

LARP

Oddity, Hypernym or What?

An 'Open Discussion'





Hi!

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Thank you for watching!

# LARP

## Oddity, Hypernym or What?

An 'Open Discussion'

# You should know that I am...

1. Not a Native speaker & I stutter a bit
2. New to Solmukohta / KP
3. Sort of an outsider considering larps
4. Desperately trying to preserve some kind of interaction from my original plans
5. Using 'weird' a lot in this talk

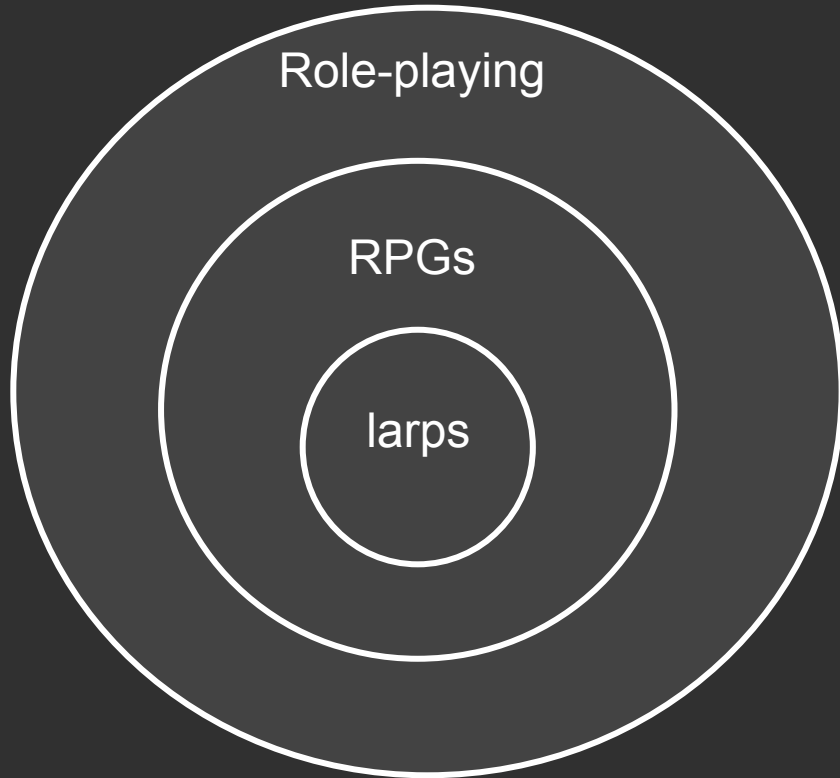
# What is larp?

A strange and unique thing?

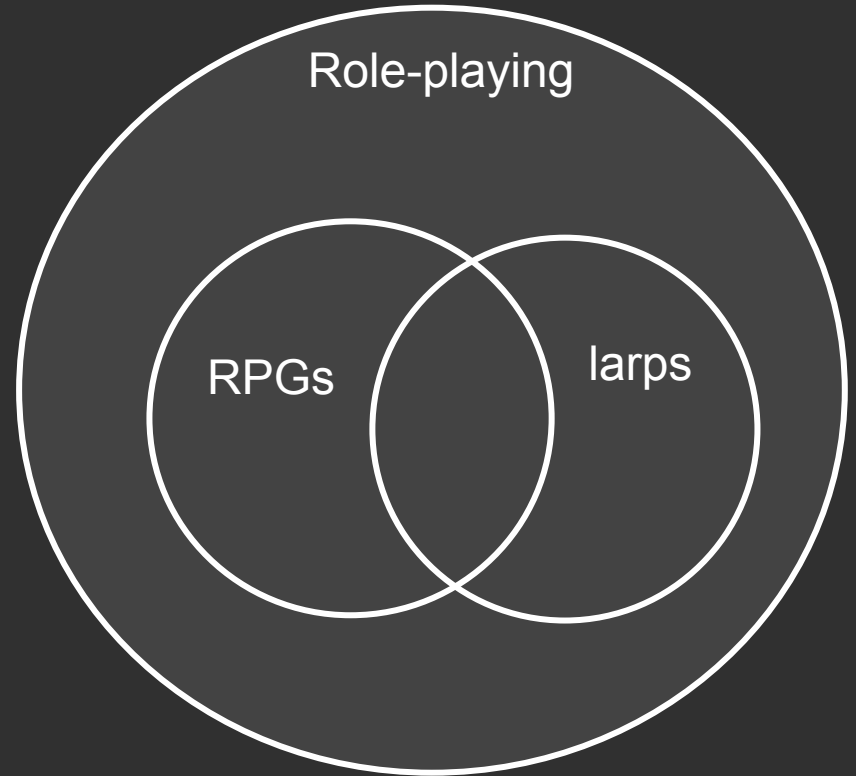
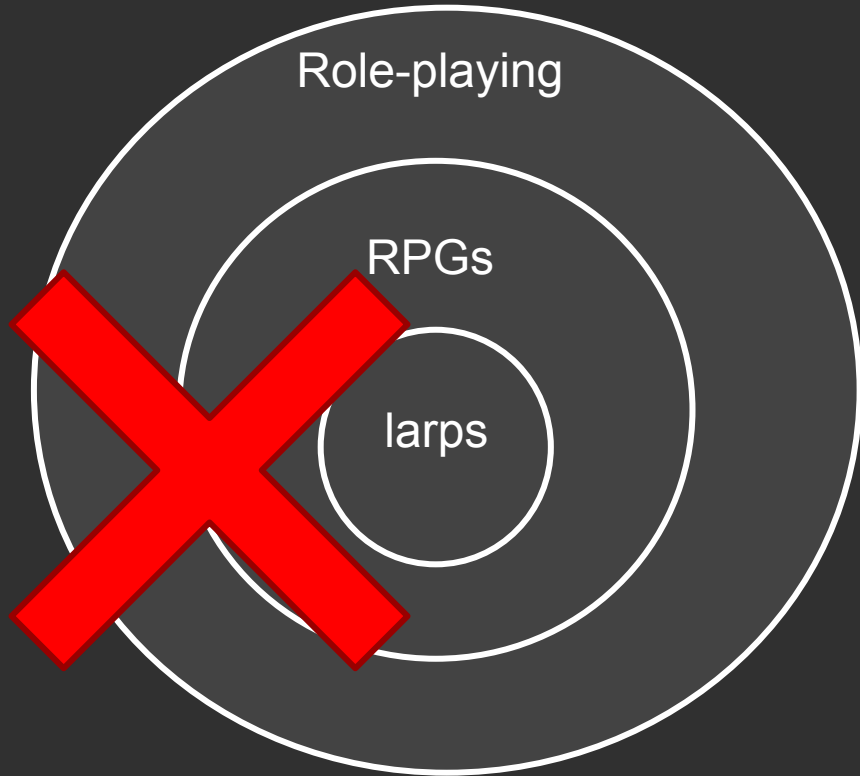
An umbrella term?

