

Darla Pitt

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Chapter 1: Inception

Brad Yayger conceived of a Darla Pitt spin-off of the Cyberjunkies phenomenon when he was working with Sheila York on the second volume of the series. His first attempt to recruit Felicity Mission to the Cyberjunkies project had been fruitless. He later considered calling on his long-time friend and confidant, Darla Pitt, to recruit a backup. A week later, he succeeded in recruiting Felicity Mission by cruising South Van Ness every morning by performing a “romp.”

As he prepared for a regular tête-à-tête with Darla, he realized that the Cyberjunkies non-profit, Sheila York Associates, could employ a consulting recruiter like Darla. Not only would Darla be working to improve the lives of marginalized women, she would be starting her own business. Who knew that improving things could be materially rewarding?

Brad had met Darla years before when she was dancing her way to fame on the streets of San Francisco. Her charisma thrilled him so much that he connected with her for a long-term Platonic relationship. Had he not made a wrong turn walking in Union Square, he probably never would have met her. Sheila York Associates would exist, but not their trusted recruiting consultant.

The way she tells the story, he came across as a bit of a dweeb, but a charming one at that.

Brad considered Darla to be quite physically attractive, but he was in no mood for a romantic relationship. It would be better to keep things strictly Platonic. It was the beginning of a lasting and beautiful relationship that they both value.

While working on “Cyberjunkies 3.0: Graduation,” Brad met with Darla at an undisclosed location in the Union Square neighborhood. He hoped she would join the project as a staff writer, a consultant to agency clients, a consultant to staff, and as the focus of the first book in the spin-off series. If the Cyberjunkies project failed to come to fruition, she would have her dancing career to fall back on.

They first kept in touch on a social media site. Brad had eschewed the site because of its shabby treatment of drag queens, but he was willing to reactivate his account in order to keep in touch with Darla. After they connected by email, and after the social media company’s relations with Cambridge Analytica (C.A.) were espoused, he abandoned the site for good. (C.A. was a N.A.T.O. psychological warfare organization that was key in the election of Donald Trump. Democrats prefer to blame Putin rather than N.A.T.O.) Friends don’t let friends use white power social media.

At some point, they started meeting regularly over coffee. Their first meeting was at a café in Brad’s old neighborhood near the San Francisco Zin Center. (Brad visited the Beginner’s Mind Temple as a volunteer and meditator before they implemented a pseudo-scientific, pro-Pharma, bigoted ban on the unvaccinated.) Darla let Brad determine how often they met. They both enjoyed shooting the breeze over a cuppa Joe.

Trekking to the neighborhood became oppressive for Darla, so they switched to a café halfway between them in San Francisco’s SOMA neighborhood near Union Square. Like his other favorite coffee venue, the SOMA location survived the COVID Crisis.

It is standard practice in recruiting for a recruiter to purchase a meal for a prospective candidate. Brad and Darla first tried to meet at a Union Square steakhouse, but the place was closed until 5 P.M., way past Brad's office hour limit. Instead, they arranged a Saturday brunch meeting at an undisclosed hotel bar close to Union Square. Brad expensed the meal, but Darla was interested in more than he was authorized to spend.

Before the meeting, Brad staked out a spot on a corner in Union Square where a painted heart was set up to support the cardiac department of San Francisco's General Hospital, since renamed for the wife of a sociopathic social media baron. Brad turned his nose up at the new name, but appreciated the artwork on the heart. He also appreciated hearing tour guides talking about the artwork in Spanish, German, and French (three languages Brad had studied formally).

Rather than bring an envelope with the first chapter of "Cyberjunkies 1.0: Primer," Brad employed a modified form of the patented Gunila Gold recruitment method. He brought his MP3 recorder and played a reading of the chapter for Darla. She was moderately impressed by this, but she was even more impressed by his work on a feminist porn podcast.