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Well, here it is...the moment you've all been waiting for....

ANNOUNCEMENT: 1993 Confrancisco ASB party
Hosts: Multics, Seth, AMBAR, Suki, Lasher, Jasmine, Charles,
Allie, Roy, and others
Date: Saturday (9/4) & Sunday (9/5)
Time: 9:00 p.m. until 2:30 a.m.
Place: The Backdrop (near Confrancisco)
Who is invited: Anyone over 18 who reads A.S.B or attends Confrancisco or
is brought as a guest of an A.S.B or Confrancisco member.
Why: Because there's a con and we want to have a party!

Member's of the Backdrop staff will be present. They are not party
hosts, but will be acting as representatives of The Backdrop. They are
the final deciders on what is or is not allowed in a scene. Questions
concerning The Backdrop's equipment should be referred to them.
Anything not covered by the GENERAL INFORMATION and THE RULES should be
referred to a host, who may refer or consult with a member of The
Backdrop's staff.

::: GENERAL INFORMATION :::

ID'S AT THE DOOR, PLEASE

You will not get in without showing positive ID indicating that you are
at least 18 years old. This may take the form of a driver's license,
passport, college ID, sheriff's ID, or student ID. You will also be
required to sign a statement that says that you have read, understood,
and agree to abide by the party rules. The rules are posted below for
your reference. Please read them before coming to the party. If you
have questions about them, please send me email (multics@acm.rpi.edu)
and I will try to explain what they mean and why we have them. Please
DON'T post questions about the rules, because I can't promise to read
all the posts and answer them, and also because...well, because the
rules are not subject to debate. The hosts are in agreement on these
rules, they've been field-tested at many other parties, and they WILL
be the rules for this party.

WHAT THE HOSTS SAY, GOES

Within the context of the party, the hosts are to be considered Gods.
We reserve the right of final decisions on the rules, the right to
exclude or dismiss anyone from the party without stating reason, and
the right to reserve any other right. We also reserve these rights'
attendant responsibilities.

PARTY LOCATION

The party will be at The Backdrop, 141 8th street between Howard and
Mission. The party will be announced on a party board for Sunday
night. This is the only announcement for Saturday.

I am not an SF resident and the information here is from talking to
several people who have varying amounts of knowledge about the area.

WALKING: From Mascone use Howard street, From the Hotels, use Market
street. The distance is about 1/2 to 3/4 mile. I've talked to several
people familiar with the area. The advice on walking seems to be to
walk in groups of 3 or more. The feedback tends to indicate that the
biggest problem is the panhandlers, most will take a polite no with out

problem but occasionally you'll find a more persistence one. Other comments indicate that if you're not looking for trouble and don't present yourself as a victim, you should be ok even if alone.

Public transport: Until 12:30 am, four bus lines (6-8-9-21) run on Market Street with a typical wait of five minutes or so. All night, two bus lines (J-N Owl) run 15 minutes apart. Board on the islands in the middle of the street. Before Midnight, you can take the subway to Civic Center. From there BART also serves the East Bay; its last train is at 12:10 am.

Info lines for City buses: 415-673-MUNI. For BART: 415-788-BART.

We may be able to shuttle some people with a passenger van, however do NOT plan on this as it will not be known until just before the party.

No other information about the nature of the party, rules, etc. will be posted publicly, so please be sure to keep a copy of things like dates and times if you're prone to forgetfulness. We will try to have some business/postcard size invitations with both time and direction on them available, but no promises.

PARTY TIME

The party is set to start at 9:00 p.m. Please don't come early. We'd love to see you all, but that's why we're having the party. It's gonna be a long one, and we will need the pre-party time for setting up, eating dinner, relaxing, and Doing Our Own Thing. Alone. And Multics needs his pre-party sleep :))

RSVP

RSVP's are not strictly necessary, but they are appreciated so we can get some idea of how many people to expect. Please RSVP to multics@acm.rpi.edu or blaze@guest.apple.com.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a BD/DS/SM playparty. If you've never before been to a party like this, you can expect to see people enjoying themselves in ways that the general public might not find 'acceptable.' In specific, you can expect to see hugging, kissing, stroking, petting, bondage, tit torture, cock and ball torture, whippings, canings, spankings, etc. If watching this stuff at a party would make you uncomfortable, perhaps this isn't a party for you.

