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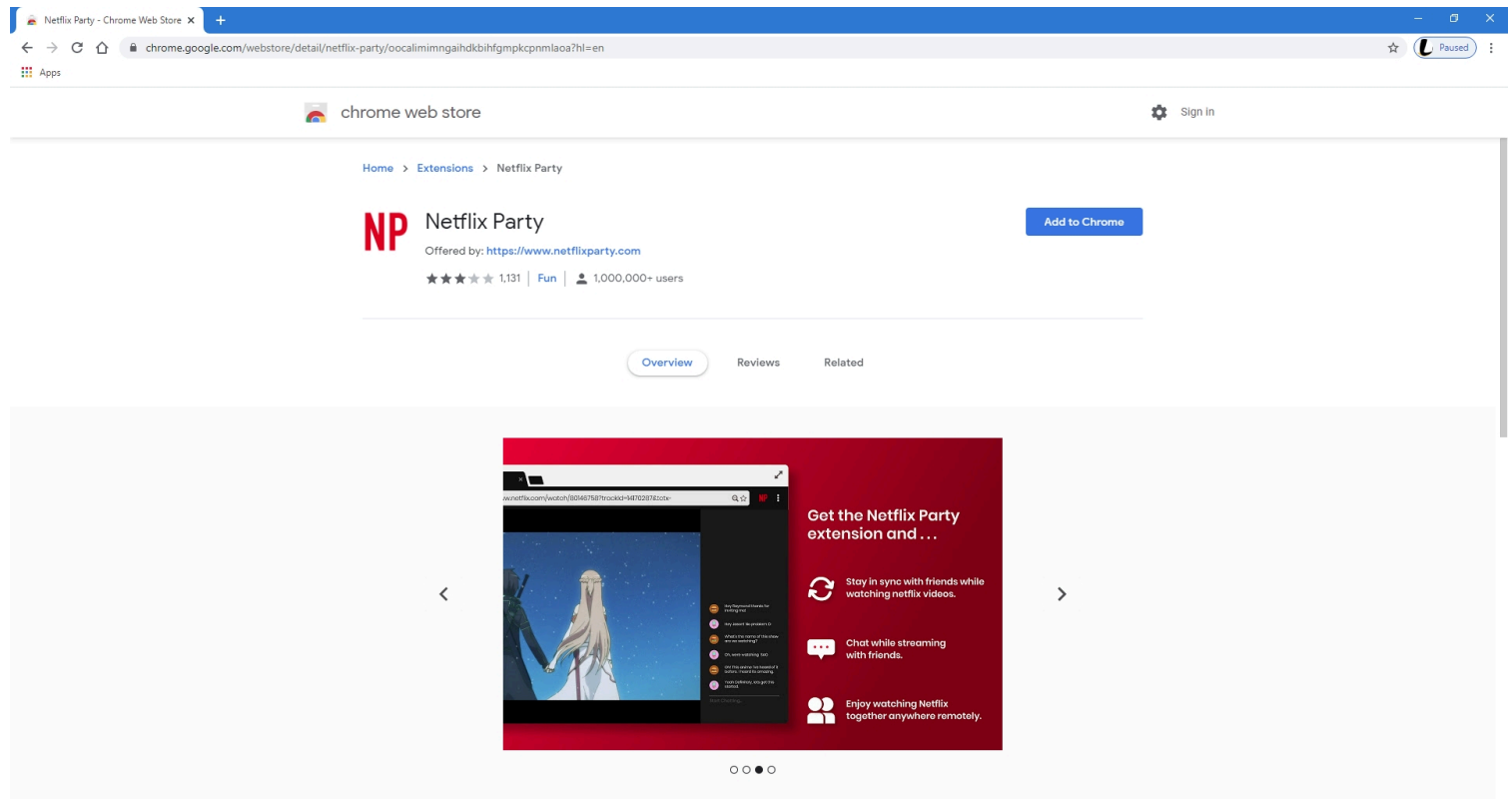


With the insanity of COVID-19 and the government recommending to self-isolate to slow down the spread, folks are getting bored and feeling lonely. While most have enjoyed a bit of binge-watching on different streaming services, it's always been rather lonely if you don't have anyone at home to watch with you. Netflix remedied this by making the *Netflix and Chill* activity a group (yet separate) activity by creating the handy Chrome extension Netflix Party (<https://web.archive.org/web/20200405110640/https://www.netflixparty.com/>).