Neither or both?

# Little Mátyás thought...

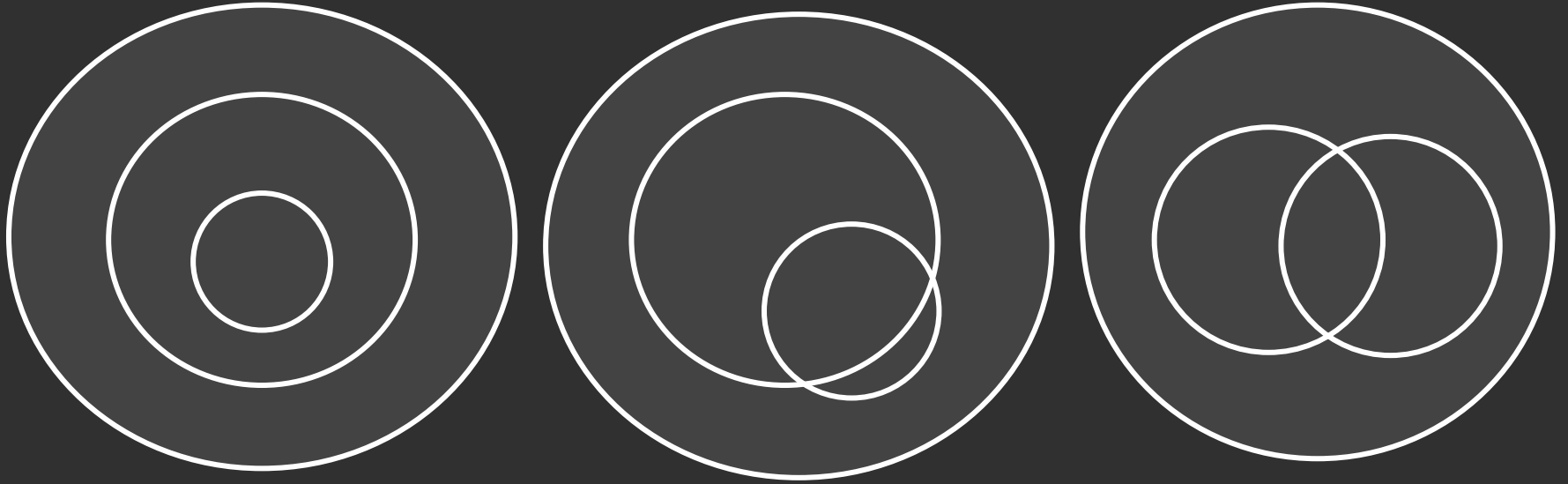


Turns out of lot of people thinks like this:

