



# Dominant

Vs

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Dominant versus domineering ass, this is one I feel very strongly about. IMHO, the true Dominants are on one end of the spectrum and the domineering ass' are on the other, with everyone else somewhere in between. You see the same people, with the same behavior patterns in the vanilla world, but "what it is that we do" makes it much more visible in our world and the potential "cause and affect" much larger.

I believe there are significant differences in a "Dominant" (Lifestyle definition versus vanilla, which are somewhat different) and a domineering ass". IMHO, a Dominant is a person who is capable of accepting, and willing to accept, the responsibility for the safety and personal growth of a submissive. They are capable of helping the submissive identify their issues/personal demons and make steady progress toward overcoming them, while bringing them pleasure along the way, making sure they are safe, and allowing/teaching the submissive to serve and pleasure them in the process. This is no easy task. Based on my experience, it is much more than being a supervisor or manager in the vanilla world. D/s interactions are not something to be taken lightly or simply for the Dom's pleasure.

I have met and had the pleasure of becoming friends with some extraordinary Dominants (male and female) since I "came out" into the public play community. They are people who earned their titles and the respect of the community. Unfortunately, I have also met and observed some who fall into the "domineering ass" group. These are the people who use the lifestyle as a means to empower themselves and abuse people in the process. They are NOT really part of the lifestyle or the community, so they do not last long. They eventually find the community is self policing and simply disappear because they can not stand the scrutiny.

They are pretty easy to identify. They enter the community with a self given title of Master or Lord "so and so", proclaim they have been in the lifestyle for their whole life, or at least many years, but have no references, and expect submissives to bow to and serve them. They do not respect established community protocol or listen to the advice of the people they interact with. They are only here for their own self gratification. Worse case scenario they are dangerous, especially when they connect with newbie submissives who do not know better than to submit to them or do not have a Protector to make sure they are safe. They can not even be counted on to honor a Protector's established protocols where applicable.

As I said earlier, being a Dominant is not easy or something that should be taken lightly. To be a Dominant in a D/s relationship is very special and requires the Dominant to assure it is a two way street. It "ain't going to happen" just because you say so, and it does not exist simply because you say so, or solely for your pleasure.

IMHO, recognizing that there is a difference in a Dominant and a domineering ass is critical to becoming a real Dominant. In my mind that is actually one of the first and most critical steps. Everyone is free to choose which one, or where on the spectrum they want to be. However, if you want to stay in the lifestyle as a Dominant, and enjoy all it has to offer, you have to work for it (same as the vanilla world, or even more so). Based on my experience it is well worth it!

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