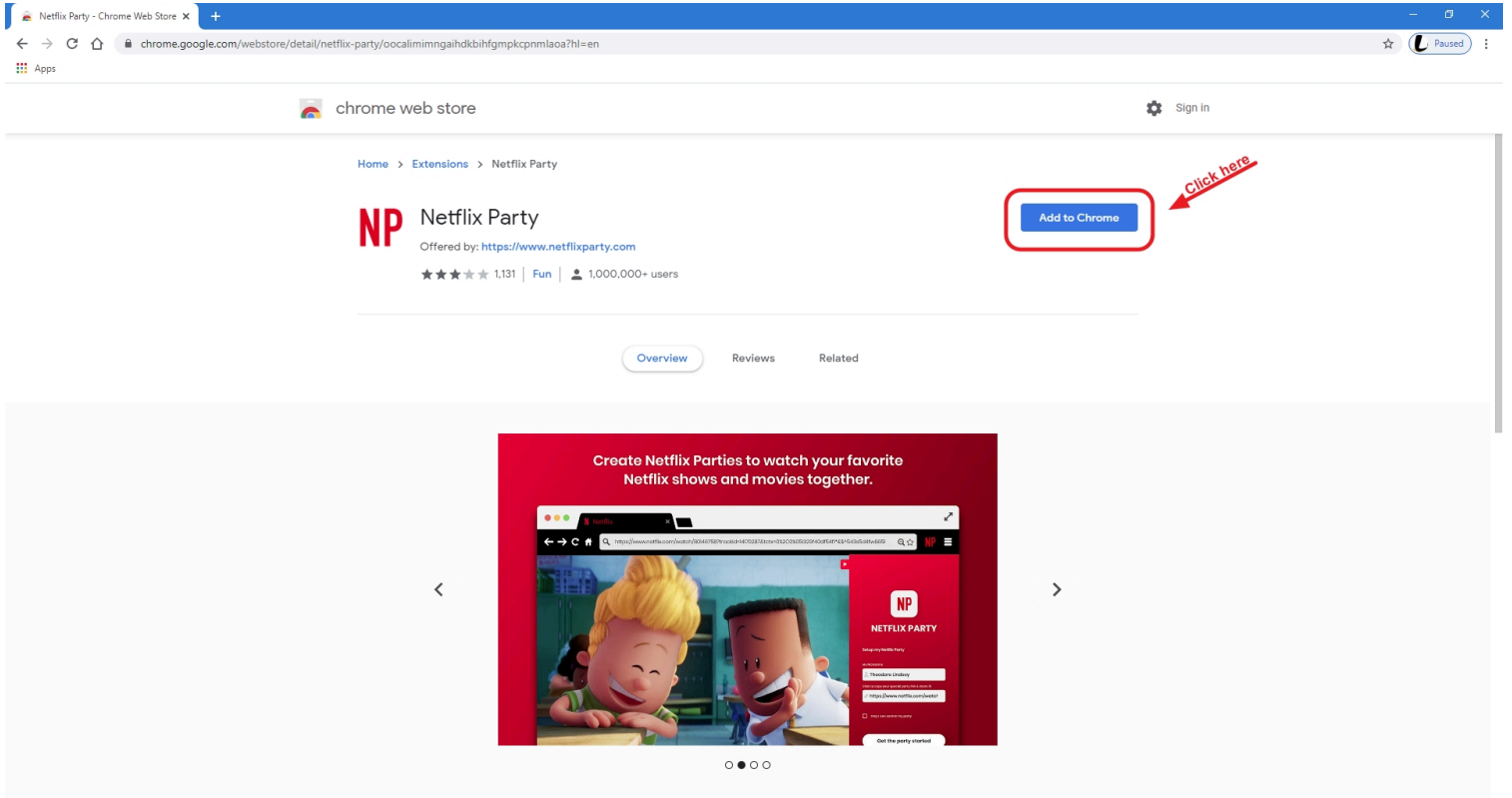
Netflix Party is an ingenious way to bring friends and family together as we stream our favorite movies and TV shows while chatting along. The extension is available only through Chrome but can be installed in a few quick steps.

1. Within Chrome, go to Chrome Web Store and search for **Netflix Party**. Or click this handy link (<https://web.archive.org/web/20200405110640/https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/netflix-party/oocalimimgaihdkbihfgmpkcpnmlaoa?hl=en>).

