

## Roles in BDSM

*(Bondage and Discipline, Dominance and submission, Sadism and Masochism)*

<b>Dominant Roles</b>	<b>Submissive Roles</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Dominant / Dom(me)</u></b></p> <p>The dominant or Dom or Domme is the dominant partner in a power exchange relationship or sexual encounter. They take charge and control of different areas of sex and the relationship as defined by consensual agreement with the submissive or sub.</p>	<p><b>2. <u>Submissive / Sub</u></b></p> <p>The submissive or sub is a very common BDSM role, and is the person who takes the subordinate or submissive role in a consensual power exchange, either sexually or in a relationship.</p>
<p><b>3. <u>Switch</u></b></p> <p>The BDSM switch is a person who enjoys both giving and receiving power - topping, or taking it from the bottom, equally.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Master / Mistress</u></b></p> <p>A Master or Mistress is also a dominant or Dom/me, that is, they are the partner in charge in a power exchange dynamic. It is a matter of preference whether a BDSM role couple wants to call themselves “master and slave” or “dominant and submissive.”</p>	<p><b>5. <u>Slave/Domestic Servant</u></b></p> <p>The slave is the submissive BDSM role, with a more extreme context implied. Slave and sub can be used interchangeably, but some have a strong preference away from the politically charged term “slave” and some prefer the word slave because they identify that way and find it more descriptive.</p> <p>The domestic servant is a role in BDSM where a submissive wants to act as a maid or butler to their dominant. They may enjoy domestic service activities such as doing dishes, mowing the lawn, or vacuuming.</p>
<p><b>6. <u>Top</u></b></p> <p>This BDSM role refers to the active partner—the one who does something to the other partner. A BDSM top can be interchangeable with dominant or master, or it can be milder and refer to a person who controls the action. For example, the penetrating partner may be called the top, even if it isn’t an S&amp;M (sadism and masochism) power exchange.</p>	<p><b>7. <u>Bottom</u></b></p> <p>The bottom is a role in BDSM that means the one receiving the action. For example, a male who prefers to receive anal sex, rather than do the penetrating. Bottom can refer to a submissive but is not necessarily about power exchange dynamics.</p>

<p><b>8. <u>Sadist</u></b></p> <p>The sadist can be a top, a dominant, or a master, but not all tops are into sadism. The sadist enjoys administering emotional and physical pain, either because they are sexually aroused and excited by it, or because they enjoy giving a masochist or slave the pleasure they crave.</p>	<p><b>9. <u>Masochist</u></b></p> <p>The masochist is the reverse of the sadist, the one who enjoys receiving physical or psychological pain.</p>
<p><b>10. <u>Rigger</u></b></p> <p>The rigger is a BDSM role for the dominant partner in rope bondage. The rigger is the one who applies rope bondage, artistically or functionally, to the submissive.</p>	<p><b>11. <u>Rope Bunny</u></b></p> <p>The rope bunny is the rigger's or the rope artist's submissive partner who enjoys having rope bondage performed on them.</p>
<p><b>12. <u>Brat Tamer</u></b></p> <p>The brat tamer is a dominant BDSM role, the counterpart to the brat submissive. Their role is to give the brat what they need and control them in a loving, disciplining way.</p>	<p><b>13. <u>Brat</u></b></p> <p>A brat is a submissive BDSM role, and refers to a personality type or play type who enjoys breaking rules, antagonizing, and being rebellious. It is a playful kind of BDSM submissive. The brat may enjoy "teenage" habits and dress styles, and need guidance and discipline. The brat is mischievous, a smart aleck, mouthy, and craves a lot of attention.</p>
<p><b>14. <u>Findomme / Financial Dom</u></b></p> <p>Financial domination is a form of BDSM using finance. The findomme or financial dom is a dominant who demands money from his or her subordinates. They often do nothing in return for their subs payments except indulge in the lifestyle their pay pigs/finsubs feel they deserve.</p>	<p><b>15. <u>Financial submissive/"Pay Pig" or "Human ATM"</u></b></p> <p>The pay pig is the submissive to the findomme. He or she gives their FinDomme money, sometimes a large portion of their earnings. Some paypigs work entirely to pay a FinDomme. In this form of BDSM relationship, very often there is no sexual exchange or even in-person meetings.</p>
<p><b>16. <u>Predator</u></b></p> <p>In primal play, the predator or hunter is the dominant BDSM role.</p>	<p><b>17. <u>Prey</u></b></p> <p>The prey is the submissive role, or preyed upon. Primal kink is not as cut and dried as classic BDSM roles, as they derive their inspiration from the wild and from animal roles.</p>
<p><b>18. <u>Owner/Trainer/Equestrian</u></b></p> <p>An owner can refer to a pet owner or a slave owner.</p>	<p><b>19. <u>Pet/Pony</u></b></p> <p>A submissive, companionable role in BDSM is the pet. The pet may like to play as a pony, puppy/dog, or bunny. The pet may enjoy light</p>

