribute with a very vital aspect of the Puppy Play; *the caretaking* (in a very broad sense). A pup without any sort of *caretaker* is a stray – nothing wrong with that at all, but it's just a very rewarding experience for both parties to establish a connection and almost unspoken understanding of each other's wants and needs (which I'd say is pretty universal).

These caretakers are called *owners, trainers and handlers*. Now, these are as much intertwining categories as they are separate functions. The owner (or boss) owns the pup. The trainer teaches the pup obedience, signs and signals to strengthen the understanding and relationship between the two, whereas a handler can simply be a person that accompanies a pup. Very often, obviously, one person is all of these things.

A real-life example: a couple of years ago I went to a Darklands party as a pup. My owner was dragging me around in a leash, but needed to go get drinks, and therefore asked a friend to take over the leash (and care for me) until he got back. That friend agreed and was then my handler for that period of time.

## PLAYTIME!

Right, so if you're with me this far, I'm guessing that you by now understand there's much more to Puppy Play than just running around and barking on all fours. That being said, you don't need to know or understand anything I've written so far to be able to try out Puppy Play. These are all just learnings and observations I have made by allowing myself to let go and have fun with more experienced people – in and outside of packs. This is equally valid for those who are curious to try out being an owner/trainer/handler. Don't be afraid to ask – it's never too late to teach an old dog new tricks.

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*Bark & Play (NL)*

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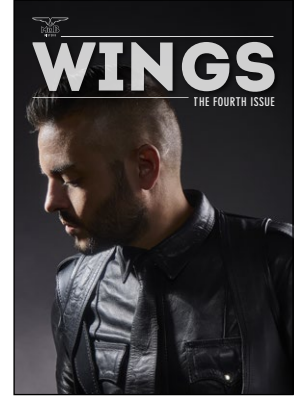
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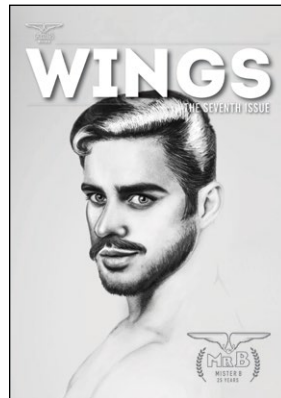
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