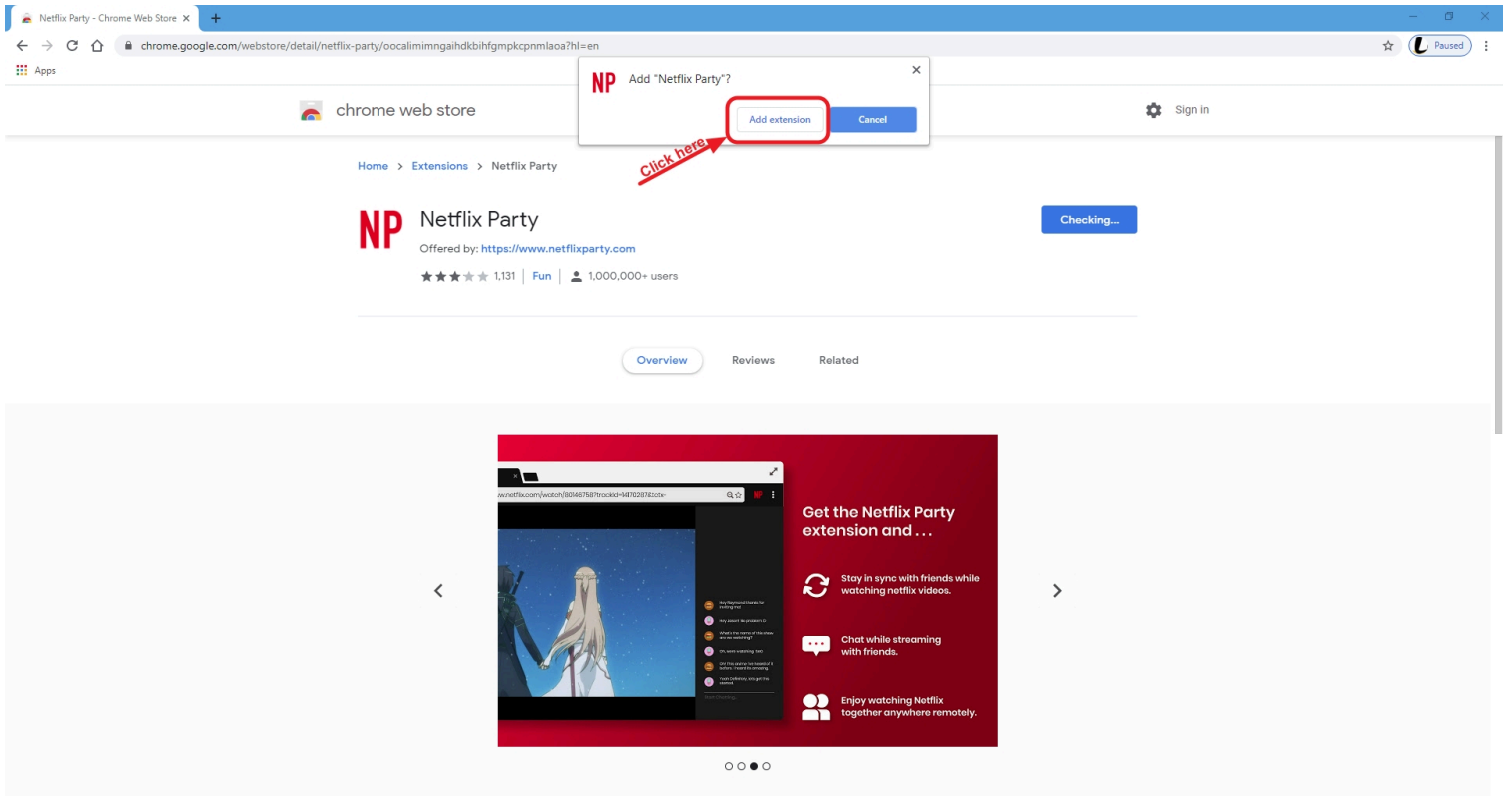


2. Click **Add to Chrome**.



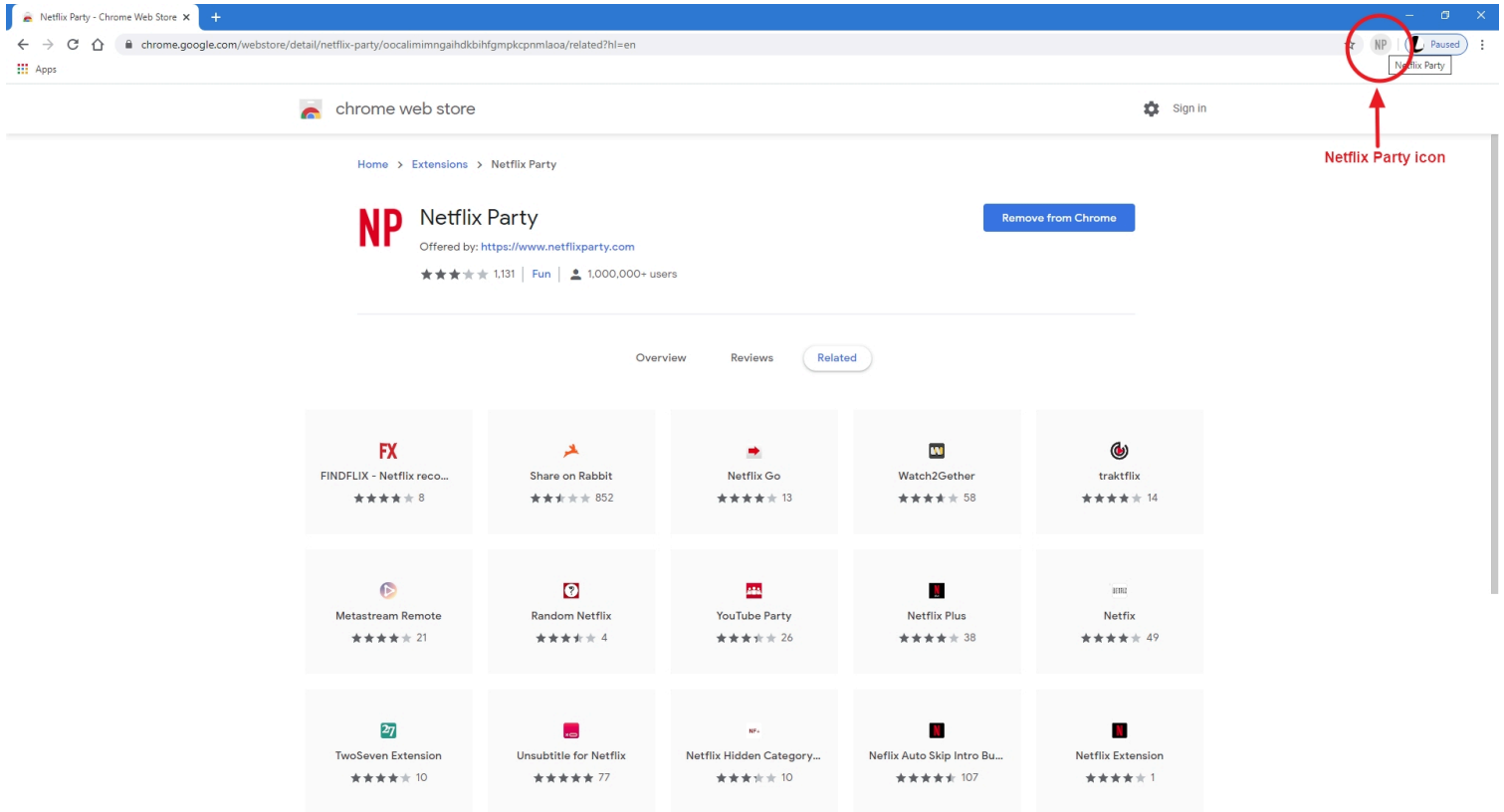


