

SOP: Interrogation Techniques

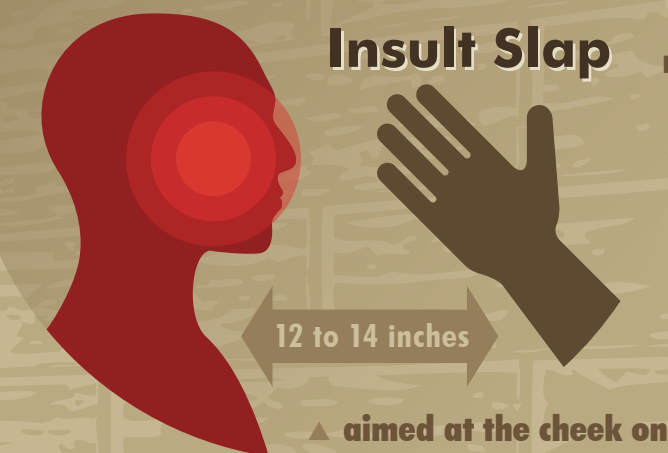
GUIDELINES FOR EMPLOYING "SERE" TECHNIQUES DURING DETAINEE INTERROGATIONS

This SOP document promulgates procedures to be followed by JTF-GTMO personnel engaged in interrogation operations on detained persons. The premise behind this is that the interrogation tactics used at U.S. military SERE schools are appropriate for use in real-world interrogations. These acts and techniques are used at SERE school to "break" SERE detainees. The same tactics and techniques can be used to break real detainees during interrogation operations.

The basis for this document is the SOP used at the U.S. Navy SERE (Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape) school in Brunswick, Maine and is defined by reference (a). Note that all tactics are strictly non-lethal.

DEGRADATION TACTICS:

Slapping is used to shock and intimidate the detainee. Clothing is forcefully stripped to demonstrate the omnipotence of the interrogator.



- ▲ aimed at the cheek only
- ▲ initiated a shoulder width from the detainee
- ▲ open handed blow



Stomach Slap

- ▲ delivered with the back of the hand
- ▲ directed towards the center of the abdomen
- ▲ performed only on clothed detainees



Shoulder Slap

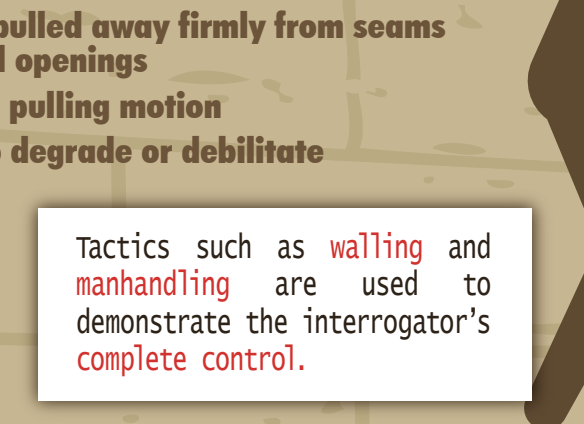
- ▲ glancing blow to the back of the shoulder
- ▲ used as an irritant
- ▲ moderate to hard force
- ▲ open handed blow



Stripping

- ▲ forceful removal of detainee's clothing
- ▲ clothing is pulled away firmly from seams or buttoned openings
- ▲ downwards pulling motion
- ▲ intended to degrade or debilitate

Tactics such as walling and manhandling are used to demonstrate the interrogator's complete control.



DEMONSTRATED OMNIPOTENCE:

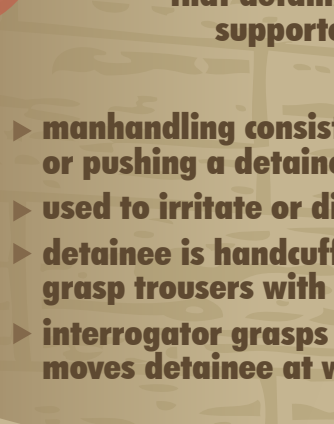


Manhandling



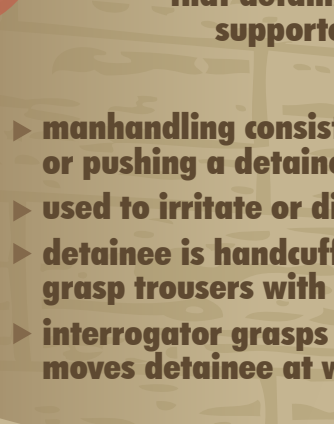
Walling

- ▶ detainee is gripped by the collar
- ▶ shoulders are slammed against wall
- ▶ only performed with a specially constructed flexible wall which creates the illusion of a much harder blow