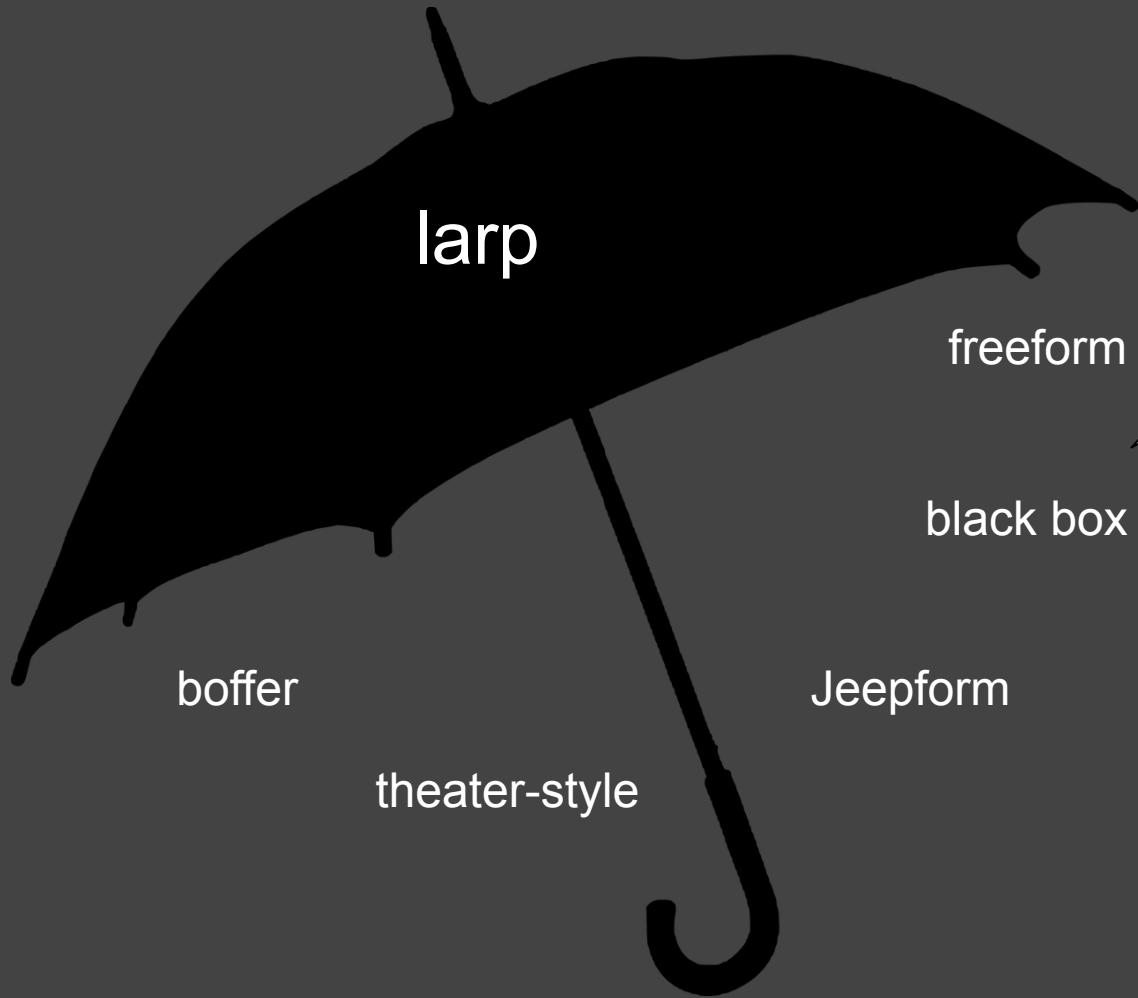




Maybe it was hungry, it fed & got bigger and bigger...



...or was it a completely different story?



larp

boffer

theater-style

Jeepform

freeform

black box

improv theater

fantasy re-enactment

IF YOU DOES NOT  
WANT TO GET WET,  
YOU ARE A LARP!

???

sociodrama

# Larp subculture as an echo chamber

ANY KIND OF  
EMBODIED  
ROLEPLAYING  
IS LARP



Harviainens solution (2011)



Larp as a form,  
environment  
or event

## KEY CRITERIA

1. Deep roles
  2. Shared fictional reality
  3. Physical presence
- (Harviainen 2011)



Larping as a content,  
activity  
or process



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WHERE SHOULD I  
POUR MY PRECIOUS  
LARPING FLUIDS?



