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The Chamber Code

Before you read on, learn the rules of my Chamber. They hold in every chapter of this book, and they are not up for negotiation.

I **ADULTS ONLY**
Everything I write about concerns adults. No exceptions.

II **INFORMED CONSENT**
Freely given, informed and revocable at any moment. Silence is not consent.

III **THE SAFE WORD**
It always works – instantly and without punishment. I honour it above any command.

IV **SOBRIETY**
No session under the influence of alcohol or any other substance.

V **HEALTH AND HONESTY**
You tell me about your health, medication and injuries before we begin – not during.

VI **DISCRETION**
Your privacy is sacred. I share it only when someone's safety requires it.

VII **AFTERCARE**
A session does not end with the last command. It ends with care.

— Anna

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Before you start reading

If you are holding this guide because things are hard for you right now – it is good that you reached for it. Difficult times happen to everyone, and they are not a weakness. Your submission, your desires, and who you are are not an illness and nothing to be ashamed of. Asking for help is courage, not defeat.

This guide is not therapy and not a diagnosis. It is a signpost: it shows you where to find real, free help, how to take care of yourself, and how to tell a healthy relationship from one that is hurting you.

SAFETY

In a crisis – call now

If you are thinking about ending your life or hurting yourself, do not stay alone with it. Call – now, before you read the rest:

- **112** – European emergency number, when life or health is at risk (yours or someone near you). Free, around the clock.
- **116 123** – emotional-crisis helpline. Anonymous, 24/7.
- **800 70 2222** – Support Centre for adults in mental crisis (also chat, e-mail, video). Free, 24/7.
- **116 111** – helpline for people under 18. 24/7.

You can also go straight to a hospital emergency department with a psychiatric ward – they will admit you without a referral.

> These are Polish lines. If you are outside Poland, call your local emergency number, or find a local helpline at **findahelpline.com**.

Read on, calmly. You do not have to do everything at once. One step is enough.

— Anna

I

CHAPTER ONE

Where to turn

You do not have to carry this alone.

— LADY ANNA

You have more support within reach than you think. Below you will find helplines, professional help, and the people closest to you — so that you always have someone to choose.

Helplines (free, anonymous):

- **116 123** — emotional crisis, 24/7.
- **800 70 2222** — Support Centre for adults in mental crisis, 24/7 (phone, chat, e-mail, video).
- **22 484 88 01** — Anti-Depression Helpline (low mood, depression).
- **883 336 883** — "Zobacz... JESTEM" Foundation (low mood, eating disorders, self-harm).
- **800 120 002** — "Blue Line" (violence and abuse — including within a relationship).
- **22 628 52 22** — LGBT+ helpline (Lambda Warszawa).
- **800 199 990** — addiction help (daily 4–9 p.m.); **801 889 880** — behavioural addictions.
- **800 108 108** — bereavement and loss support.
- **116 111** — for people under 18, 24/7.

(These are Polish lines. Abroad, use your local emergency number or **findahelpline.com**.)

A professional. The first step can be your GP, who will point you onward. A psychologist or psychotherapist helps through conversation; in Poland you do **not** need a referral to see a psychiatrist (the only one who treats with medication). Free care is available at the **Mental Health Centre (Centrum Zdrowia Psychicznego)** for your area — no referral, urgent admissions included; the patient infoline **800 190 590** will point you to one.

IN THE MARGIN

A therapist you don't have to hide from

When looking for private help, search for a therapist described as "kink-aware" or "sex-positive". You can speak openly about submission, fetish and a D/s relationship – to a good professional this is an ordinary topic, not grounds for judgement. If you meet someone who judges or rejects you, you have every right to change therapist.

A trusted person. Sometimes the most important call is to someone who knows you. You do not have to explain everything – "I'm having a hard time and I don't want to be alone right now" is enough.

REMEMBER

- You have free, anonymous lines open around the clock – 116 123 and 800 70 2222.
- No referral is needed to see a psychiatrist; the Mental Health Centre helps for free.
- A good therapist does not judge your desires – you may look for one you can be yourself with.

II

CHAPTER TWO

How to talk about what you feel

You don't need a ready diagnosis to ask for help.

— LADY ANNA

The hardest part is the first sentence. It doesn't have to be clever or complete — only true.

- Start simply: *"Lately things have been really hard, and I want to talk to someone about it."*
- Speak about facts and feelings, not only symptoms: *"I've felt X ever since Y happened."* It helps the other person understand what is going on.
- If speaking aloud is too hard — **write**. The 116 123, 800 70 2222 and 116 111 lines all run chats. Sometimes it is easier to start from a keyboard.
- Don't wait for the "perfect moment." It won't come. An ordinary Tuesday and one honest message are better.

LADY ANNA'S RULE

You have the right to speak about everything

If your low state is connected to a D/s relationship – to what is expected of you, to pressure, or to shame – tell your therapist openly. It is not a taboo subject. The more you say, the better they can help.

REMEMBER

- The first sentence doesn't have to be perfect — it has to be true.
- If talking is hard, write: crisis lines have chats.
- You can speak about a D/s relationship with a therapist without shame.

III

CHAPTER THREE

What not to do right now

A crisis is a poor advisor on big decisions.

— LADY ANNA

When things are bad, your mind suggests solutions you wouldn't normally choose. A few things are genuinely worth putting off.