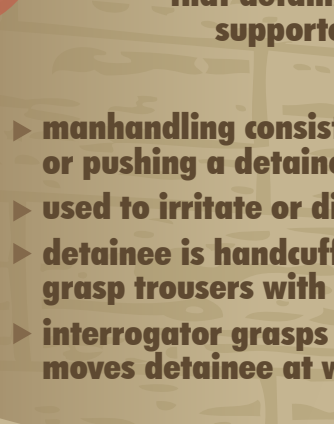
Index Finger/Head Position

- ▶ index finger or forehead is placed against wall
- ▶ feet are backed away from wall so that detainee's entire weight is supported by finger or head



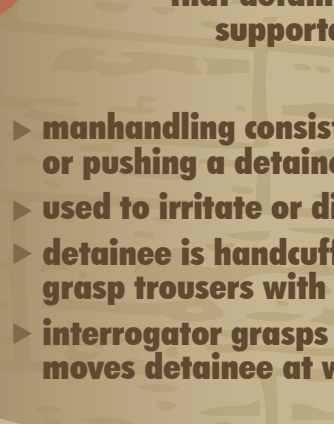
Kneeling Position

- ▶ detainee is placed on knees then forced to lean backwards on heels
- ▶ hands are extended to the sides or front with palms up
- ▶ small weights such as rocks are placed in upturned palms



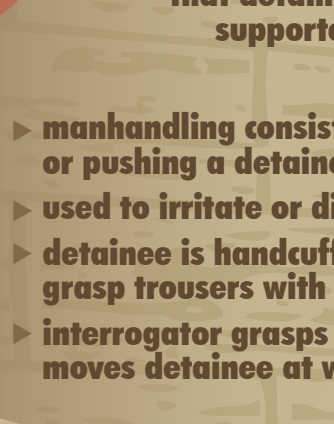
Standing Position

- ▶ manhandling consists of pulling or pushing a detainee
- ▶ used to irritate or direct
- ▶ detainee is handcuffed and must grasp trousers with both hands
- ▶ interrogator grasps clothing and moves detainee at walking pace



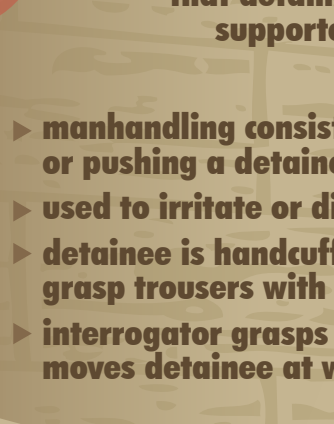
Worship-the-Gods Position

- ▶ detainee must maintain a standing position
- ▶ arms are raised to the side or front
- ▶ hands are held palms up
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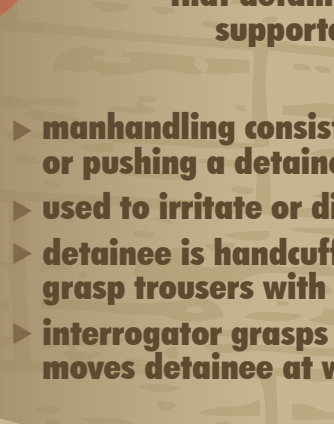
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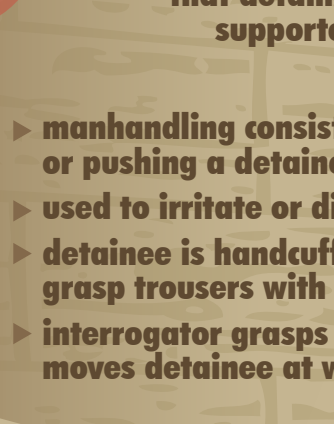
Sitting Position

- ▶ detainee's back is placed against a wall, post, or tree
- ▶ detainee must assume a position as if sitting in a chair
- ▶ thighs must remain horizontal, while lower legs remain vertical
- ▶ booted feet remain flat on the ground
- ▶ arms are extended to the side with palms up



