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A
Complete
Guide to
Talking
Like
Christopher
J Garcia

Chris For TAFF

So, this is my first TAFF Race Zine and it's an important one. If you've ever read The Drink Tank, you'll think that I talk funny. If you've ever met me, you'll be damn well sure that I talk funny. Here, for the first time ever, is a guide to figuring out exactly what it is I mean when I say various things.

Warning: meanings may change without notice (or reason) meaning that this here document may be obsolete before you even lay a finger on it. Therefore it is up to the user to assure that all wordage taking from here is up to code. Spellings may vary from hour to hour (often according to blood alcohol level)



Ace- To show mastery of something. A fine example is if a chowderhead comes up to you and you manage to get off a lickety-split snap on his punk-ass, I might be heard to exclaim from the sidelines "Ace! Total ace!" Aces is often used as a way of indicating that something has gone well.

Alana- Also known as Lana-loo, Alana works with Christopher J. Garcia and is a lovely beast, she is. Good rack, sarcasm to the extreme, wonderful interplay and a fondness for gaming. Often impressed when Chris drops a highly suggestive line like such as 'Wow, a gift. That's the first time you've given anyone anything that didn't require them to take penacilin.'

Ass- Often used as a punctuation. "Well, there you go...Ass. Ass also means a person who has done something stupid (ie. "Way to go...Ass.") or simply because there's need for a light swearword in a sentence ('Dude...Ass.). Often has the suffixes dumb-, smack- slack- or -tastic and -tacular added to it.

Aunt- pronounced ant, it's that woman you don't see very often who used to pinch your cheeks. It MUST be pronounced ANT.

Awwwww- Used before 'yeah' most commonly, Awww indicates that something 'rules' so hard you must prolong the experience of saying so.

Beast- Person, especially a woman who Chris

respects. No disparagement is meant by the phrase. Inanimate objects may also be called beasts, typically books, movies or projects, if they are difficult to complete. The plural of Beast is beasties, the diminutive is beastie, and -ial, -tific and -itude are all added to the end at one point or another.

Billiam- A dear friend at the museum. If someone is a little bit Billiam, expect them to be somewhat bi-polar and have a sense of humor about it.

Bitch- Well, here's a tricky one. You may use bitches wherever you use the term ass. 'Catch ya later...bitches!' or you may describe someone as a bitch if they are crude, disagreeable or simply won't let you drive their car anymore because you ran into the curb even though that was one time, Alana, and you let me drive it the other day. C'mon! Seldom actually used as a derogatory, usually used as bitchin', a sign of praise (ex. 'I just saw a bitchin' production of Faust).

Bob- A person, often male. Often couple with 'hey' as in 'Hey Bob, look o'er here!'

Buck up- Two meanings. The first is similar to the phrase 'stiff upper', which Chris does not use. The second is saying that you must place a dollar into play in games such as poker, Fluxx, Dominoes or Candyland. Ok, OK...we dont' actually bet on dominoes.

Chalk- often used as a replacement for the word Cock when you really really wanna

swaer but there are people present who would not appreciate it.

Chesty- there are several meanings. A lass may be chesty, meaning fine of rack, or a guy may be chesty in that he works out a lot and is broad of chest. Chesty is also the proper term for a car seatbelt that automatically straps you in around the chest. Also can describe the way someone walks (leading with their chest) or the fit of a shirt. It's also a wonderful term from hacky-sack for a shot you stop with your chest.

Chonchito- Literally 'Little Choncho'. He's a character in Nacho Libre who doesn't have a shirt that fits, so any shirt that shows belly is a Chonchito.

Chris- My name. I prefer Chris, though I tend to put Christopher J. Garcia on some things. I've also gone by C. John Paul Garcia at times. I like Chris.

Claims Department- My first GimmickZine. It's basically a zine where I discuss a trip, a book, a CD and a movie. It was originally a print zine (the first 5 issues) and ended up another eZine until I joined FAPA and it's now my FAPAZine. I like writing it a lot and there've been a couple of really good issues. A few really bad ones too, but a few really good as well.

Critter- typically a small child, sometimes an animal. 'That's a cute critter you got there. How long ago you birth 'em?'

Crittyfer- What the Mexican side of my family called me for years. Not sure why.

