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Now, if you're even reading this page (only about one third of Innerfilth.com readers seem to be interested in reading past the first page of any given article), you're probably wondering why I've written an article about Furries, and why, in fact, I am not bashing them. Thereby hangs a tale.

It all began a few days ago, when I commented on a recent MTV show in a new immense update, when a fella by the name of Lord Ryven contacted me, offering an interview. His interest was primarily in speaking out in the name of Furries everywhere, and among other things, he said:

"I just don't like people thinking every fur is as much of a loser with no direction as Yote."

Yote, of course, was the Coyote-costumed guy featured on the MTV special. If you didn't catch it, he is particularly lame. He spends all his time at home or online, lives with his mother (he's somewhere in his 20's), doesn't really do anything productive for society, and has sex with strangers. He's also gay, and although that isn't a bad thing, it gave the impression that all or most Furries are either gay, or will have sex with anybody, so long as they dress in a fursuit.

Something to keep in mind is that most of people featured on that show were, in fact, exceptions to the rule. They appeared on the show mainly because they were the loudest, and most likely to make the show entertaining, especially to "mundanes".

In reality, there are possibly as many as one million Furries world-wide, and Lord Ryven suggests there could be as many one billion people who are Furries without even being aware of the fact.

Like any other fetish group, outsiders are less likely to understand, or even try to understand, and much more likely to judge and denounce them. Actually, Furries, for the most part, are no different from anybody else, they just have an extremely pronounced interest in animals and the idea of being animals themselves.

Because animals are involved, however, many people are quicker to make snap decisions, simply

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Lord Ryven

On the nature of being a Furry:

"Furry isn't *really* sexually oriented. But since humankind is sexually oriented, it only makes sense that a person who wishes to be an anthromorphic creature would want to be intimate as that anthromorphic animal." - Lord Ryven

On sexual indentity within the Fandom:

Me: Do you think that homosexuals would be more attracted to being a Furry?

Lord Riven: I know that Furry has an almost 70% homosexual fan-base. That includes bi sexuals, both men and woman.

Me: Well, you seemed, at least on the Claws and Paws page, pretty hostile and uncomfortable with being hit on by men, or even being thought of as possibly gay. Some might consider that homophobic...

LR: Yes, that was a year ago, when I first entered the fandom. I was very homophobic. Remember that guy Giza? He talked alot of shit about me, and even tried to start a fight with me at a furmeet. That's the only reason I am so hostile towards him...



Giza

Me: You seem kind of violent, at least on the surface, always talking about people you want to fight, etc.

LR: I am alot more laid back now, I've had 12 months to climatize to homosexuals. **Me:** Well, didn't you say that you had sex with men in the past?

LR: No, I have never had sex with a man, although [in an email] I told a group of furs that I did.

Me: Ah. Why did you say it, if it wasn't true?

LR: Their biggest argument against my heterosexuality [was] that I never tried gayness, so I said, "Yeah, I tried it, so leave me alone already." But the funny thing, is that five days ago, I told

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