

# Home Dungeons on a Budget

Josh Simon and Sir Arcane





Who are we?



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**Josh Simon** (he/him) is a long-time member of the Detroit Bondage Club, an attendee and volunteer at CLAW since 2017, a participant in and volunteer at other leather events for nearly 30 years, and a nudist. He began hosting his own parties when another local dungeon closed... much to the enjoyment of his friends and assorted partners. In his spare time, he enjoys scotch that's old enough to vote, works as an election inspector and precinct chair to help maintain the integrity of elections, and performs far too many complex and random IT tasks for his day job.



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He has also appeared on one episode of the *A Hairy Prone Companion* podcast. A gold star to the first person to identify which (podcast staff not eligible to win).





## Who is **Sir Arcane**?

**Sir Arcane** has been an active member of the Michigan Leather Community for over 25 years. He spent over a decade as a boy in service of two wonderful Sirs. Then at 35 the universe smacked him upside the head and said, “You're a Daddy now, go teach.” Proud member of the Detroit Bondage Club, and top dog of Lansing Pups and Handlers. Sir Arcane hosts a monthly bar night and is one-third of the podcast *A Hairy Prone Companion*.

When not in leather he works for one of the big three car companies, plays video games, and crochets items that would make your grandmother blush. He has a husband, two boys, a pup, and a bear, all of whom he loves very much. He also has more kinks than an old garden hose.





What do we want?



# Build a home dungeon or play space

- With unlimited time, space, and money, anything is possible.
- We assume you **don't** have unlimited time.
- We assume you **don't** have unlimited money.
- We assume you **don't** have unlimited space.
- We assume you **still** want to set up a home dungeon or play space.

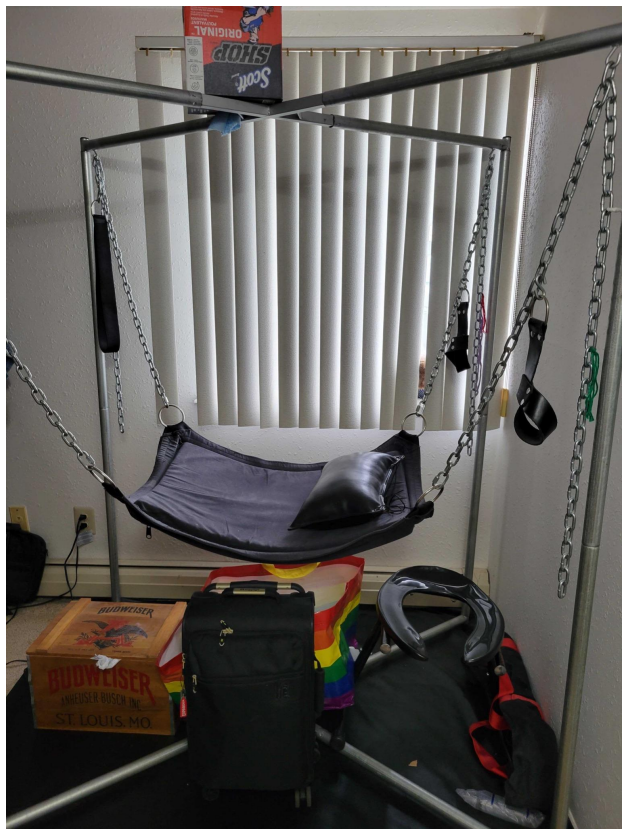




Josh's dungeon play space







Sir Arcane's play space





Master Avery's former private play space in Detroit





Master Steve's dungeon play space



## Other Detroit-area play spaces

- Detroit Bondage Club clubhouse
- Number Six Dungeon



Without  
breaking  
the bank



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Why are we here?



# Topics

- Space
  - Permanent or temporary
  - Lighting
  - Walls
  - Floors
  - Spatial separation
  - Scene types
  - Constraints
  - A/V
- Equipment and storage
  - Play equipment
  - Consumables
  - Toys
  - Wearables
- Other considerations
  - Public or private
  - Timing
- Vendors and cost





# Space





# About the space

- Is the space going to be **permanently** set up as a dungeon or are you using other space **temporarily** for play?
- What kind of **lighting** do you need or want:
  - At what point in time:
    - When setting up?
    - When playing?
    - When cleaning up?
  - Is it static or constant, or does it adjust:
    - Using pre-programmed patterns?
    - With the ambient sounds?