- **Don't isolate yourself.** A crisis feeds on loneliness. Reach out to even one person, even if you don't feel like reaching out to anyone.
- **Don't make big, irreversible decisions in a crisis** — especially medical ones (hormones, procedures), financial ones (giving away money or property), or ones about sex work. And **never** make them to impress someone or to "prove your submission." Such decisions are yours alone; they need time, a clear head, and real care — a doctor, a lawyer, a therapist.
- **Don't stop your medication or change the dose** on your own, without a psychiatrist.
- **Don't "treat" yourself with alcohol or other substances.** They quiet things for a moment and deepen them over time.
- **Don't be ashamed to ask for help**, and don't wait for it to "pass on its own." Reaching for support is not surrender — it is a healthy reflex.

SAFETY

Life-changing decisions are made sober and for yourself

Being transgender, hormones, changing jobs, money, sex work — these are real matters of your own life, not pieces in someone's game. If you are considering them, do so with real care (a doctor, a specialist, people who have been through it) and at your own pace. No one who truly respects you will rush you into them "as proof of devotion."

REMEMBER

- Big, irreversible decisions wait until the crisis has passed.

- Never make a medical or financial decision to please someone.
- Don't stop medication on your own; alcohol and substances deepen a crisis.

IV

CHAPTER FOUR

Safety in BDSM

A good scene begins long before the scene – and doesn't end with it.

— LADY ANNA

Safety doesn't take the pleasure away. It gives it a foundation — without it there is no trust, and without trust there is no real submission.

- **Consent** — informed, freely given, and **revocable at any moment**. Consent under pressure, after alcohol, or "forever, in advance" is not consent.
- **Safeword and signals.** Agree on them before you begin — e.g. *green / yellow / red* — plus a signal for moments when speech isn't possible (dropping an object, a double tap). A safeword stops the scene immediately, always, and without punishment.
- **Negotiation and limits.** Before play, agree on hard limits (never) and soft ones (carefully), health, medication, past injuries. Introduce new things gradually.
- **Sober play.** No alcohol or substances with anything that carries real risk. **Breath play and choking are especially dangerous** — they can kill without warning.
- **Aftercare.** After an intense scene, look after each other: water, warmth, closeness, a calm talk. A drop in mood one to three days later ("sub drop", which also happens to the dominant partner) is normal — talk about it and arrange to check in.
- **Online boundaries.** Be careful with data, your face and your location. Go gently with findom and "consensual blackmail" — they can slip out of control. Don't send material you might regret having exposed.

> IN THE MARGIN
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> ### Frame rules
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> *Whatever you choose – SSC (safe, sane, consensual) or RACK (risk-aware consensual kink) – safety and consent are non-negotiable. They are not limits on play. They are the condition for play to be play at all.*

REMEMBER

- Consent is revocable at any moment; a safeword always works and carries no punishment.
- Limits, health and sobriety are set before the scene.
- Aftercare and a post-scene drop in mood are part of good practice.

V

CHAPTER FIVE

When it’s no longer D/s – red flags

Healthy dominance cares for your wellbeing. Harm only pretends to.

— LADY ANNA

Power given freely and power taken away are two different things. Sometimes they are hard to tell apart, especially when you are in a low state. This list helps you name it.

It is **no longer** a healthy relationship if the "dominant" person:

- isolates you from family and friends,
- ignores your safeword or your limits,
- pushes you toward irreversible decisions — hormones, procedures, quitting work or studies, sex work, handing over money — as "proof of submission,"
- uses your low state or your submission for financial or emotional control,
- threatens to expose your secrets or photos,
- won't let you stop a scene or leave the relationship.

SAFETY

You have the right to say "stop"

At any moment you may stop a scene, end a relationship, and ask for help — with no need to explain yourself and no guilt. If you recognise your own situation here, call **800 120 002** (the "Blue Line"), and in immediate danger **112**.

A true Lady — and every true Dominant — wants you healthy, safe and whole. A submissive's wellbeing is never an obstacle to play. It is the whole point of it.

REMEMBER

- Healthy dominance respects your limits and your wellbeing.

- Pressure toward irreversible decisions ‘to prove submission’ is a red flag.
- You may stop and leave at any moment; 800 120 002, in danger 112.

Glossary

Aftercare

care after a scene — calm, closeness, conversation; it helps you come back from intense emotion.

Hard and soft limits

hard — things we never do; soft — things we agree to carefully and under conditions.

Safeword

an agreed word that stops a scene immediately — always, without punishment and without discussion.

Sub drop

a drop in mood and energy that can arrive one to three days after an intense scene; it also happens to the dominant partner (top drop).

In closing

That you are looking for help is a strength – not a weakness. This guide will not replace a doctor or a therapist; it is only here to help you take the first step and to remind you that you are not alone.

Keep these numbers in your phone. May you never need them – but if you ever do, they are within reach.

Take care of yourself. I truly mean it.

— Anna

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About Me

I am Anna – to you, Lady Anna. I keep a Chamber where dominance is an art: it takes intuition, responsibility and a kind of trust that can never be forced.

I write the guides of The Chamber Library because I believe the finest submissives are the ones who understand what the rules are for – and so keep them with pleasure.

At fetishladyanna.com you will find my Atelier of personal items, the Chancery with its contracts and protocols, and the Circle – a private community for the chosen few.

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