

# **Tales From A Trainer**

Lessons given, lessons learned

# Who Am I?

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# My Tales

## Python | HTML5/JS

- Large Corp. Developers
- Private Individuals in Resort Setting
- Outreach/Community (PyLadies)

# Humans 101

People want to learn

People enjoy being useful & productive

People like to be entertained

Enthusiasm is contagious (as is negativity)

Given the tools, people will produce things

# **We're All The Same...**

Women will admit they are confused (usually)

Men will need prompting (usually), but will admit confusion.

Let me tell you a story...

# How Do We Help?

- Compassion
- Understanding
- Empathy
- Patience
- Humility

**Picture it...**

# Huh...

Where IS the candy?

How do I know what those books can do? How do I ask about them?

What is so great about the paintings? (they're not paintings)



# Possible Solutions

“I don’t know...try it.”

# The Whole Point

Teach how to learn

(“I’m not going to be here next week.”)

Don’t fill heads with facts--fill with concepts.

Show how to find answers

(“Use print statements, inspect your data.”)

# It's Not About You

No Waving Your Big Brain Around!

No Magic Shows!

Remain Humble, Remain Kind

Connect With Your Students

(we're all just people)

# Take Home

- Dark rooms are intimidating
- We are all scared of the unknown
- Be a kind, welcoming, compassionate host
- Be enthusiastic about where you'll be taking your students
- Help them fend for themselves