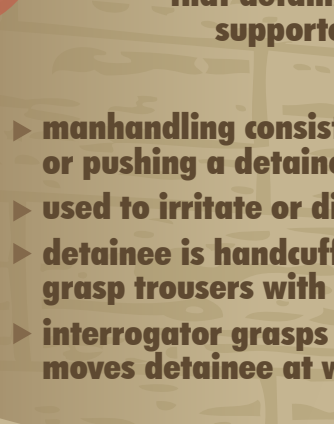
Hoods

- ▶ hoods are lightweight fabric sacks made to fit loosely over the head
- ▶ permits unrestricted breathing
- ▶ used to isolate detainees



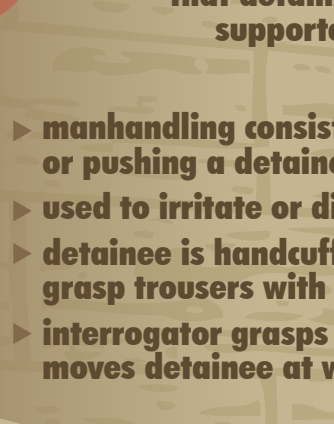
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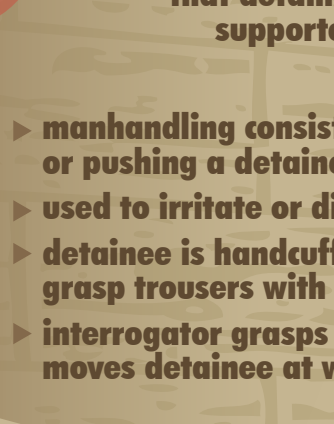
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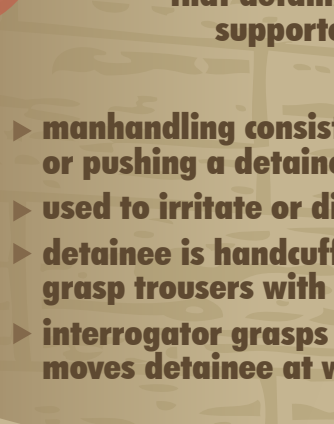
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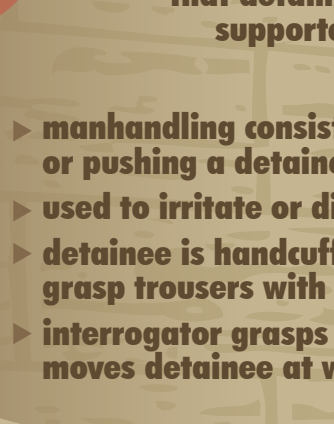
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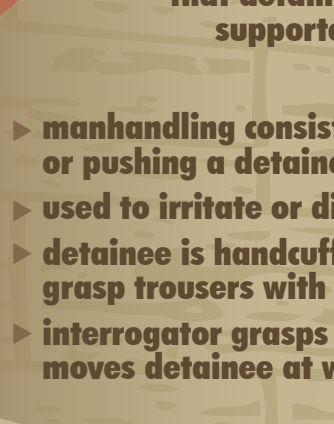
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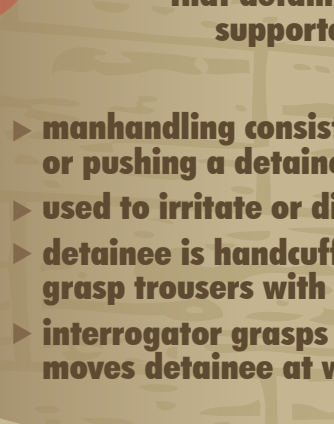
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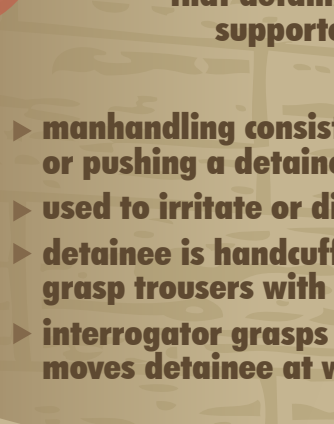