	<p>role play or be quite submissive and serious, such as eating from a dog dish and walking on all fours, using a newspaper to relieve themselves.</p> <p>Pony play is a very popular BDSM kink, and the pony is usually a submissive and sometimes a showy role, complete with tack, gear, hoofs, tails, masks, and jumping rings.</p>
<p><b>20. <u>Furry</u></b></p> <p>A furry can be someone who enjoys cosplay, dressing up as anthropomorphic characters. A subset of the furry culture is kinky, and derives sexual excitement from dressing up, from the plush costume, or from BDSM play with other furies.</p>	
<p><b>21. <u>Hotwife/Cuckholdress</u></b></p> <p>A hotwife is a dominant woman who is hot and has many suitors and admirers. Hotwifing implies a male partner who is monogamous to her while she takes many lovers. The male gets off imagining her seducing and sleeping with other men.</p>	<p><b>22. <u>Cuckold / Cuckquean</u></b></p> <p>The cuckold or his female parallel, the cuckquean, are submissives who enjoy the erotic humiliation of their partner taking other lovers.</p>
<p><b>23. <u>Stag</u></b></p> <p>While the cuckold enjoys the humiliation of not being able to satisfy his wife, and imagining the sex she has with more virile men, the stag is totally satisfied by his hotwife, secure and confident. He does not need other women but gets off at how her libido extends to other males.</p>	
<p><b>24. <u>Bull</u></b></p> <p>A hotwife's lover is called a bull, whether her husband is a cuckold or a stag.</p>	
<p><b>25. <u>Daddy Dom/Mommy Domme</u></b></p> <p>The Daddy Dom takes on a paternal role to an adult little girl submissive or adult little boy sub. He controls and leads through discipline, affection, punishment, and nurture, such as snuggling, helping, explaining, using time-outs or grounding as fatherly forms of discipline.</p> <p>The Mommy Dom is a dominant BDSM role who acts as mother, using female authority, nurture, discipline, affection, and guidance to help her adult little girl or adult little boy submissive. There are many BDSM mommy fetishes and kinks.</p>	<p><b>26. <u>Little/Adult Baby</u></b></p> <p>A little is an adult who enjoys regressing psychologically and physically to a little age, and is often submissive to a Daddy Dom or Mommy Domme.</p> <p>An adult baby regresses past childhood down to infancy. They are submissive and enjoy acting helpless, playing, being diapered, sucking a bottle, and using baby toys.</p>

<p>27. <u>Femdom</u></p> <p>Femdom stands for female domination. A femdom takes sexual and relationship authority over a submissive male/male identifying person.</p>	<p>28. <u>Malesub/Sissy</u></p> <p>A malesub is a male (or male identifying submissive who serves a female or female identifying Domme. This may be based on sexual preference, or a view of female supremacy.</p> <p>The sissy is a type of submissive to a femdom or female dominant, who is sexually excited by feminization or sissification.</p> <p>The sissy may want to be dressed in little girl clothes, subject to small penis humiliation, spanked, forced to wear diapers and ponytails, made to wear makeup, and receive pegging from a femdom in a strap-on.</p>
<p>29. <u>Dominatrix</u></p> <p>A dominatrix is a female or female identifying dominant. This term usually implies to classic BDSM styles.</p> <p>A dominatrix can be lifestyle and professional, where we might call someone in a similar BDSM role a domme or femdom. (This is not hard and fast, of course, but we usually see this term used for a professional sex worker or BDSM service provider.)</p>	<p>30. <u>Client/Fetishist</u></p> <p>A client is someone who seeks out the paid services of a professional Dominatrix. They may be of any gender identity, but are almost always seeking to submit. Clients usually book a session for a specific length of time (including negotiation and aftercare). Deposits and payments are usually required upfront, but preferences of providers vary. Often identification and screening are required in exchange for confidentiality.</p> <p>A fetishist is someone who seeks sexual gratification from a specific fetish. Often this includes “fetishwear” (latex, leather, stockings, footwear or costumes) or specific objects or objectification. While these fetishes can also be part of partner play, fetishists often seek out Dominatrices or other sex workers for gratification.</p>