There has recently been posted a variety of articles about party/scene and accepted standards of behavior. If you haven't been to a party, you should take a look at these articles. They are not included here for a couple of reasons: lack of space, and because these kind of standards aren't real rigid. They vary from party to party and scene to scene, and they're not absolutes.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Perhaps most importantly, you - or whoever takes responsibility for you if you don't take responsibility for yourself - are responsible for your own safety and well-being, both emotional and physical. The door is unlocked and you are free to leave at any time if you experience something you don't like. If help is necessary, ask and we'll do our best to provide it.

INVITING/BRINGING OTHER PEOPLE TO THE PARTY

You may feel free to bring other (i.e., non-ASB people) to the party; however, it is your responsibility to see that they read this document and understand the nature of the party that they'll be attending. Do

not attempt to use this party as a vehicle for playing a practical joke on your roommate. It is guaranteed to backfire in an ugly way (see Rule 9, below).

SCENE SPACE AND NONSCENE SPACE

Scene space will not be visible from the outside entry door and non-scene space will be mostly non-visible. Checkin will be in a foyer/entry hall outside all the space.

We may be able to provide some space for a private scene, but do not assume so. If you are interested in a private scene, you **MUST** ask a host, preferably in advance, and have a reasonably good idea of what you're going to do. The hosts do not like surprises at these parties. If you do a scene you should expect an audience. If people watching bothers you, you should not do a scene at this party. We have enough room that we may be able to set aside one or two of the smaller session rooms for private scenes. The hosts may enter and leave at any time. The door will not be locked. We will place a sign on the door asking people to not enter.

Please note that the scene space may be limited, and must be shared by all. If you want to do a three-hour scene, this is probably not the best place to do it.

DONATIONS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

We will put out a donations bucket and accept donations. All donations should be placed in the bucket. If you really want to donate and don't want to use the bucket, you may give donations to a host before or after the party. This party is more expensive than others I've been involved with, but we will have much more room than usual and this is an equipped dungeon.

If you have bondage-wares of some type that you sell and would like to exhibit, you **MUST** contact us in advance. In general, you are welcome to exhibit and sell your wares, but you must make sure all items are legal and that you acquire any license and deal with any taxes (sales, etc) yourself. We may be able to provide one or two tables for this.

No other financial transactions are permitted at the party.

Any business you conduct with the Backdrop, is completely outside the party and completely unrelated to the party.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS/NEEDS

If you have some kind of special medical condition that we should know about, please do let us know. You have to judge for yourself whether that is the case. I would put in this category anything that might have a strong negative effect on you, in such a way that you couldn't tell us what was wrong or what we needed to do. If you have a medic alert bracelet/necklace, you should wear this or make sure someone knows where to find it, if you've got it in your pocket, etc.

FOOD/DRINK

We will be providing some snack food. By all means, feel free to bring some more if you like. Please do not, however, plan on having dinner at the party or call out for a pizza delivery or something.

Also note that these parties frequently get rather crowded, so if you get the munchies and leave in search of food, there's no guarantee that we'll be able to readmit you.

The Backdrop has a soda machine which is \$.50/can for soda and seems to

have a fairly good selection.

We will provide some soda. We will set aside a supply of juice and munchies for those doing scenes as they can drain lots of fluid and energy.

WHAT TO BRING/WEAR

Please bring whatever tools and toys you'd like to the party. Because so many toys look very much alike, you should either mark your stuff in some distinctive way (e.g., colored tape or threads tied around handles or buckles or something) or keep very close track of it. If you see a toy lying around that you'd like to use, please ask its owner first. Using other people's toys without asking is a no no. When it comes time to collect toys, please make sure that you're taking your own stuff and not someone else's. To paraphrase the airport baggage claim people, many toys look alike.

If you would like to have some specific scene music, please bring that too. We'll have CDs but we're not gonna DJ and we won't have time to run around trying to assemble your requests. If you do bring music, for reasons stated above, please mark it so it can be identified as yours afterwards. The Backdrop should have CD and tape sound systems.

As for what to wear, wear whatever you want or don't want. Standard commonsense applies. Outside the party, there is one thing you should be aware of. Dressing overly weird may change your chances of an unfriendly encounter, either with the panhandlers or police, though I do not think it's going to be much of an issue.

CRASH SPACE

There is no crash space at The Backdrop. If you will need crash space, please arrange it in advance. One of the hosts has indicated that sie may have crash space. Please send email to multics@acm.rpi.edu and I will forward it to the host.

