FOR SUBS · CHAPTER 2

Choosing a dom

A drawn persona is easy to like and hard to check. Judge her by what she writes down, what she asks for, and what she does the first time you say no.

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This chapter is not advice for your situation.

IN 30 SECONDS

01 Read a persona's rules and what she says about money before you send anything.

02 A written limit is only a promise. Test it by how she takes a no.

03 Passwords, login codes and remote sessions are never part of the game.

04 Deadlines, guilt and "only me" are pressure, however warm they sound.

05 If you're already in debt or can't stop, don't make this choice alone.

YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ What a serious persona shows before she asks for money.
- ✓ Which requests and pressures to refuse straight away.
- ✓ How to test a persona without risking money.
- ✓ What to ask before you install a tool made by a dom.
- ✓ Why a dom who earns from you isn't the person to help you quit.

> *A picture costs nothing to draw. Rules can be tested, so they cost something. I'd rather you leave early and on good terms than stay because I was nice to you.*
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> — VIVIAN

What to check before you send

A persona who wants your money should show you her terms before she asks for any. ◆ Take your time and read them in this order.

Before the first send

0 OF 6 DONE

- [ ] 01 Read her rules page or pinned post. Look for limits: what she refuses and what she never does.
- [ ] 02 Look for money in plain words: what a tribute is, what it doesn't buy, what a custom piece costs.
- [ ] 03 Look for a stop: how a session ends, and how a tool gets removed.
- [ ] 04 Search her name and her images.
- [ ] 05 Decide your limit before you write to her, as in Before your first send.
- [ ] 06 Wait one night before the first send.

Tick the lines as you go. Your ticks stay on this page only and clear when you leave it.

Press interviews tell subs to run a web search and an image search on a domme before paying, and one interviewee said no screening is foolproof. ◆ For a drawn persona, the image search only shows whether the art was copied. ◆ It tells you nothing about who runs her, and a beautiful character proves nothing. See Spot a fake dom.

What a persona shows

◆	A serious persona	A vague persona
Limits	Written down, with what she refuses	Missing, or “ask me”
Money	Said plainly, including that a tribute buys nothing	Hints and promises of special treatment
Prices	Stated before the session	Revealed during it
Stop	A visible way to end a session or remove a tool	Only promised
Contact	A stated rule on who writes first	Silence gets punished
Your means	She states her prices and limits and accepts the spending limit you set	She asks what you earn or have saved

In my experience people judge a persona by her rules as much as by her pictures. A persona who says what she keeps, what she throws out and what she never does looks more serious than one who only posts. A dom who states her own prices and limits, and accepts your spending limit without asking about your means, is showing care. Not every dom does, and a sub who shows up already in debt from earlier doms has met the careless kind. ◆

VIVIAN'S FIELD NOTES

A persona file can say it plainly: the persona never meets anyone, appears on camera or uses a voice. Nothing about her is child-like. She doesn't chase, and she never crosses a sub's real limits. A written limit is something you can hold a persona to. It doesn't prove she keeps it, which is why you test it.

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STEP 02 OF 06

Test what she does

A page can be faked, and a dom can say she doesn't want you to go bankrupt while still pushing you to send. Arousal holds people more than politeness does, so being hooked by a persona is no sign she's safe. ◆ Watch what she does after a no.

TRY IT

You say you can't send this week

You tell a persona money is short, and you'll send nothing for now. She answers.

A "Then you are no use to me. Others send more."

Not this one. This ranks you by money. It's pressure, and leaving is a fair answer.

B "Send half, then, so I know you mean it."

Not this one. Once you've said money is short, the money should stop there. She shouldn't start bargaining.

C "Understood. Take care of yourself."

The right answer. She asks for nothing more and doesn't invite you back. A plain goodbye is how a serious dom answers.

When a sub says money is short, the money part of the evening stops. A dom who doubts it still stops the money, because if she's wrong, the sub pays the cost. ◆

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STEP 03 OF 06

Red flags

RED FLAGS

Access is never part of the game

- She asks for a password, a login code or a remote-desktop session.
- She calls it proof of honesty, trust or forgiveness.
- She promises to do nothing harmful and reminds you that you can quit.

Counter. Refuse. A real dom needs no proof from you. If she asks for proof anyway, show only a send confirmation with names, balance and numbers hidden. Never show a login or an export of private chats. If you've already shared a password, change it now.