3. When prompted, click **Add extension**.



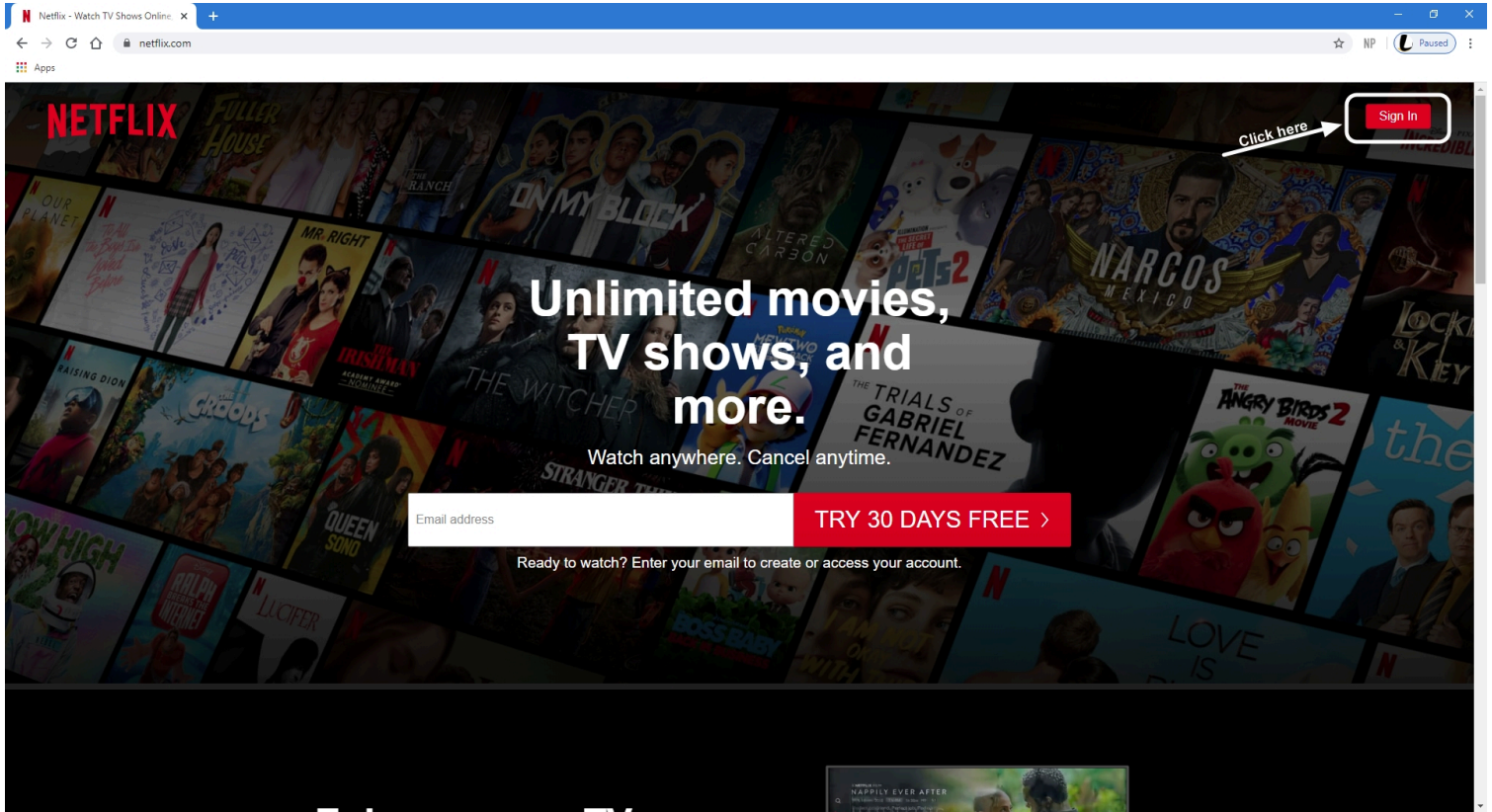


4. You should see a window stating that the extension has been installed. To confirm, look at the top right corner of Chrome. There should be an icon labeled **NP**.

