Protocols Among the Muggles

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Protocols we need to address

- > Greetings
- Asking permission (eat, sit, use the bathroom, talk)
- ➤ Honorifics (Master, Mistress, sir, slave, girl, boy)
- Services (opening doors, lighting a cigar, refilling drinks, serving food)
- Objectification (ashtray, ottoman)
- Clothing (collars, nakedness)
- > What others?



Why do we have to think about this?

- > Non-consent
- > Sharing intimacy with others
- > Exposure to risk



Start the Conversation

- > Review Protocols
- > Prioritize
- > Decide





- Just Do It!
- Do it, Explain it
- Modify the Protocol
- **Suspend the Protocol**

Just Do It!



- > Be out!
- Under cover of politeness
- > Invisible protocols

Do it, Explain it



- > Explain in advance
- > Following a tradition





- State orders as requests
- > Scale it back
- Signals: verbal/non-verbal

Suspend the Protocol





- Practice beforehand temporary unlearning
- > Get back into it ritual

SUMMARY

- **★** Plan
- **★** Practice
- **★** Implement

Thank you!

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