# More about the space

- What do you want on the **walls**?
  - Bare exposed whatever (brick, cement block, drywall)
  - Covered (camouflage netting, pegboard, plastic, wood paneling)
  - Painted (solid color, pattern, mural)
- What do you want on the **floors**?
  - Sealed floor (like sheets of linoleum or vinyl)
  - Rubber mats (interlocking or mobile)
  - Removable play sheets (cloth, leather, or rubber/vinyl)
  - Something else (concrete, hardwood, or parquet)
  - A combination



# Even more about the space

- What kind of **spatial separation** do you need or want?
  - Permanent or movable walls or partitions
  - Curtains (beaded or solid)
  - Cage doors
- What types of **scenes** are you going to have:
  - Do they require any specific setup before or cleanup after?
  - Do they require any specific furniture or toys?
  - Will the play involve “mess” (watersports, food play, gunge, scat play, ...)?
  - Are you planning on using floggers or whips (affects min. ceiling height)?



# Still more about the space

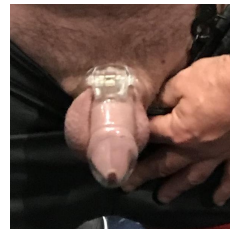
- Are there any **constraints** you need to work around?
  - Drop ceilings
  - Ductwork, pipes, and wiring
  - Electrical:
    - Breaker panel
    - Fuse box
    - Lights
    - Outlets
  - Equipment:
    - Air conditioning
    - Furnace
    - Water heater or softener
  - Fiberglass insulation
  - Laundry:
    - Cabinets
    - Sink and counter
    - Washer and dryer
  - Load bearing:
    - Joists
    - Supports
    - Walls
  - Low or angled ceilings
  - Stairs



# All about the space, 'bout the space (no treble)

- Audio:
  - What inputs do you need (music, hypno, other soundtracks, ...)?
  - What outputs do you need (speakers, earbuds, headphones, ...)?
- Video:
  - What inputs do you need (VHS, DVD, Blu Ray, computers, remote camera feeds, ...)?
  - What outputs do you need (TV, computer screens, projection, ...)?





# Equipment and storage

# Play equipment

- Bed, body board, cot, or stretcher
- Bondage chair
- Bondage table
- Cages
- Exam table
- Fuck or spanking bench
- Fucking machine
- Massage table
- Milking machines (Venus etc.)
- Rim seat
- Sleep sack
- Sling
- St. Andrews Cross
- Stocks
- Suspension points
- Web or chain wall
- Wet/gunge areas
- Winch

...Plus toys (*discussed soon*)



# Storage space: Play equipment (when not in use)

- A/V equipment and media
- Boxes
- Cabinets
- Closets
- Storage racks
- Tables and countertops
- Wall-mounted storage (pegboard)





# Storage space: Consumables

## **For playing:**

- Condoms
- Cotton balls and poppers
- Dental dams
- Ear plugs
- First aid kit
- Latex or nitrile gloves
- Lubes
- Needles
- Plastic or shrink wrap
- Puppy pads

## **For cleaning up after:**

- Disinfecting wipes
- Kleenex®
- Rubbing alcohol
- Towels (cloth, paper, or both)
- Toy cleaners
- Trash cans and liners
- Wet wipes



# Storage space: Toys

- Ball crushers, stretchers, and weights
- Chains
- Clips and carabiners
- Collapsible furniture
- Dildos and plugs
- Dog bowl
- Fleshlights (et al.)
- Floggers and whips
- Insertables (dildos, plugs, etc.)
- Nipple clamps and suckers
- Paddles and crops
- Ropes
- Safety scissors
- Sounds
- Spreader bars
- Vet wrap or bondage or duct tape
- Vibrators and attachments
- Violet wands
- Wartenberg wheel