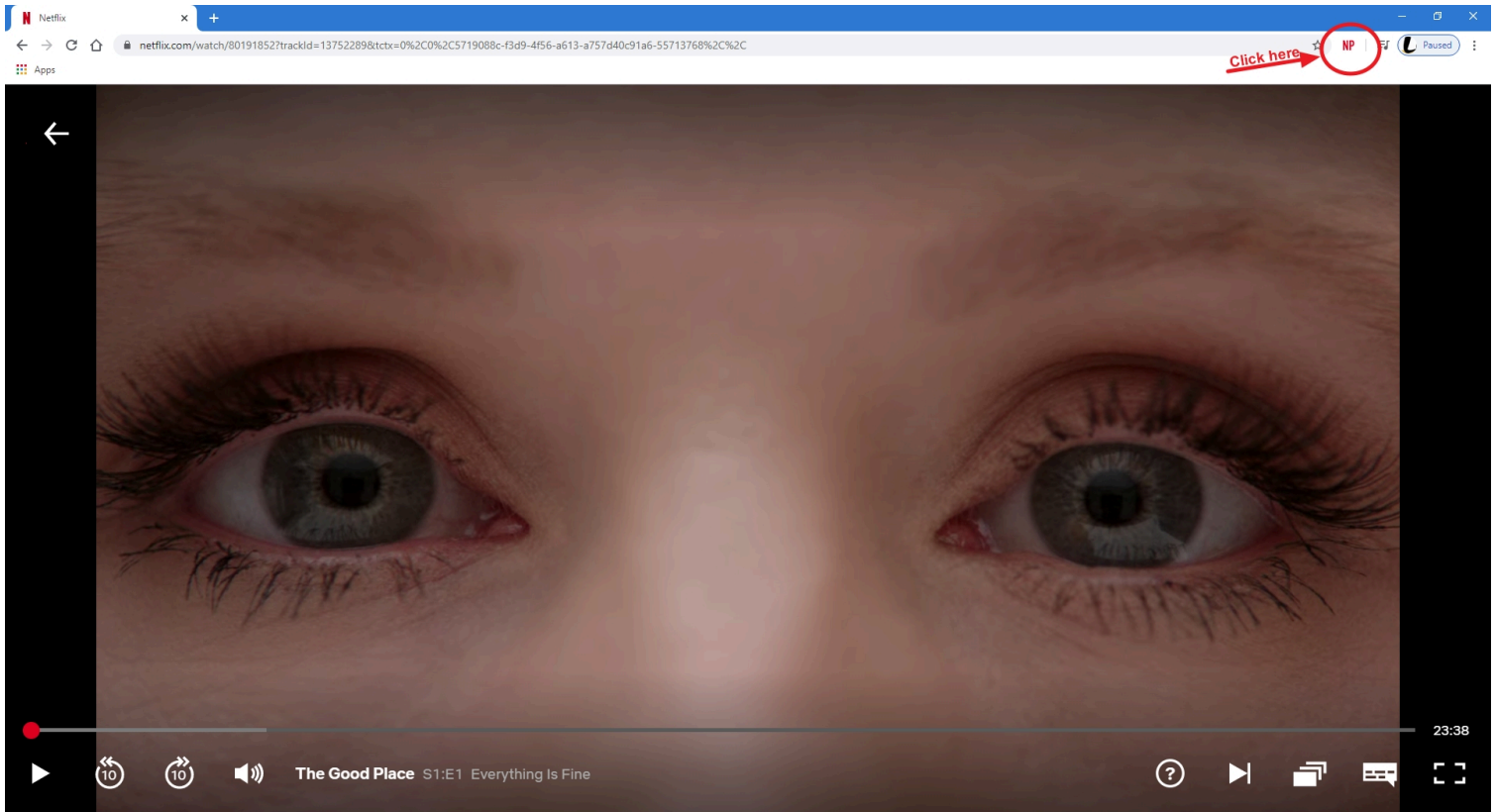


5. Now, log in to your Netflix account in Chrome.

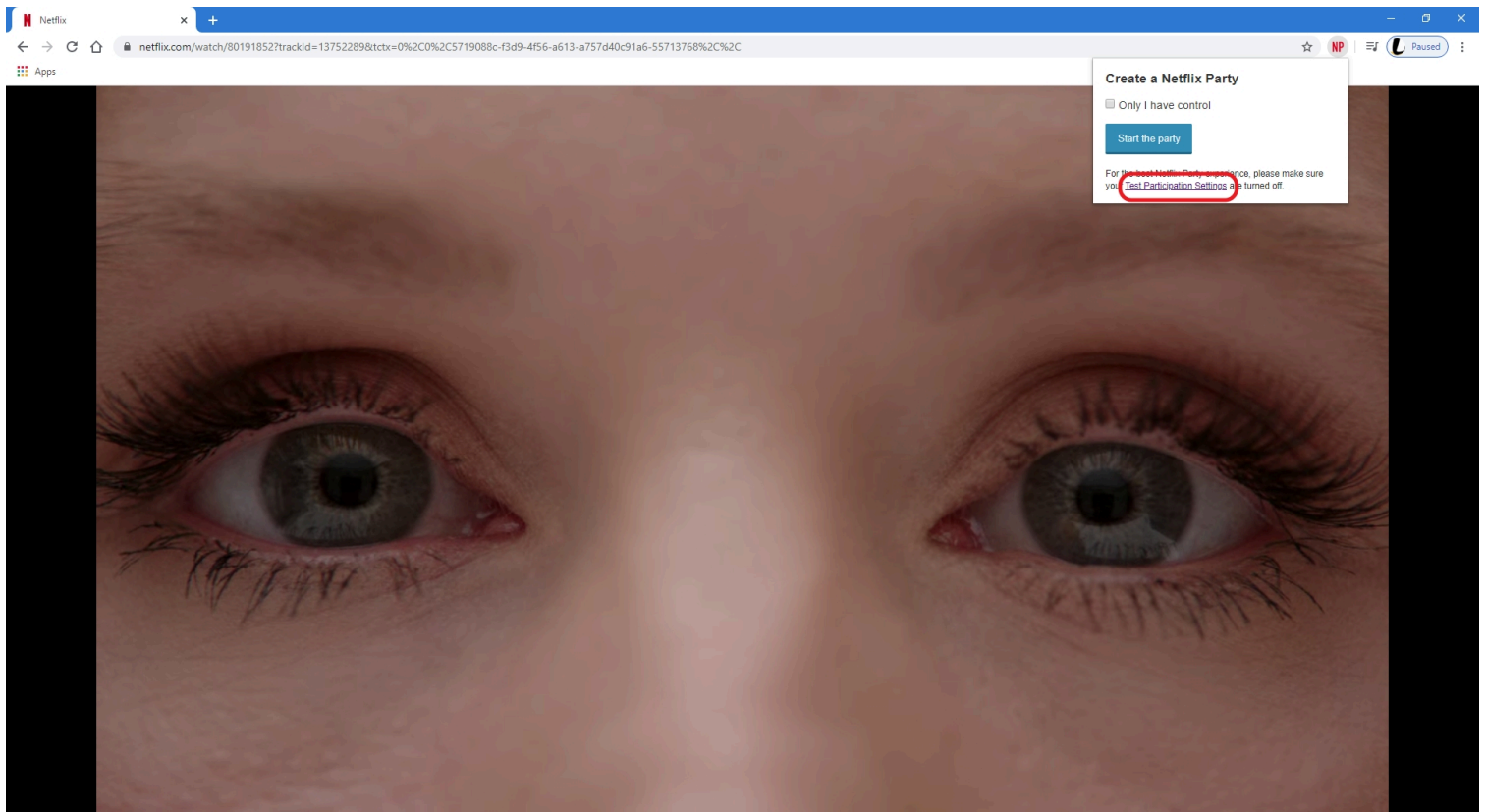