FOLLOWUP

The point of the party is to have fun. Notes to the hosts after the party to let us know that you did indeed have fun and to tell us where we did particular good jobs arranging things will be received with much glee and will vastly increase the likelihood that we'll roll another one of these things. Notes to the hosts after the party to let us know where we screwed up will be received with less glee, but send 'em anyway. Just try to be constructive.

::: 1993 WORLDCON ASB PARTY RULES AND CONVENTIONS :::

1. ASK BEFORE TOUCHING, KISSING, PLAYING, ETC.

This is not a free-sex-for-all party. This is not a free-play-for-all party either. Do not assume that the presence of someone at this party means you're free to play with them, take pictures of them, post to the Net about their presence at the party, or even touch them. Don't assume anything, in fact. When in doubt, ask first. And always doubt.

On the flip side, people who want others to play with them should feel free to give blanket permission to everyone to do whatever. We will try to have a mechanism for this; ask a host when you arrive.

2. RESPECT THE HOUSE SAFEWORD

Continuing the old (?) tradition, the house safeword will be "aardvark." I don't know how this got started, but why not. If you are playing with someone and want to negotiate a separate safeword or set of safewords to be used between you, please feel free to do so. However, everyone is expected to respect the house safeword, and to use it if you need to. Regardless of what other arrangements you've made,

Simplified definition for anyone who doesn't know: a safeword is a word or phrase that means "Stop what you're doing NOW". If you're playing with someone and they use the safeword, stop what you're doing immediately, find out what's wrong, and rectify it.

3. NO PENETRATIVE SEX

This includes genital-genital, finger-genital, finger-anal, oral-genital, and oral-anal activity.

4. NO MINORS

This means anyone under 18. As noted above, IDs will be checked.

5. NO CAMERAS, CAMCORDERS, OR OTHER RECORDING DEVICES

No recording devices of any kind will be permitted for any reason. This rule applies regardless of whether you have the express permission of everyone whom you are recording. ANY CAMERAS BROUGHT INTO THE CLUB AGAINST THE RULES WILL HAVE THE FILM/VIDEO TAPE CONFISCATED BY THE HOSTS.

6. NO DRAWING OR LETTING OF BLOOD

Scenes specifically designed to draw or produce blood are not allowed.

7. NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

No drugs may be brought to or consumed at this party. People under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be admitted.

8. NO SMOKING

Smoking may be done outside the building. There is also a ladder access to the roof where smoking may be permitted. If you plan on spending your time undressed and want to smoke, you should bring a robe or something to put on.

9. NO FREAKING THE MUNDANES

Common sense item: We probably don't want to scare the hotel-goers or the neighbors too much. Keeping toys mostly under wraps until you're inside the door would be a good thing, I think. Waving two-foot-long pink dildoes at the hotel staff or others is Right Out. (I stole this line from someone -- thanks!!)

On the flip side, this is a Con, so I don't think you need to worry about it too much. Note that the party is OUTSIDE normal con space.

This also includes any guests that you bring to the party. Don't drag some vanilla person into this party unwarned and unprepared. It is your responsibility to show them this document and make sure that they understand the nature of the party that they will be attending.

10. NO DAMAGE TO THE PARTY ROOMS

The rooms where the party will be held are not ballrooms or conference rooms or public-area party rooms. They are being rented from a private club. Trashing the rooms is Right Out. Please deposit all litter into the appropriate trash receptacle.

11. FIREPLAY

Candles for wax play is allowed, but only if you clear it with a host first. We don't want to leave wax on the carpets as it's expensive to repair/replace/clean them.

If you wish to include any fireplay in a scene, you MUST ask a host first and clear the scene with the hosts.

::: AFFADAVIT :::

I am at least eighteen years old.

I understand and accept that this is an S&M party, and that consensual erotic pain, not bodily injury [which is defined as intentional permanent damage], nudity, bondage, cross-dressing, role-playing, and dominance/submission may or may not occur in my presence.

I am free to leave at any time for any reason, stated or unstated. As the door will not be locked on the inside, I will simply let myself out.

I will follow instructions given by a host or leave the party at that time. If I view a violation of these Rules, I will immediately notify a host.

I am aware that all activity at this party is consensual, and no non-consensual activity or bodily injury of any type will be tolerated.

I have read and understand the 1993 ConFrancisco Worldcon ASB Party Rules and Conventions, and by signing I state that I agree to abide by them, and that I will not hold the hosts, the ConFrancisco convention, or the Backdrop responsible for any damage to my self, my property, or to any other person present at or involved in this event.

Sign Name: _____ Date _____

Print Name: _____

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