Crikey!- Only done when imitating the Croc Hunter or one of the mice from Chip & Dale's Rescue Rangers.

Dag- a real person I work with (Senior Curator here at the Computer History Museum) but also an adjective meaning something lame 'That's dag, yo.'

The Dank- The condition you want to find in a dive bar or a haunted house. 'The Dank, Moe! You can't get rid of The Dank!'

Dagnabit- Codger-talk for dammit. 'That was my last token, dagnabit!' Seldom used by people who have all their own teeth.

Dig?- a question asking if you grok something. Often used with you in front. 'That's why you gotta use wax paper, you dig?'

Dive- the only good type of bar. Must have a jukebox and either a pool table or dart board. The kind of place where you wouldn't order an Old-Fashioned.

Drama- Again, two forms. The first pronounced DRAAAAHHHMA is that stuff they do in plays and Movies and stuff. It must be pronounced like a Patrician Boston School Marm. The other form Drama (sounds like



BananaRama) means that stuff that always seems to happen to you, you like like girl issues, car or money issues, etc. The first form is good, the second sucks.

The Drink Tank- The greatest crudzine of all-time. OK, that might not be true, but it is my favourite of my zines and the one that I spend the most time producing. Full of misspellings, terrible grammar and just plain badness, there are often images of chesty lasses, articles about sex, drugs, science fiction, fandom and anything else that tickles my fancy, and it's home to a small cadre of writers that Frank Wu calls the Cahootery. The name started out as a spelling mistake I made in a Usenet posting in the early 1990s.

Drips- severely over-used Garciaism. 'It positively drips of Alana.'

Drug- those things that many of my long-time friends spent years strung-out on, also a term for television. 'I'm on drugs tonight, Will & Grace is on.'

Drape- a tissue.

Dude- often a guy, but also can be genderless. 'Your phone's ringin', dude.' Often simply used to indicate a person (that dude over there) and sometimes just tacked on (I'm totally freakin' out, dude.)

e- When capitalized, it's a shorthand term for ecstasy. when lower-case and attached to an upper-case letter, it means electronic (as in eMail, eZine, ePunk)

eAPA- The first APA I joined. I'd almost call it FAPA for Net.fandom. Started by Dave Burton.

Evelyn- the daughter of my ex-girlfriend Genevieve, she's seven at the moment and is quite a handful. I watch her almost every day after-school. She's small and cute and sarcastic. I'll often call Gen Evelyn if she's bugging me to do something for her.

Escape Club- my pet term for a bunch of supposed GAFIates who still get together at cons or around fannish events, even if they



aren't participating.

Elroy- That little friend everyone's got. 'Look, here comes Billiam and his Elroy, Dave.'

Emo- depressed. 'I'm hella emo right now.'

Finlasia- The proper name for that country that touches Russian in the Scandahoovian district. Home of M and Jay at times. Makers

of cell phones.

Found in Collection- The series of articles I do for Dave Burton. Started in Catchpenny Gazette, and continues after the over-haul in Pixel. I love writing it because it allows me to explore the connection between my museum and fandom.

The Fried- When the light is turned out on my gentle life, there will be only one thing remaining: The Fried. First make a Monte Cristo Sandwich, turkey and ham with cheese, better the bread adn pan fry. Wrap it in tortilla and peanut butter, then deep fry the sumbitch. It's the greatest addition to world cuisine ever.

Frank Wu- Hugo winning Fan Artist who has gone full-on Rotsler on us and is also a fine writer. He's directing Guidolon and does a lot of the Chris for TAFF art. Probably the smartest guy I know.

Fuck- The most overused word in Chris' quiver. Most often used as fuckin' (as in 'I dropped my fuckin' Sno-cone).

Ganked- to steal, specifically if you've taken a picture from another website or eZine. The act of Ganking may (and should) be accompanied by speaking the word 'Yoink' which is an alternate spelling of gank.

Garcia- What about 1/2 of my friends call me. Also, as an adjective, it means to be loud and melike.

Guidolon- The main character in Frank Wu's The Tragical Historie of Guidolon: The Giant Space Chicken. I've played the lead in the stage reading at LosCon and on the cartoon version that Frank's shopping around. The entire project is often simply called Guidolon.