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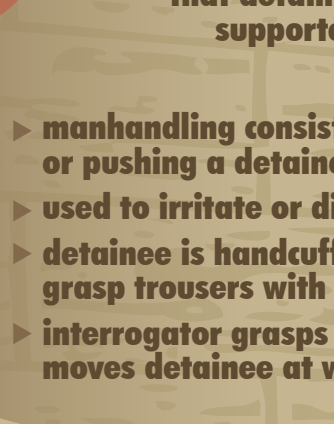
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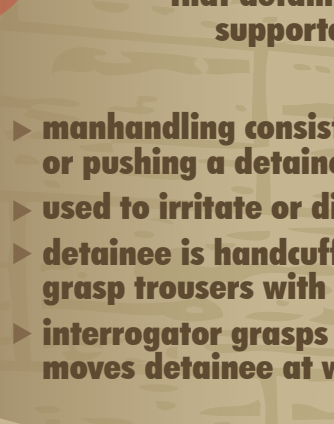
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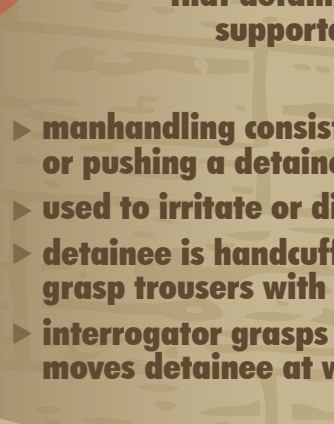
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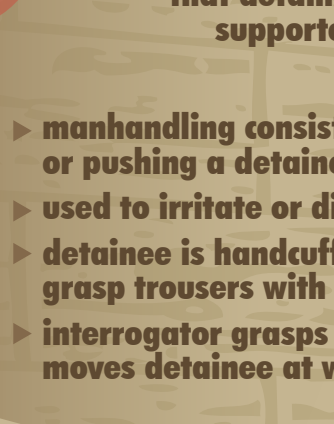
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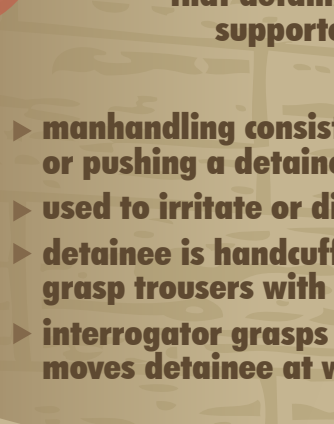
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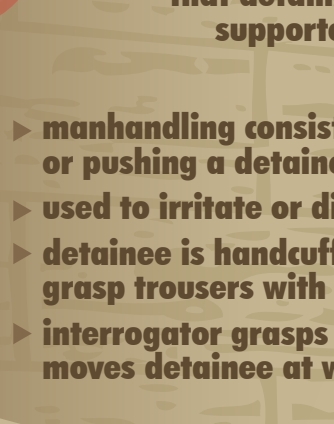
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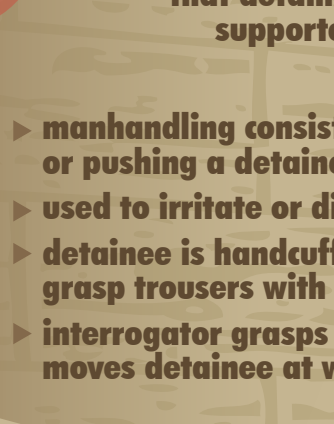
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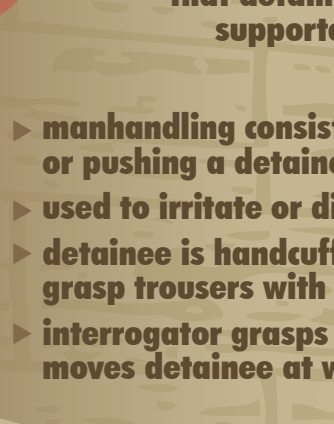
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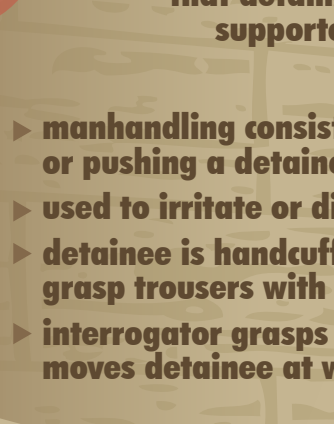