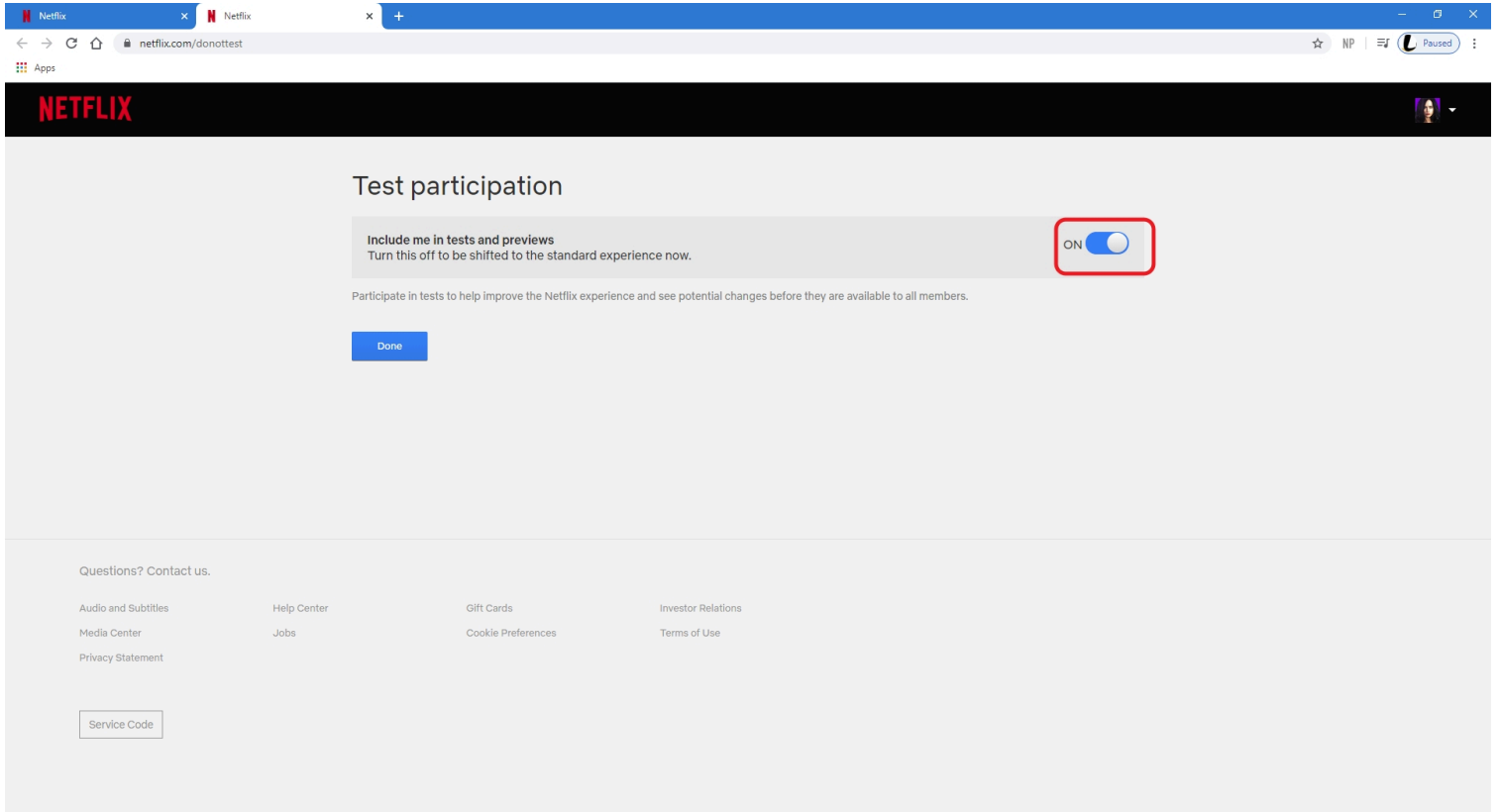
6. Pick a video you'd like to watch and at the top right corner, click the red **NP** (Netflix Party) icon.