# Storage space: Wearables

- Blindfolds
- Boots
- Cockrings
- Collar and leash
- Earmuffs or earplugs
- Gags
- Gloves
- Harnesses
- Hats or caps
- Hoods
- Jockstraps
- Latex or rubber
- Masks
- Military uniforms
- Mitts
- Restraints and handcuffs
- Socks
- Sports gear or other fetish wear
- Underwear
- Whatever else we're forgetting



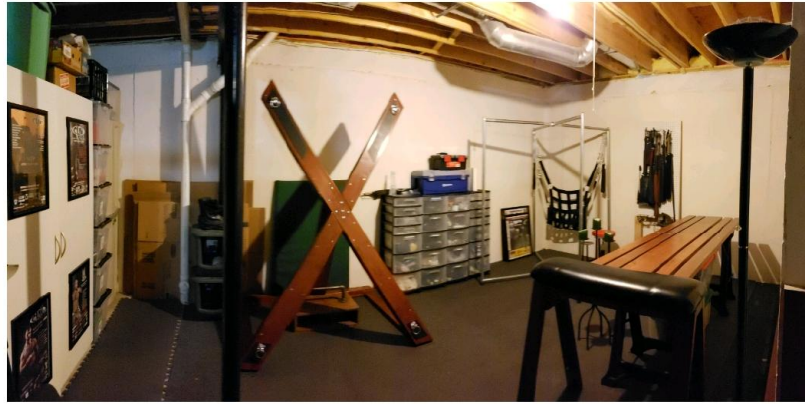


# Other considerations

# Permanent versus temporary

- Will it always be a dungeon/play space, or do you have to convert it between “mundane” and “kinky?”
- How hidden-away do things need to be?
  - What if your parents, children, or other family find or see it?
  - What if your neighbors do?
  - What if your coworkers do (think “Zoom”)?
  - What if your plumbers or other contractors do?





Master Steve's dungeon, for use and in storage

# Space and supplies for aftercare

- Couch, chair, or bed
- Blankets
- Drinks, snacks, and other food
- Shower and towels... and how to get there from the play space



# Order of operations matters

- Get the things most important to you first, considering:
  - A/V
  - Consumables
  - Equipment and furniture
  - Flooring
  - Lighting
  - Storage
  - Toys
  - Wall coverings
  - Wearables
- Spread it out over time; you don't have to do it all at once!







Okay... Now what?



Where can I get the things I want?



# Where can I get the things I want?

- It depends on what you want
- Let's revisit Josh and Arcane's dungeon spaces





Josh's dungeon play space (again)



# Where did you get what's in the picture?

- **Electronics and furniture** — Bakers' rack, chairs, DVD player, lamp, tables, TV, and TV stand were all “on hand” already
- **Floor** — 600 ft<sup>2</sup> (24x24x¾”) interlocking rubber mats from Amazon
- **Floor cover under sling** — Vinyl shower curtain from WalMart
- **Lighting** — Red lamp bulb and overhead programmable LED bulbs from Meijer
- **Rim seat** — Fort Troff
- **Sling:**
  - Chains and clips from Mr. S. Leather
  - Sling, springs, mirror, and paper towel/lube holder from Fort Troff
  - Stand from JimSupport via eBay
- **Trash can and liners** — Can from Target; liners from Costco



# Where did you get the supplies and toys?

A variety of vendors including but not necessarily limited to:

- Adam Male (insertables\*)
- Amazon (magic wand knock-off and attachments)
- CLAW on-site store (handkerchiefs)
- Costco (bleach wipes, Kleenex®, paper towels, space heater, and wet wipes)
- Fort Troff (cockrings\*, insertables\*, lubes, and porta-plow)
- GreyCat Workshop (spreader bar)