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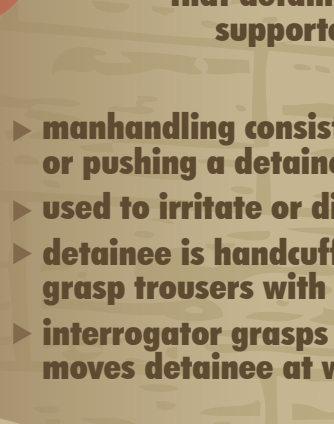
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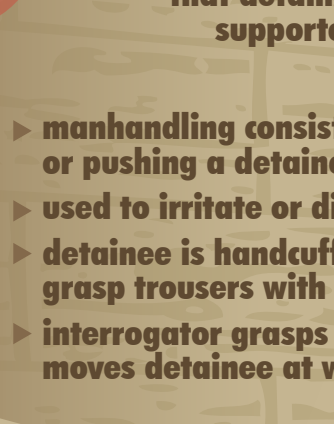
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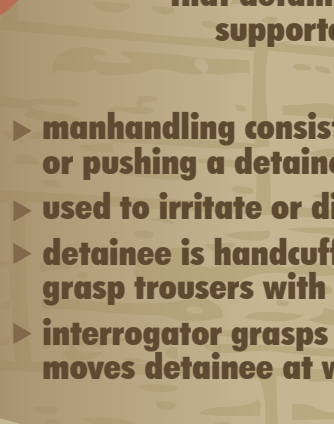
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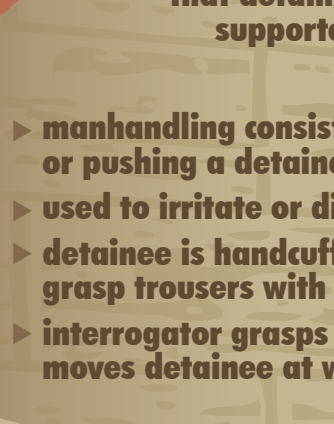
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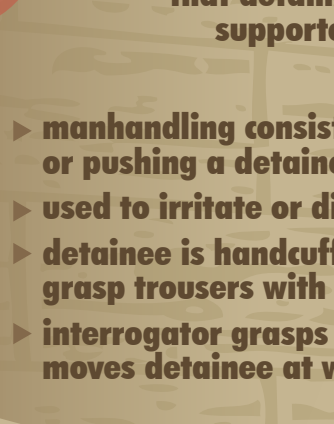
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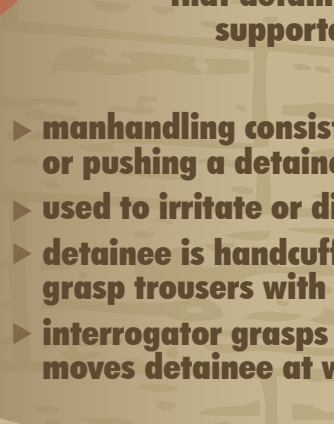
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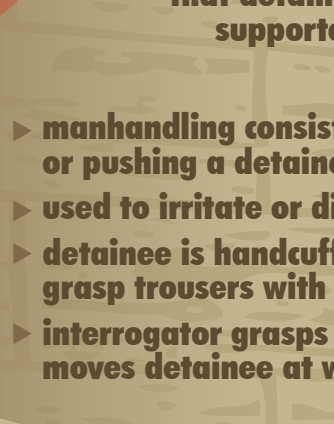
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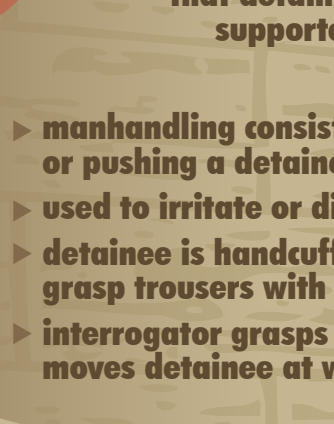
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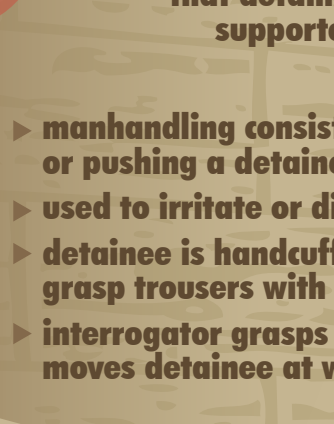
