

Realizing I AM A BIG DEAL...

A few years ago a camp-mate created an awesome framed picture of my head (with the white Bucket Hat) and the Ron Burgundy Red Suit/Tie with the Caption - I am kinda a Big Deal. I had always taken that as a great pun and a thing to keep my ego in check. I have put in 19yrs of Burning Man; I am not just the Benevolent Dictator of the Village of PolyParadise - I VOLUNTEER at every chance I get and have my hands in many many Burning Man & BMHQ pots - I am NOT bragging - I VOLUNTEER - I give a SIGNIFICANT amount of my time & bandwidth all year long for Burning Man outside and in addition to running a 300 person village @ the Gerlach Regional.

This year I was given a sticker that said "No one cares that you go to Burning Man" - I got another sticker that states "No one cares who you know @ Burning Man" - I also got a sticker that states "I am kinda famous at Burning Man".

I am now in a place in my Burning Man career that I am not needing to ask to be in the next level up - I am being asked to join the next level up because of the things I have already done and because I am good at what I do within the Burnerverse. Again I am not bragging or stroking my own ego - I have a reputation and people know that I am a Big Deal and want me to be a part of their new group or council or committee and for that I AM VERY PROUD and humbled.

I had several interactions this year in BRC that let me see that I can influence Burning Man and the Burn for camp leaders across all of BRC and am in positions to really make a significant difference and for that I am proud and now see that the Ron Burgundy Red Suit/Tie photo really is true - I am kinda a BIG DEAL!

One of the things this now has me seeing is that because of this influence and position I hold within Burning Man there are things that happen around me within my camp space that I do not want to and will not be guilty by association of. What I mean is that even though I run a Polyamorous camp I do not run a KINK Camp. I also see that the longer I hang out with Burners the more VANILLA I know that I am and that is OK and of course it is OK for you to be KINK. I am in no way taking away your ability to be the Radical Expressive Burner you want/need to be; but I see that there are many types of behavior that I cannot or will not be guilty by association or have the camp be associated with to ever put in jeopardy the 19yrs of Burnerverse work I have put in or put in jeopardy the influence I see that I can have in the positions I hold.

What I mean to say is that I have reached out to several folks in our community to get some Play/Kink party rules and start to get my arms around what kinds of behavior will not be allowed within camp. I understand this may be a Debbie Downer to some who play in those areas but again I am not stifling your wants/needs but there are plenty of other camps within BRC that would allow those behaviors and that those persons that run those

camps are not me - They may also be a BIG DEAL but I guarantee they are not the Big Deal I am.

I realize this is very self-serving and that this may have some veteran PolyParadise campers have to camp elsewhere - but this is where I live and this is the Burnerverse I love & serve.

I am kinda a Big Deal...

Burning Man Lesson #5

TGIF!!!

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