The Gusts- Where my worlds collide. Philip and Kathe Gust are big supporters of the museum as well as costuming fans. They're frequently featured in Science Fiction/San Francisco

Hella- a NorCal thing that somehow escaped into the wild. Basically Hella means the same thing as a lot...only it's slightly more metro.

Hipster- my overused term for someone who is with it.

Hugo- an award that folks in teh SF world get. Also, I use it as a term for someone who has won a Hugo. 'Look, it's Frank Wu. He's hella Hugo'

Ice- to be cold to another person, such as the way we treat Vinh around the office. 'Man Alana, you were totally ice to Vinh.'

Igo- Volleyball term meaning it's yours to hit.

Ignant- ignorant in a street sense. One would rarely use this to describe someone who doesn't know Chaucer but if someone were to say 'I love the Ramones. That song What I like About You is fantastic' you might describe them as ignant.



Jack- another thing to call a guy. 'Hey, Jack, get your ass over here!' might be used to call someone, regardless of thier actual name.

Jackanapes- a scallywag of epic proportions.

Jangle- to call on the phone. 'I think I'm gonna give roomservice a jangle and have them send up some etoufe.'

Janked or Janky- Broken. 'Dude, you totally gave me the Janky controller.'

Jay Crasdan- My buddy Back East (or sometimes in Finlasia). He's married to M, just had twins (Christopher and Guy) and has published various things over the years. At one point a pretty successful journalist for American Communist...I mean Union papers.

Judith Morel- Beautiful ex-love interest of mine as well as sister of SaBean MoreL. She's a procurment expert specializing in entertainment memorabilia and sports cards. Worth a fair amount of money due to a good-sized inheritance and smart investing. A damn fine wirter as well. Probably the best of The Drink Tank regulars.

Killer- Exceptionally awesome. It's like Bitchin' plus 2D6

Kickin'- a happenin' time, often a party, sometimes a long lunch

L*I*S*P*- The very small run, con-only zine that I've done five issues of over the last year. Entirely comprised of fannish and SF lists. A gimmick zine that I was considering using for eAPA.

Lovely- typically used when the phrase is dripping of sarcasm. 'We're going to see the stage version of Ishtar...lovely.'

Loyg- sorta like Meh, only more so.

M- Born Melora Eastman Heil, M chose to cut her name down to simply M when she was in High School and made it her legal name when she got married and became M Lloyd. Twice married, once to an Aussie when she lived around Geelong (home of the Greatest Aussie Rules Team ever!) and recently married Jay Crasdan. Well known

for her stories in The Drink Tank about her bi-sexuality and general good-natured sluttiness. Currently battling cancer and having just given birth to twins. Another long-time love interest of mine.

Mad- often used with skillz and lewts, Mad usually indicates something big.

Marg- The ultimate form of Loyg

Mark- An easy target. Billiam may be referred to as a mark

Meh- distaste. Something that's piddling.

Million- If something is called Million, it's a bunch of things. For example- 'wow, those smurfs...they're million!'

Mira- Real name Myra, she's the Office Monkey. No, she's not a real monkey, but we all refer to her as our monkey. She's Alana's side-kick and is known for messing up how words are said (such as tasteses as the plural of Taste)

Morgan Silver Dollar- The old US Coin that is now a symbol of who is going to get lunch. Basically, around the office,



there's a coin and if you come to work and it's on your desk, you're the one who has to get lunch...unless you get it onto someone else's desk before 11 when it's time to go and get it. There have been many battles over the MSD, the best being when I came into work early (about an hour before my bosses) and saw that it was on my desk. I quickly penned an email saying I was sick and left to avoid the doom.

Mordor- The part of the Computer History Museum where we keep the big machines like old IBM System 360s and UNIVACs. Also the place I go to nap.

Nooge- Not sure what it means, but we use it a lot. 'Hey, you got any fours, nooge.'

Pamph!- the sound of someone getting hit with a bag of flour

Pally- This is what you add to the end of a sentence where you're being all judgey. An example? 'Hey, what're ya talkin' about, Pally?'

Proof-reading- It's a myth, I simply don't believe in it. In all honestly, it's the thing

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You can find out more about Chris for TAFF at chrisfortaff.org.

that I am worst at in the world. Either that or dancing.