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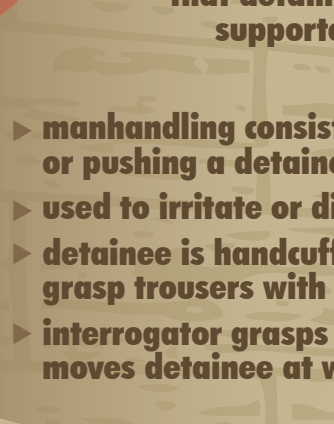
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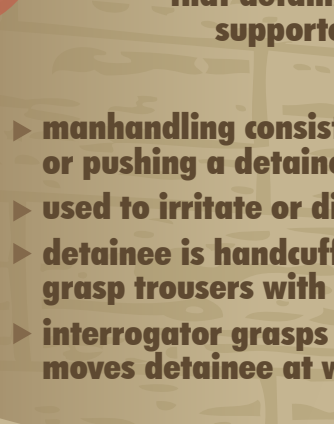
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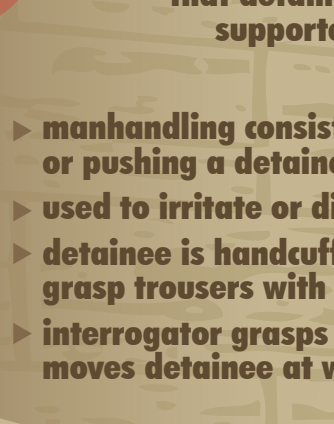
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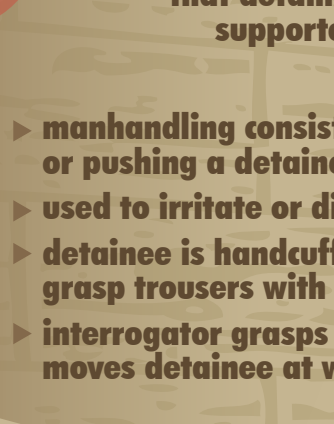
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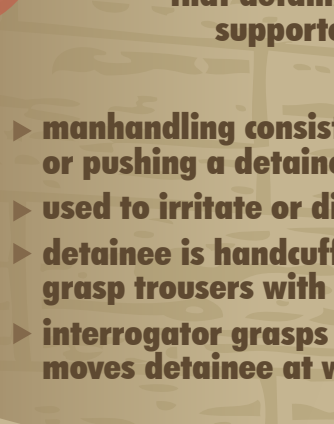
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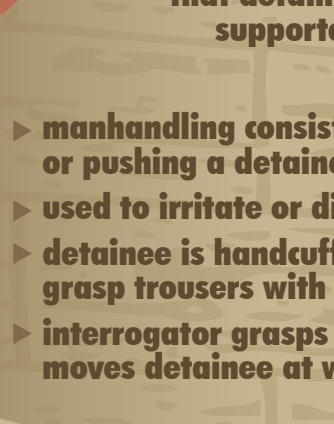
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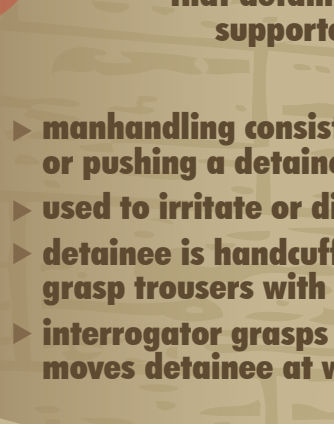
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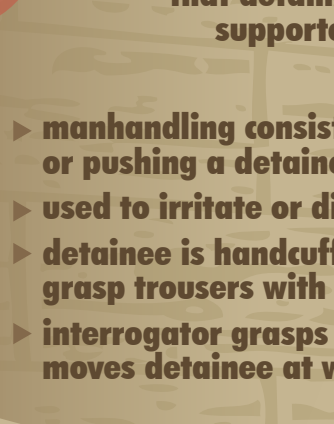
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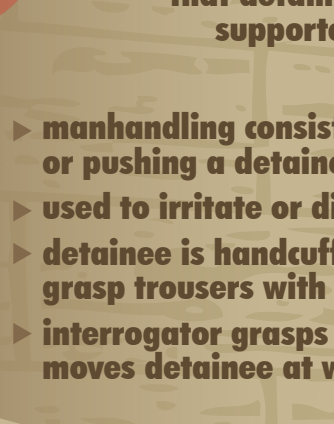