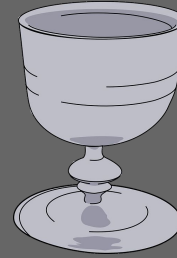
Larp\*



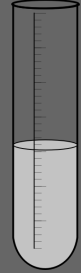
Re-enactment



Sadomasochist  
role-playing



Bibliodrama

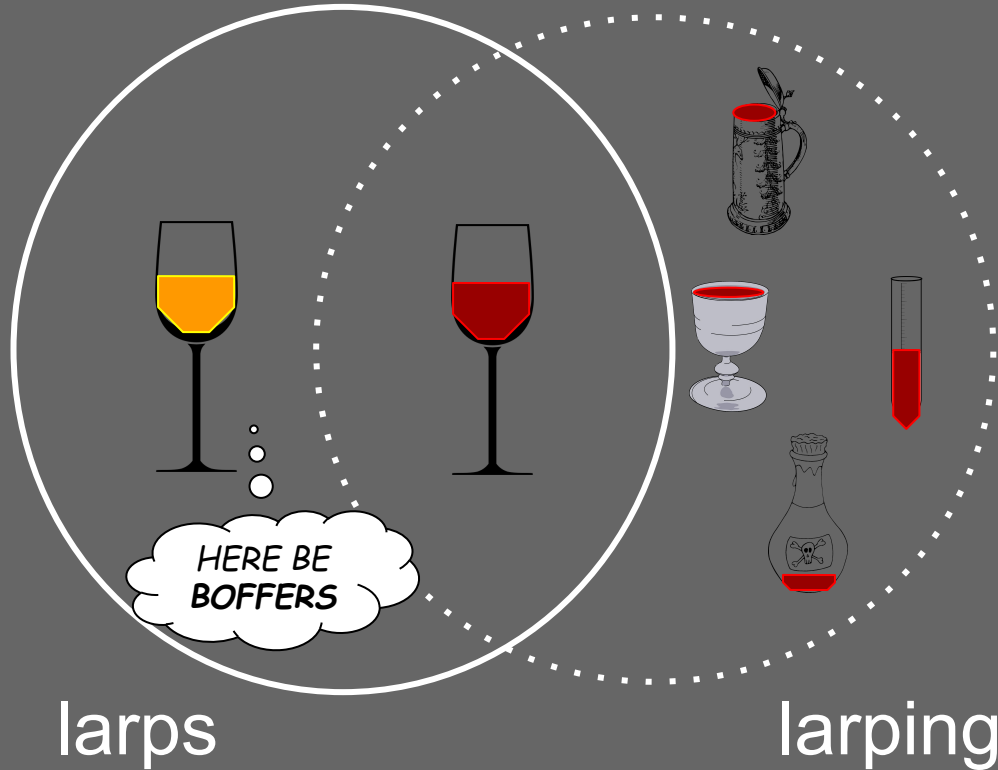


Postmodern  
magic

\*Avoid if it turns into a council

