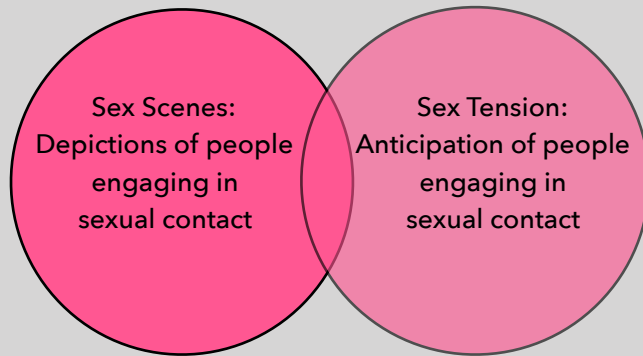


# SEXUAL/ROMANTIC TENSION BASE CONCEPTS

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(There can be some sexual tension during a sex scene, especially if we're unsure how far the sexual contact will go)

CONSUMMATION: ACHIEVEMENT OF ACTUAL UNION.

SEXUAL CONSUMMATION IS PHYSICAL CONTACT;

ROMANTIC TENSION IS SPIRITUAL CONTACT.

2

SEXUAL/ROMANTIC TENSION IS PREDICATED ON CONSENSUAL INTIMACY. RAPE, HARASSMENT, ETC. CREATE CONFLICT AND DRAMATIC TENSION, BUT NOT SEXUAL TENSION.

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## INTRIGUE TENSION

- ▶ Evokes curiosity
- ▶ What does this mean?

## DRAMATIC TENSION

- ▶ Arises from conflict
- ▶ What will happen next?

## SEXUAL TENSION

- ▶ Anticipates consummation
- ▶ Will they?

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## SEXUAL AROUSAL

IS DIFFERENT FROM TENSION, BUT IT CAN ALSO OVERLAP WITH ANY KIND OF TENSION. IT'S NEVER THE PRIMARY DRIVER OF ANY KIND OF TENSION,