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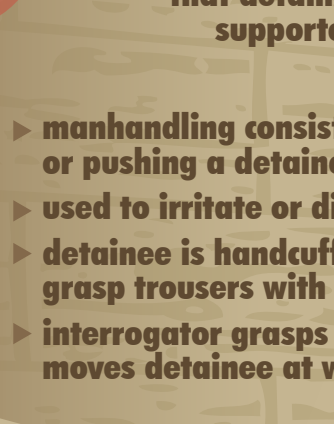
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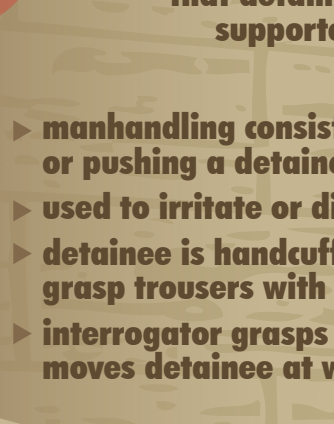
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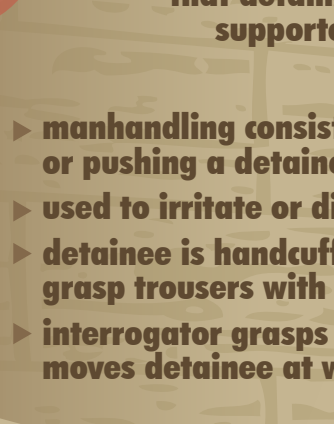
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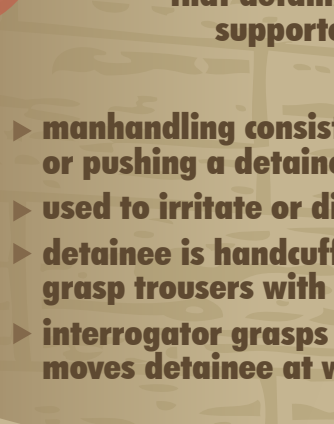
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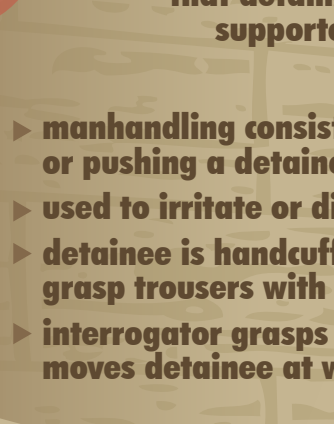
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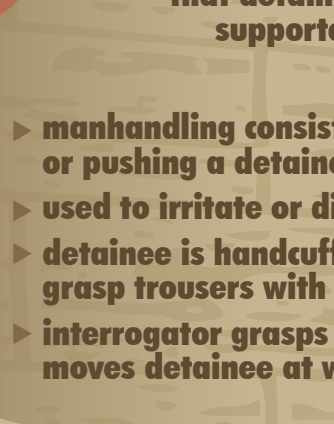
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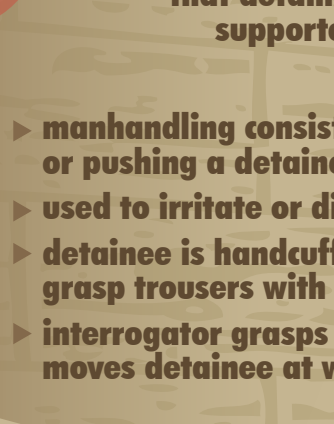
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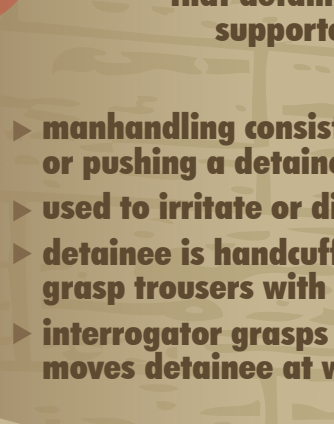
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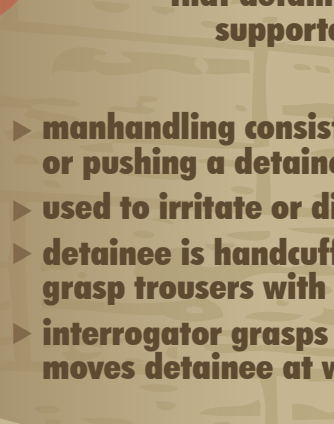