*\* The asterisk indicates items not shown, either in storage or out of frame.*

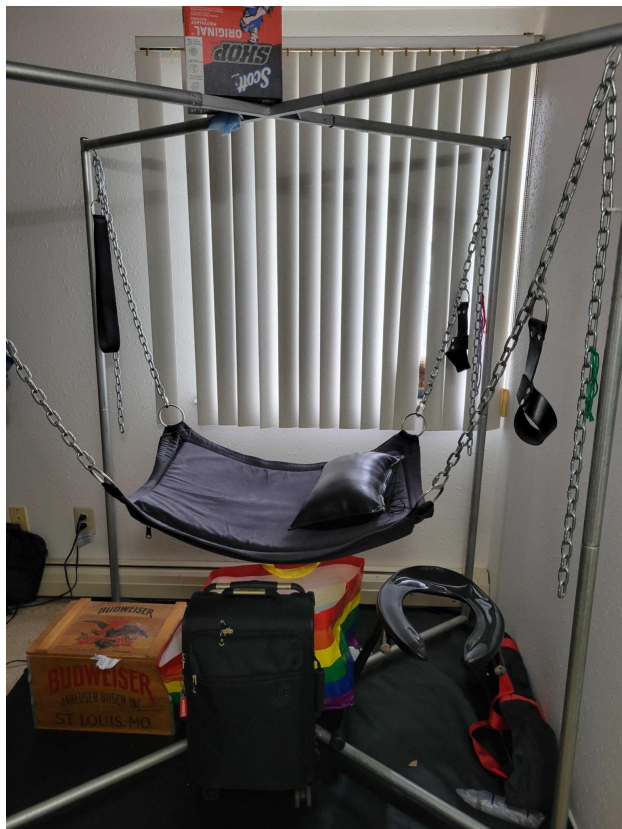


# Where else did you get the supplies and toys?

- Home Depot (clips, duct tape, and plastic wrap)
- IML “free” bins (condoms\*)
- Leather Masters (restraints)
- Mr. S. Leather (bar vest\*, blindfold, fist mitts, gags, harness, inflatable play sheet and air compressor, insertables\*, leather jock, lubes, and sleepsack)
- Square Peg Toys (insertables\*)

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Sir Arcane's play space (again)





# Where did you get what's in the picture?

- **Blinds** — Apartment complex manglement company
- **Box** — Estate sale
- **Rainbow bag** — IKEA
- **Rim seat** — Fort Troff (gift)
- **Shop towels** — Amazon
- **Sling set** — JimSupport (gift)
- **Floor cover under sling** — Fort Troff (gift)
- **Suitcase** — IT Luggage (gift)





# What did they cost?



Arcane's play space

\$ 50



Arcane's play space

\$ 50

...but only because most of it was gifted.





No, seriously...



Arcane's play space

\$ 970

...if everything were bought today.



# What did it cost?

That number:

- Includes today's replacement costs for everything.
- Was spread over about **eight years**, or on average:
  - Just over \$120 (\$121.25) per year
  - Just over \$10 (\$10.10) per month
  - Just over \$2.33 per week



Josh's play space

\$ 2,900





Josh's play space

\$ 2,900

However...



# What did it cost?

That number:

- Includes today's replacement costs for many “already on hand” items, such as the bakers' rack, chairs, DVD player, lamp, tables, trash can, TV, and TV stand
- Was spread over about **nine years**, or on average:
  - Less than \$325 (\$322.22) per year
  - Less than \$30 (\$26.85) per month
  - Less than \$6.20 per week



# So tell me what you want, what you really really want

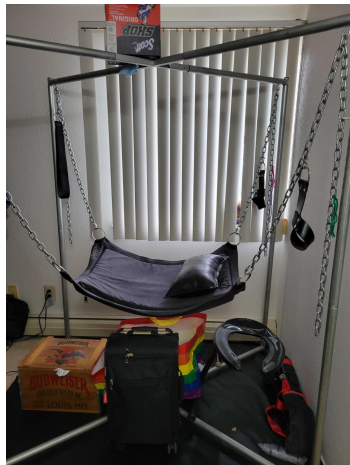
Where can I get the stuff I want?

- Brick and mortar stores
  - Grocery (including superstores and warehouses)
  - Hardware (Ace, HD, Lowe's)
  - Specialty
- Events
  - Like CLAW
  - Vendor market is open until 5pm today
- Gifts from kinky friends
- Home goods stores
- Mail order or online
  - Amazon
  - eBay
  - Vendors from here or other events
  - Other vendors





Questions, open floor discussion, and  
inspiration



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