Quilt- toilet paper, but only the quilted kind. 'Yo, could you toss me some quilt, we're almost out.

Rad- Awesome, cool, keep, dope, fresh, fly anything really really good.

Rageahol- The drug of choice for rageaholics like Alana.

Really- OK, this is a tough one. Really said once means a lot. If you repeat it, as in 'really, really real.' it means that it's a whole lot. Said deadpan without inflection and preferably with no eyebrow movement, it's the basis for all sarcasm.

Sarcasm: Yeah, That'll Work- The first thing I wrote that I ever got paid for. A button making company bought the slogan for forty bucks back in 2003 and it was my first sale. So far, on a word for word basis, it's brought in more money than anything I've ever written: ten bucks a word. I saw a guy at Bay-Con who was wearing it and I had to tell him that I wrote it.

SaBean MoreL- Punk Rock Girl and another former love interest. She's been clean for more than five years now and she's a former dancer. Beautiful girl who hated her sister for year before they made up. Full of great stories and

a frequent Drink Tank contributor.

Science Fiction / San Francisco- Started by Good Ol' Jack Avery, Jean Martin and I took it over (with Jack's help) in October of last year, then Jack left and we added Eva Kent to do the lay-out. It's a fun zine to do and a BArea NewsZine is a great idea.



Sundry- Not sure what it means, but I use it in various and sundry ways.

Shut up, Donnie!- The Big Lebowski is the greatest movie ever, and often quoted by me. Anytime some misses the point of a conversation, but feels the need to speak up, you're allowed to say 'Shut up, Donnie! You're out of your element.'

TAFF- TransAtlantic Fan Fund. That thing I'm runnign for so I can go to the UK and get to meet folks and spread Nor-Cal Fannish love like some sort of plague.

Teh- if there was justice, that'd be how you spell The because that's the way it always comes out when I'm typing fast.

Tess- Any woman when called for across a long expanse.

Trek- Star Trek for short. Also, the length of hallway between where you are and where your next panel is. In Seattle at NASFiC last year, the trek was from the Radisson to the Marriott.

Trans- short for Trans-Am

Truck- A well-proportioned female who will flirt and then walk away. Hits you like a truck, as the saying goes

Twin Peaks- the first Media fandom that I came to myself. Produced one fo the truly great zines: Wrapped in Plastic.

Ululate- that thing that kinda sounds like the noise Xena makes when she's all hot and bothered and about to battle. We do that around the museum a lot for no good reason.

Uncredible- If something is just way too awesome to make any sense on this plane of existence, it's uncredible. 'Did you see her eyes? They were uncredible!'

UnDifferentiate- To make the same as everything else from something that is inherently different. The WWE's treatment of ECW is a great example.

Voom- The sound that people make when they're scattering.

Vamp- A goth-type that specializes in being vampy like a silent film star. The most appealing women in the world fall into this category...along with the most unattainable.

Vargas- There's a circus that tours the US called Circus Vargas. Any sort of acrobatic maneuver is now called a Vargas.

Vegas- Home to my favourite non-NorCal fandom. Living area of Arnie & Joyce Katz (two of my fine nominators) and Merric and Luba Anderson, as well as friends like Teresa Cochrane, James Taylor, Lori Forbes, Ross Chamberlin and Alan and Deedee White. Good people, great fandom.

W- Nickname of anyone going undercover. Is often used to hold reservations at restaurants.

Were- - if you turn into something different at night, you're a were-something. For example, there are wereskanks, weregeeks, and werewriters.

Wiki- a really bad idea. No, I mean it's fine to have a repository of knowledge that can be updated, but what about checks and content setting when things are actually right.

X- The Spot. Slang for ecstasy in many circles, particularly those that use it as a sex drug. A fave of M back in the day.

Xerox- Someone who just repeats stuff back. Chris is often accused of being 'hella xerox'

Yes- The Greatest band of the 1970s. Best song of the 1980s, Owners of the Lonely Hearts, is also one of theirs.

Years- the amount of time it takes to get the people who ended up going for the food to return. 'Dude, it took you years to get that cheeseburger.'

Yoink- The spoken form of Ganked. To steal and be obvious about it.

Zoinks- Scooby-Dooism about being scared.

Zs- Sleep.

Alphabetizing- quite possibly my weakest subject.