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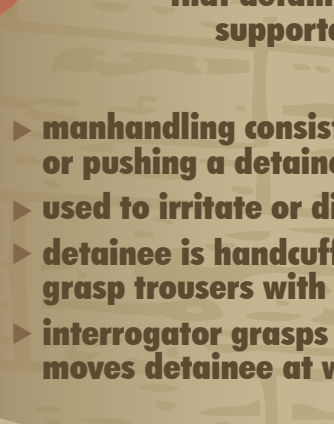
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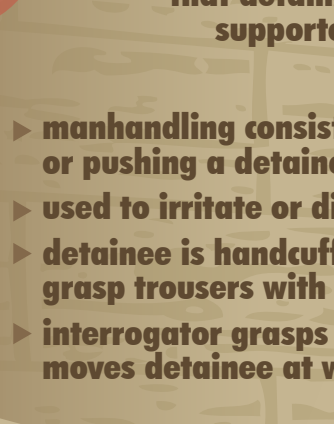
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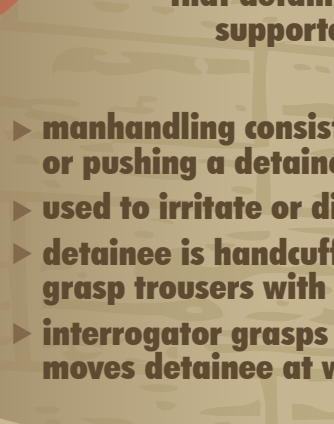
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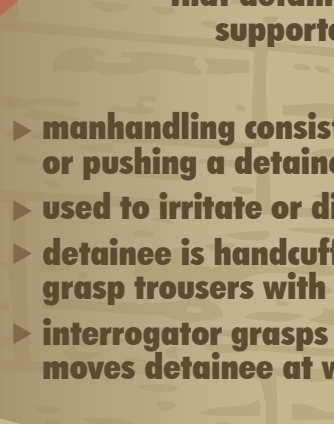
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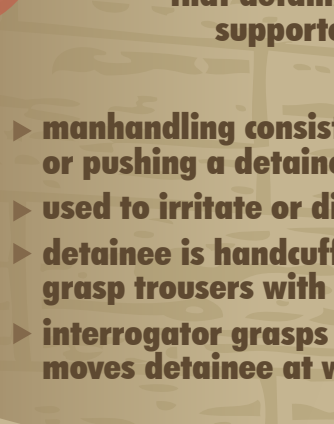
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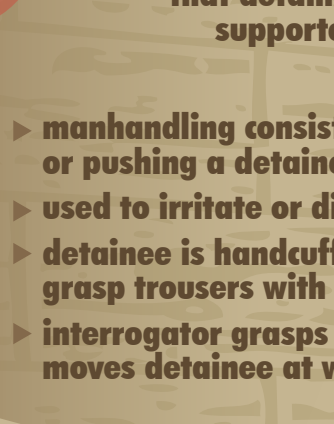
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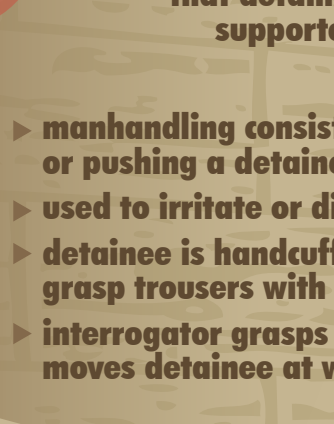
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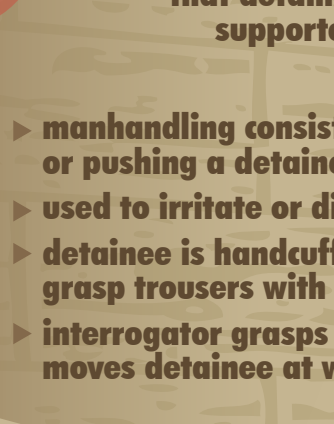
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