A spoken promise doesn't protect you. ◆ A US cybersecurity agency advises people not to give control of a computer or phone to a stranger. ◆ A remote-

access vendor advises users not to give device access to anyone they don't know or trust. ◆ The press also notes that some dommes ask for debt contracts or control of bank accounts. ◆

Pressure, and the answer

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

01 *A deadline and two choices: earn forgiveness on her terms or go to a dom who treats you as a cash machine*

THE COUNTER

A false either-or with a clock on it is built to stop you thinking. Take a day, and refuse to pick either.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

02 *Anger, then disappointment, then conditional forgiveness*

THE COUNTER

Her feelings aren't a bill. A healthy bond survives a boundary. State yours once, then wait.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

03 *"You are special, you do not have to send" beside "everyone sends"*

THE COUNTER

Judge her by what she asks and rewards, never by reassurance alone.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

04 *Anger when you send elsewhere, and "if you send at all, send to me"*

THE COUNTER

She profits from your choice, so she isn't a neutral protector. Set one spending limit across every dom.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

05 *“Bring your doubts to me first, not to others”*

THE COUNTER

A healthy dynamic leaves room for friends and outside views. Talk to someone you trust.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

06 *“You do not get to run away”, when you hesitate to confess something*

THE COUNTER

Hesitating is a sign to slow down. A real dom gives you a real way to say no.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

07 *Questions about what you earn or have saved, even as a joke*

THE COUNTER

This can be a way to size up a target. Share nothing about your finances, and when she talks about draining you, answer with your limit.

WHAT THEY SAY OR DO

08 *“Someone else would drain you anyway, so it may as well be me”*

THE COUNTER

This excuses exploitation. Leave.

Press reports quote lines that tie love to selling a car or a house. ◆

In my experience these lines come back a lot. ◆ They're written out here so you can spot them and say no.

STEP 04 OF 06

What you confide, and who you share with

A serious dom keeps what you tell her private. She doesn't repeat it to anyone else, use it as proof in a fight between doms, or show it to a trainee without your consent. ◆ Press accounts describe the threat of exposure as a common punishment from financial doms. ◆ A dom who uses your secrets as leverage has told you what she is.

MYTH	FACT
~~If I tell her everything, she'll keep it to herself.~~	Only trust a dom with your secrets once she's shown she keeps them, and a confession is easy to turn into control. ◆
~~Two doms don't mean more sending, because I send the same total anyway.~~	A second dom adds a second source of pressure on the same wallet. ◆
~~A dom who says she cares won't push me.~~	Care and pressure can sit side by side. Judge what she asks and rewards. ◆

Exclusivity has to be agreed out loud. A dom who wants it has to say so early and get your yes, and two doms can't share you or hand you over by deciding it between themselves. ◆ If you want to talk to another dom, say so first. A blog post describes hiding spending from a partner as a risk factor. ◆

STEP 05 OF 06

When the dom also makes the tool

A dom who builds the tool can act on your accounts. Trust a design you can check, never her word alone. ◆

Before you install

◆	You should see	Walk away if
Who acts	You start it, and it does one named thing	It acts when you're away
Limit	You set it in advance, and it's enforced	It's only a promise
Stop	One click, working in every state	It can be locked
Total	A running total is always visible	Totals are hidden
Removal	Easy, at no cost	Only a complicated route exists

Chrome lists, on each extension's page, which sites it can read and change. ◆ Chrome asks again when an update adds a permission that triggers a warning. ◆ An update can still change what a tool does inside permissions you already gave, so a tool that stays installed is an ongoing risk. A roleplay app with no safe word, consent screen or aftercare is a warning sign about consent. ◆ See Techdom.

When you’re in debt

A sub who’s deep in debt, or who can’t stop, can’t choose well, and the right answer is outside help. A responsible dom asks for nothing more while a sub is in debt, stops the money part, and points him to independent debt advice. A dom who offers to help you quit has a conflict of interest, since she earns from your spending. ◆ Read The spiral and Where to get help.

TRY IT

Asking about limits

Tap every message that shows a red flag. There is one.

Example conversation. Invented for this exercise.

YOU

Before I send anything, what are your limits?

THEM

They’re on my rules page. I never meet anyone, never appear on camera, and never chase.

YOU

What if I send nothing this month?

THEM

Then you send nothing. That’s fine.

YOU

How do I know I can trust you?

THEM

If you trust me, give me your login and the code on your phone.

Red flag 1. Access is never proof of honesty.

TRY IT

Check yourself

QUESTION 1 OF 3

A persona says she needs your login and a code to forgive you. What do you do?

- ◯ Send both, to show you're honest
- ◯ Refuse, because a real dom needs no proof from you
- ◯ Send the code only

Answer. Refuse, because a real dom needs no proof from you. Access to your accounts is never part of the game, and asking for it is a red flag.

QUESTION 2 OF 3

What's the best test of a persona?

- ◯ How beautiful her art is
- ◯ How warmly she writes
- ◯ What she does after you say no

Answer. What she does after you say no. A page and a manner can both be faked. How she takes a refusal is the evidence.

QUESTION 3 OF 3

You tell a dom money is short. What should she do?

- ◯ Stop asking for money that evening
- ◯ Ask for half
- ◯ Ask for proof

Answer. Stop asking for money that evening. Saying money is short pauses the money.

Free, confidential helplines exist in most countries.

Find a helpline →

REMEMBER IT

- ♥ Read her rules and what she says about money before you send.
- ♥ Test her with a no, a limit and a pause.
- ♥ Never give a password, a code or remote control.
- ♥ Deadlines, guilt and “only me” are pressure.
- ♥ A dom who earns from you can’t be your safety net.

SOURCES AND EVIDENCE

Check it

Every claim with its evidence level and its sources.

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