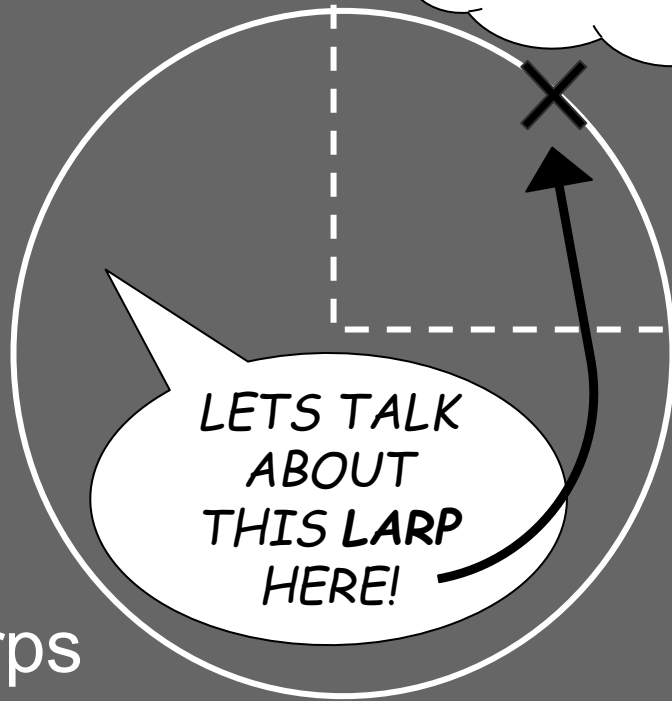


# The discrepancy we are all familiar with



Applied larp

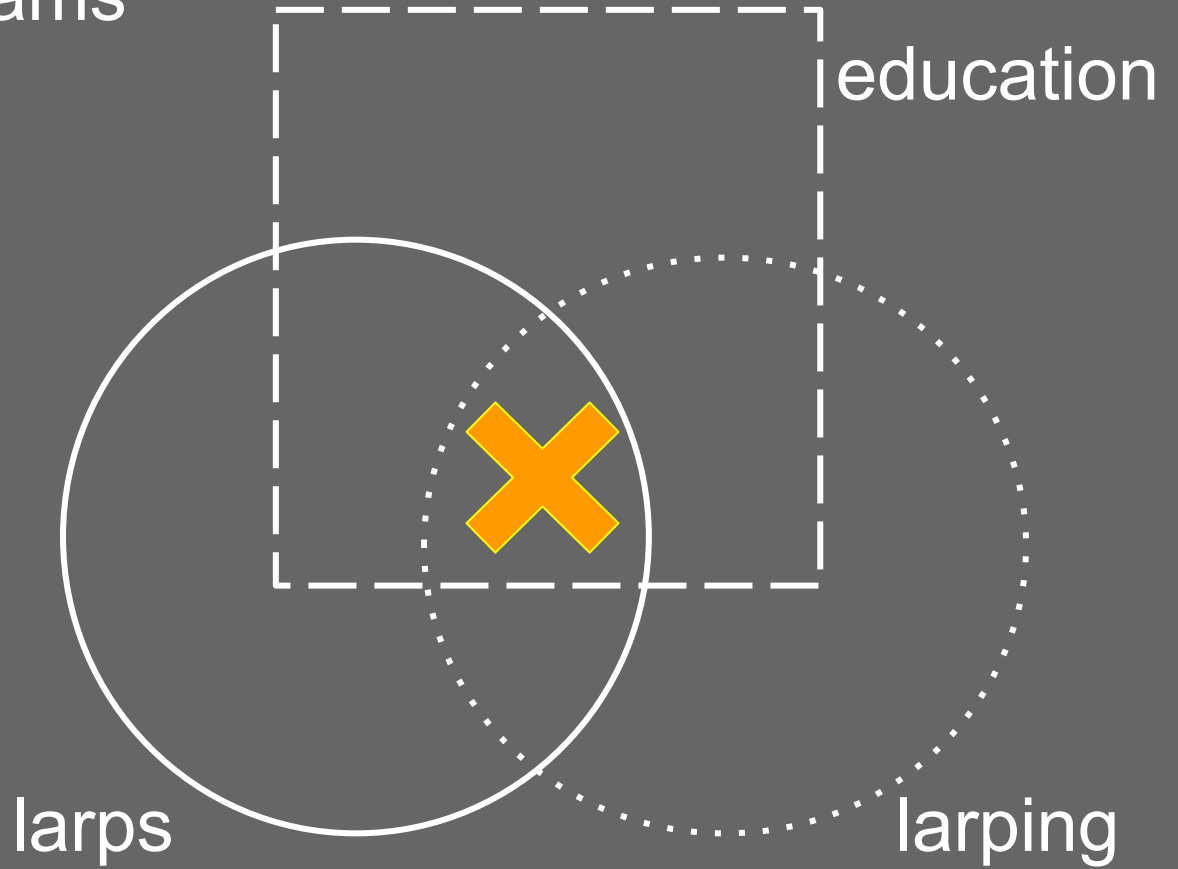
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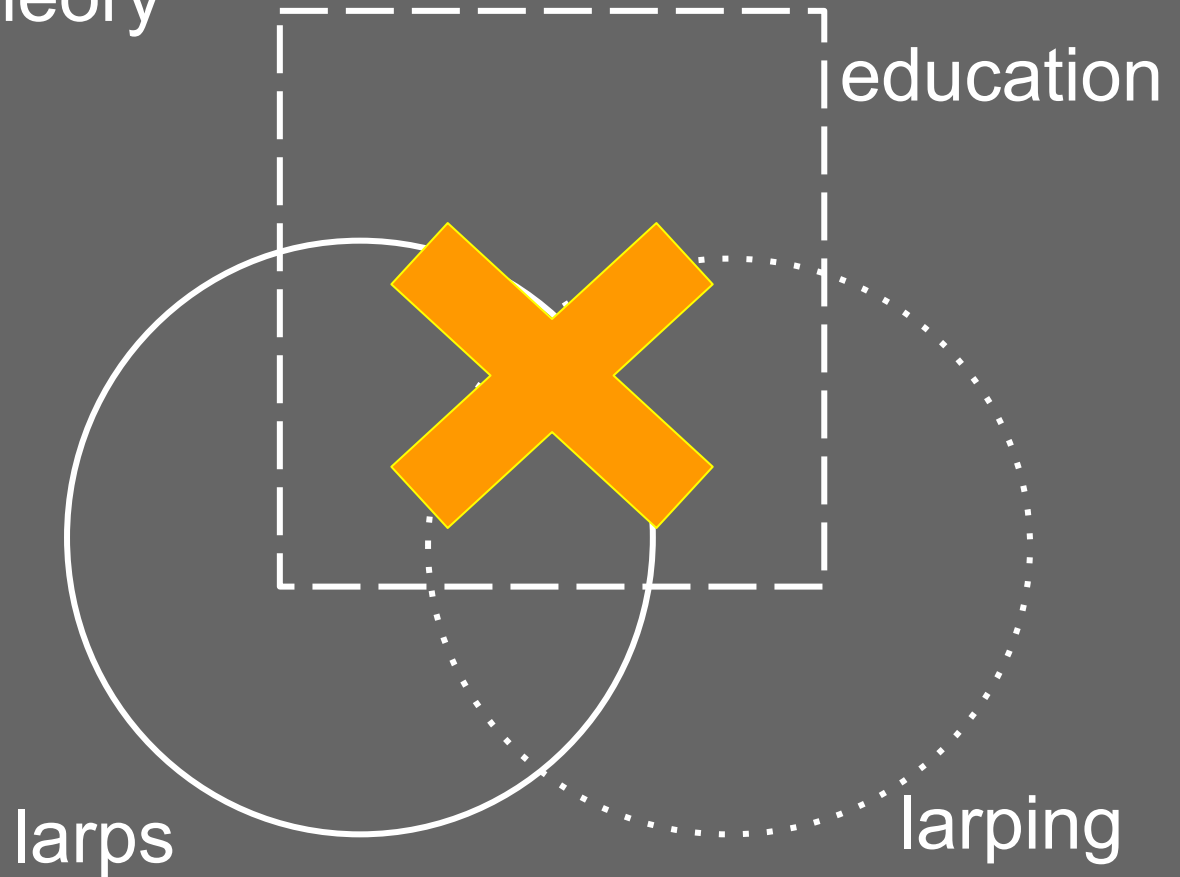
WHAT R U  
TALKING  
ABOUT???

