B9punk Sheepishly Presents...

A Fat Girl's Intimate Perspective on Hacker Culture, Spaces and How to Win a Cock Fight Without a Cock

This could get gritty.

Intimate Perspective

I'm qualified to give this talk I swear...

Hacker Halfway House

evidence...







One Hacked Together Kitchen







Now That's Entertainment













B9's Command Center







The Server Shelf







Sometimes it rains in Carton's room.





Phar likes blue. And hardware.



Souterrian lives in Ikea style.





B9 still hasn't finished her drywall. For Shame!





So Much Stuff...













Bouncers.



Broke like a mutherfucker,

party like a rockstar!





Hacker Culture

Not suitable for those with heart conditions, thin skin...

How to Win a Cockfight, Without a Cock

"putting up with the bullpuckey and getting something out of the hacker scene besides sex..."

Disclaimer

It will be immediately noted by many of you that the suggestions contained herein apply quite easily to both boys and girls, and even people outside of the hacker community doing whatever it is they do out there. That's true. They may also sound pretty obvious. They are.

But somehow people keep asking me about what its like to be a girl in the hacker community, and how I handle it and here it is straight from the horse's mouth.

1. Don't talk about things you don't know about like you know about them.

- They usually don't mind the fact that you don't know. They might even expect that you don't know because you're a girl.
- If you are really interested in knowing, ask someone to explain. Most people in the community will. If you are not really interested in knowing, don't ask them to explain. They will sense your disinterest.
- If you talk about things you don't know about you will be found out eventually and you will get a reputation for not knowing what you are talking about.

2. Don't sleep around. Just kidding.

- Right. So this is what you are all here for, probably. Seems like sex is one of the biggest issues surrounding the presence of women in the hacker community. It's a big issue because a lot of guys say that they probably wouldn't be half the haxOr they are if they were getting laid regularly. And the blatantly obvious fact that there are a lot more men than women in the scene.
- If you are a girl and you are here, you've probably slept with a hacker or two. I think its completely healthy and normal to sleep with people you like and that you hang out with, but there seems to be a right and a wrong way to go about it...

2. (cont.)

 As soon as I bring this up someone inevitably starts talking about how women are in every capacity equal to men and we shouldn't treat sex in this community any differently than in any other community because by even acknowledging that would cause this unstoppable gender rift, and would put us ages behind all our sisters on the front...

Setting aside for a moment that sex in every community I've encountered is pretty wack, I think that ignoring something that is going on around us and not dealing with it properly just because we don't want to be P.C. is pretty unhacker-like. I think its reasonable to realize that women in the hacker community have certain power when it comes to sex, and so it's appropriate to sway our women to use these powers for good, instead of evil.

2+. Sex laws.

- Here are some things I've gotten myself in trouble for in the past, and that I won't do again. I won't do them again because I care about the quality of the community, and these are the sorts of things that divide it.
- making my sex life public knowledge.
- misunderstood one-night stands
- revenge sex
- pity sex
- jealousy traps
- extensive teasing

3. Be inspired

- There are plenty of things you can get out of hacker conversations even if you don't understand what they are talking about. The way a lot of these guys approach problems, and the sideways things they think to take into consideration, and how they pick apart arguments can be an education for anyone. Those fundamental processes probably apply to whatever else you are thinking about right now.
- Hacking relates or can relate to just about anything and there are a bagizzion incredible projects to work on out there. Come up with project ideas and work on them with your hacker friends.

4. Do Something.

- My dad used to say "do something even if its wrong." Seems like the hacker community has sort of taken this phrase to heart.
- To "hack" is a verb, so a hacker is one who "hacks." Trying, and failing, and learning from the failure and trying again differently, (experimenting as it were) is part of the hacker lifestyle, so willingness to try something will get you points.
- Do something even if it has nothing to do with hacking. Lets face it this is a very grey area anyway, but if you do something for the love of it and you do it til you are good at it, someone will call you a hacker for doing it. Whether or not you agree apparently is your own private business...

5. Pick Your Battles

- In *some* of the hackers circles I've run in, it seems like there are those who will fight you at every step of the way. They are constantly condescending or making you feel like you have to prove yourself. Basically these people are assholes, and you should not care about them.
- If you're constantly trying to prove yourself, even if you have something to prove, you're going to hurt your cause by being too eager. Just be cool and do your thing. You will get respect for your self-respect.