

The background is a deep space scene. It features a vibrant blue nebula with wispy, flowing structures. A bright, multi-pointed star is visible in the center-left. A jagged, white lightning bolt strikes from the center towards the bottom left. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, bright blues, and white.

*Provoke,  
Evoke  
or Go Home!*

*Presencing Change is not an option*



A stylized, handwritten-style letter 'M' in white, set against a dark blue background with glowing, ethereal light patterns.

# *Welcome*

## Welcome to Masterful Provocation Session 8

### What and How to poke: Roles



# Overview

Here's what we're up to for this session:

1. Pulse Check
2. The Key Agility – Provocative Inquiry
3. What are roles and what are they made of?
4. What limitations of living only from roles?
5. What to poke with roles.
6. Practice time - What roles do you want to poke?
7. Recasting your life



# Pulse Check

Let's check in about poking your stories -

1. What stories did you poke last week?
2. What happened? How easy was it?
3. How did the idea of rewriting your script play itself out?

We're born into a story, and often unconsciously do not notice what comprises the story. When we don't notice it, we weave new stories, grounded in the old. That's called prison.



# *Agilities Revisited*

Agility: the power of moving quickly and easily; nimbleness:



Provocative Inquiry  
Exercise

New Technique - SANYAMA

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# What are Roles?



Uhm, Nope



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# *What are Roles?*



Uhm, Nope

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# What are Roles?



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Uhm, Not even close



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# *What are Roles?*



Uhm, Not these either

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# What are Roles?



Ahh.now  
we have it







# What are Roles

## Role

- **A.** (Performing Arts / Theatre) a part or character in a play, film, etc., to be played by an actor or actress
  - **B.** (Psychology) the part played by a person in a particular social setting, influenced by his expectation of what is appropriate
  - **C.** usual or customary function what is his role in the organization?
- 2.** c.1600, from Fr. rôle "part played by a person in life,"
  - 3.** Something we get trapped in by fusing our identity with the character we're playing. A severely limited view of self.

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# What are Roles?



We play many parts



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# What are Roles?



“All the world’s a stage...



# *What Comprises roles*

1. **Image** – how one looks when one is in 'costume'
2. **Behaviors** – acted out, limited by the interpretation of the role
3. **History** – how this role has been performed previously
4. **Lines** – the language frequently used by that character
5. **Emotions** – feelings the character has access to
6. **Physicality** – what the body shape is, and how it moves
7. **Mindset** – how the character thinks and what they think about
8. **Identifications** – sense of self derived from story's repetition



# Limitations of Living Roles

Possibilities are defined by perception of role and its job or responsibilities.

These include:

- Behaviors
- Beliefs
- Actions
- Opportunities
- Thoughts
- Emotions
- Full expression of self



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# What to poke - roles



First, poke that it is a truth rather than a role/character being played

Second, poke that something disastrous will happen if the role is changed



**Roles are not WHO we are.**

They are something we take on for a specific purpose at a specific time in a specific situation and often find ourselves simply caught in the ongoing role.

**Basically, the role takes over.**



# *What to poke roles*

1. **Image** – “Is that how you want to represent yourself?”
2. **Behaviors** – “What actions will change if that role is gone?”
3. **History** – “Who says the role has to be played that way?”
4. **Lines** – “What would you say if the role was changed?”
5. **Emotions** – “How would playing another role feel different?”
6. **Physicality** – “What body would support your new role?”
7. **Mindset** – “How does this character think that you don’t think?”
8. **Identifications** – “Who will you be if you are not seeing yourself just as the role you are playing?”



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# *Practice Time*

What roles do you want to poke?



Parent/Child

Boss/slave

Caretaker

Victim/Hero

Over – under achiever

Coach/consultant

Husband/wife

What roles have you been unconsciously playing?

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# ReCast your life



What new roles will make your life sing?