this  
other  
activity

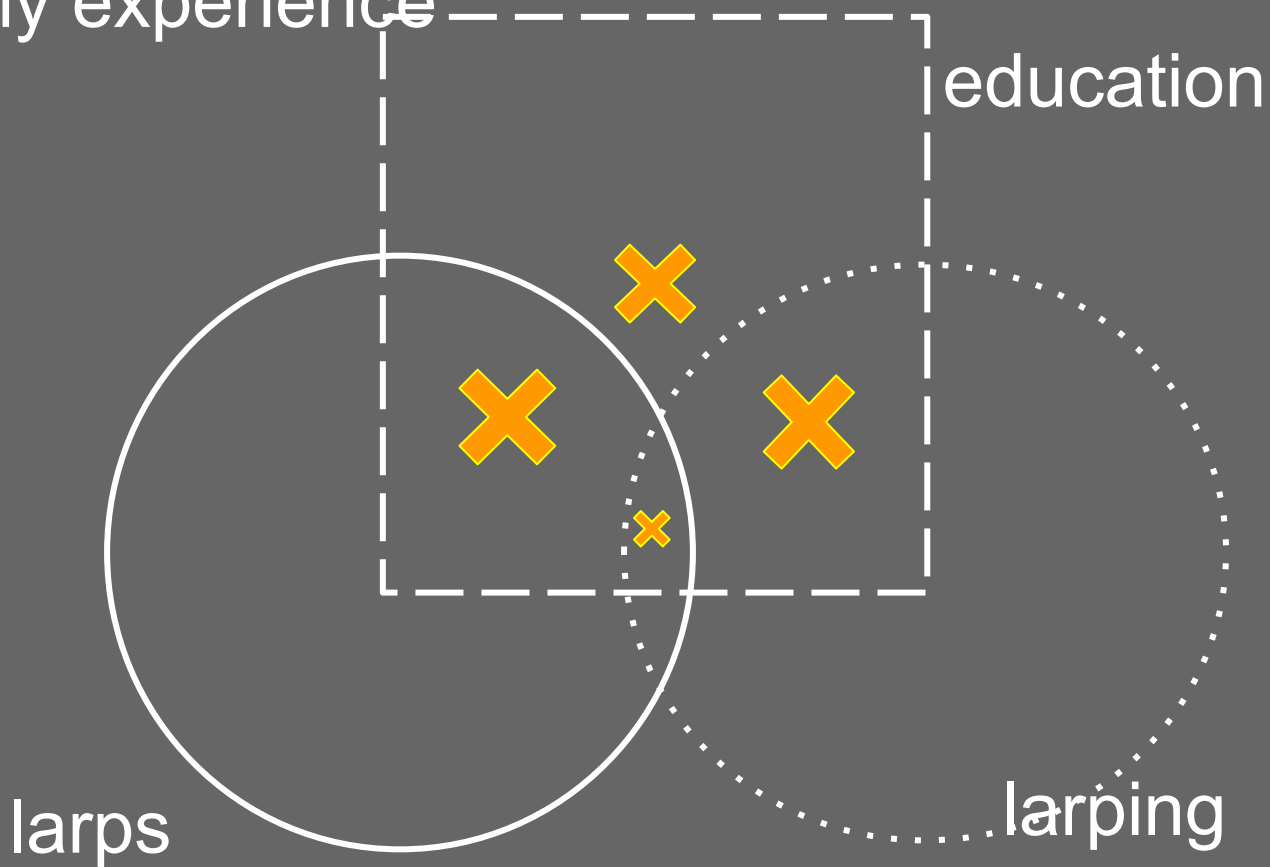
Edularp in my dreams



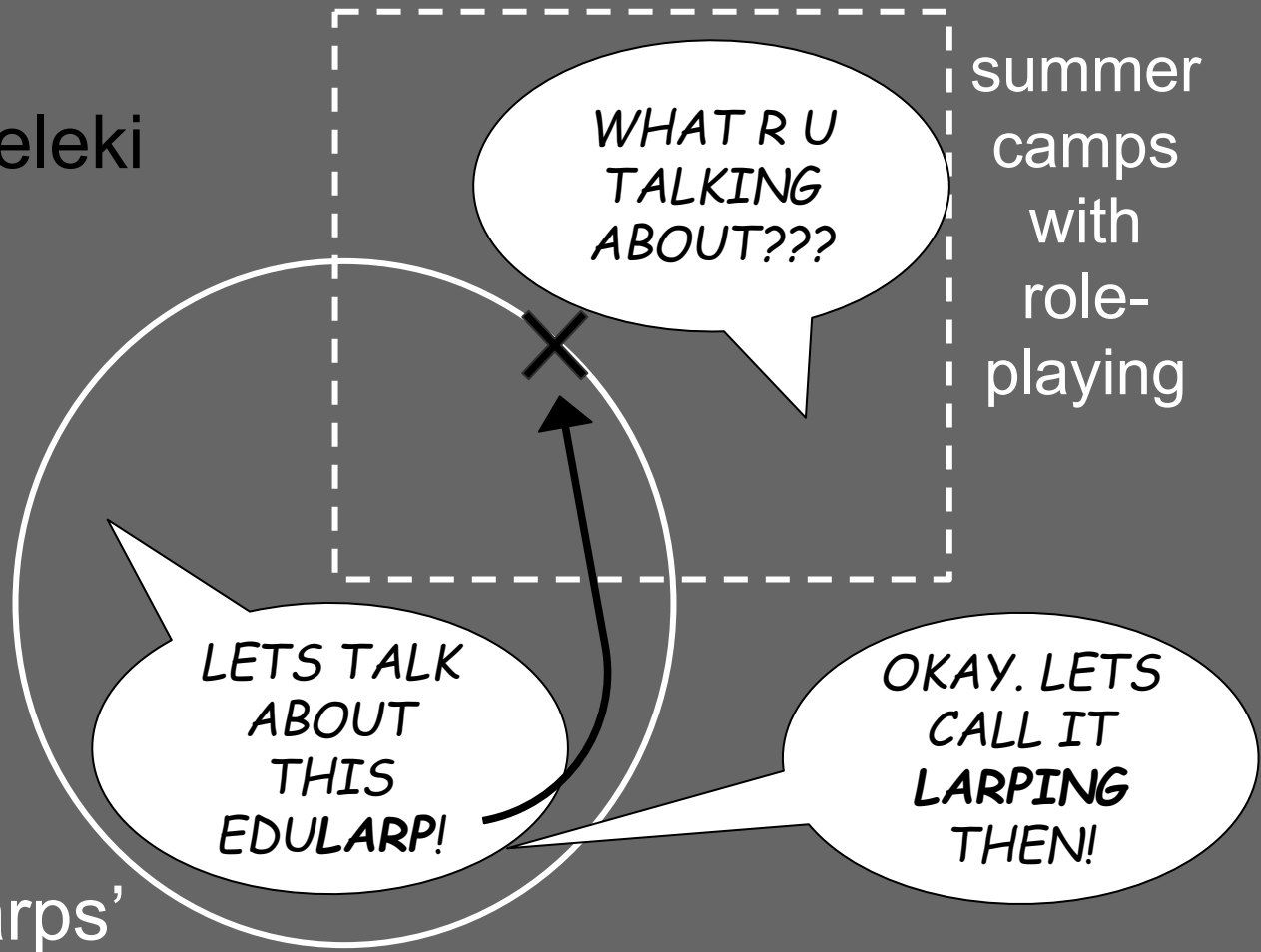
# Edularp's actual theory



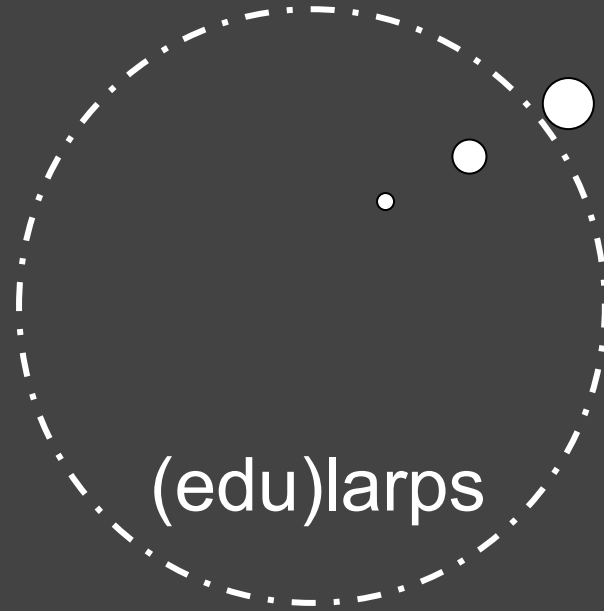
# “Edularps” in my experience



# The Eszter Leveleki tradition



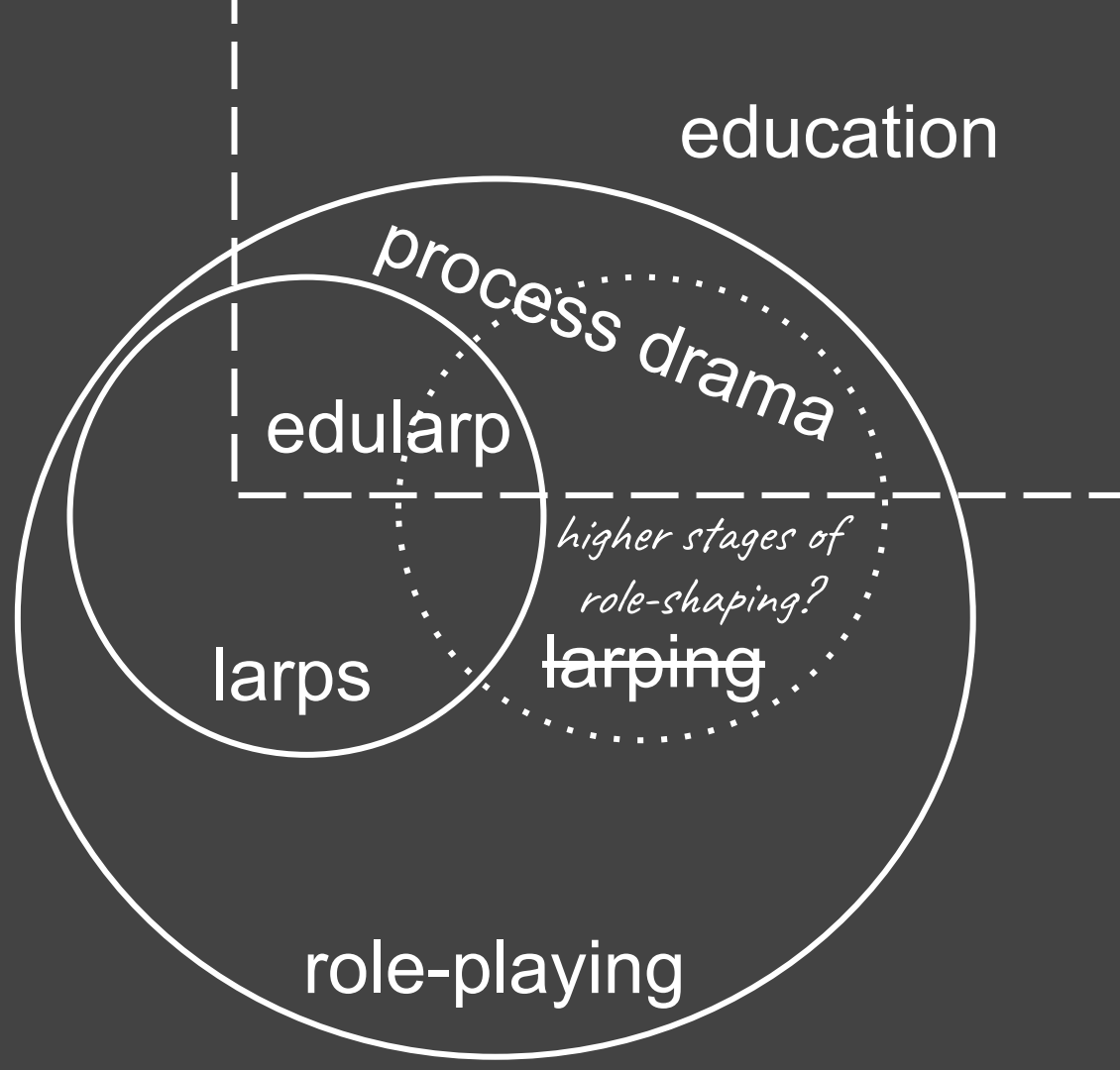
Is it a bug or a feature?



# My suggestions

No real problem  
with larp slang

But we need a  
more neutral jargon  
when dealing  
with outsiders  
(especially specialist  
from sibling fields)



education

process drama

edularp

*higher stages of  
role-shaping?*

larps

**larping**

role-playing



# Edularp is...

- (genealogy) an educationally applied larp (element)



- (generalisation) a non-neutral blanket term in larp subculture for various already existing things in education

- not a (one) method; you can only compare individual edularps with other things
- saying '*I have a background in larp stuff and I use that for education*'
- a growing TREND in ~~educat~~ larp circles

USEFUL

ILL-SUITED

# What should larp look like in the eyes of an outsider?

A strange and unique thing?

An umbrella term?

Neither or both?

# Thank you for watching!

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