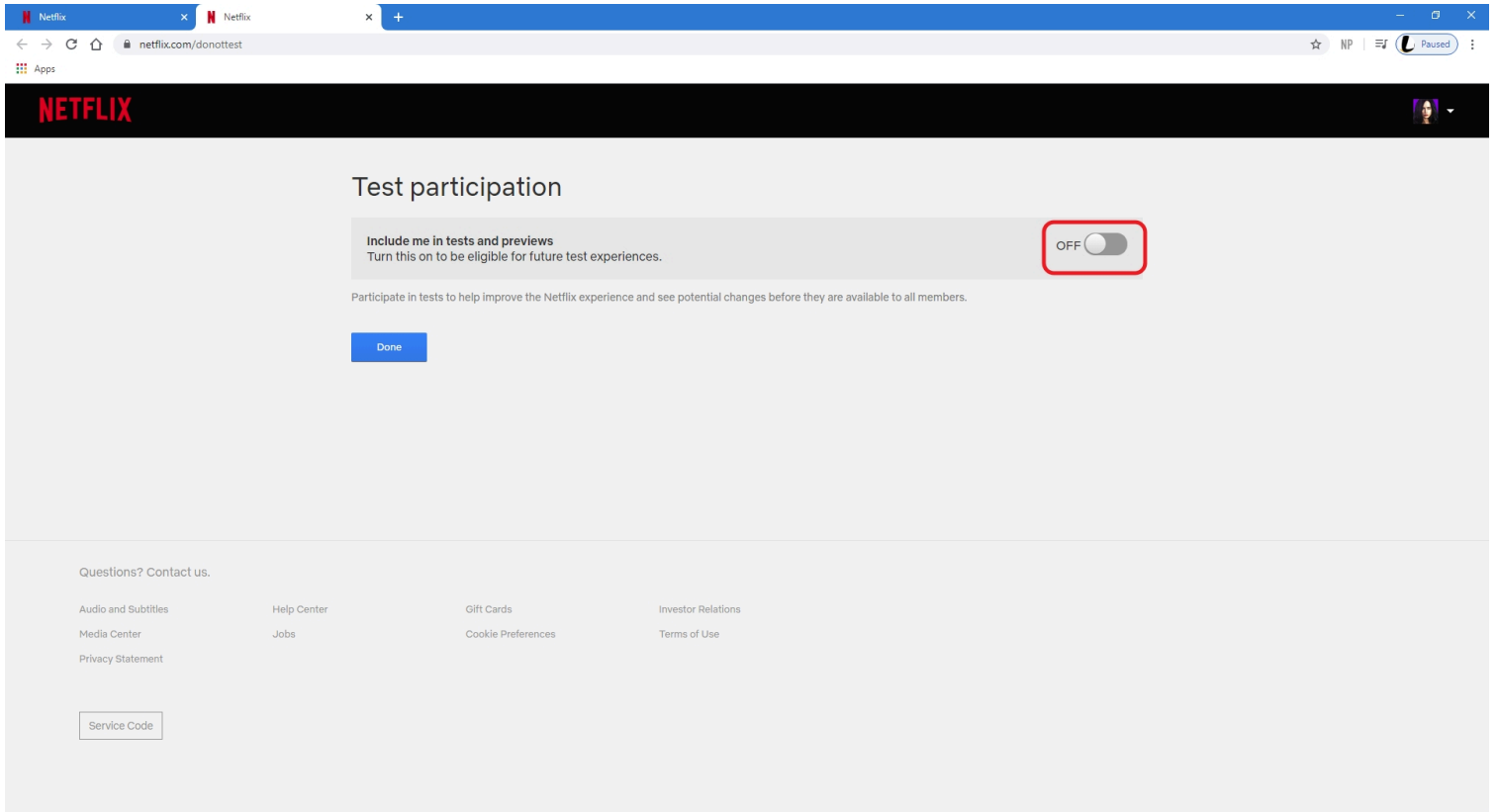
7. If you haven't turned off **Test Participation Settings**, click the link to view this setting.



8. Click the toggle next to **Include me in the tests and previews** so it is **off** then click **Done**.



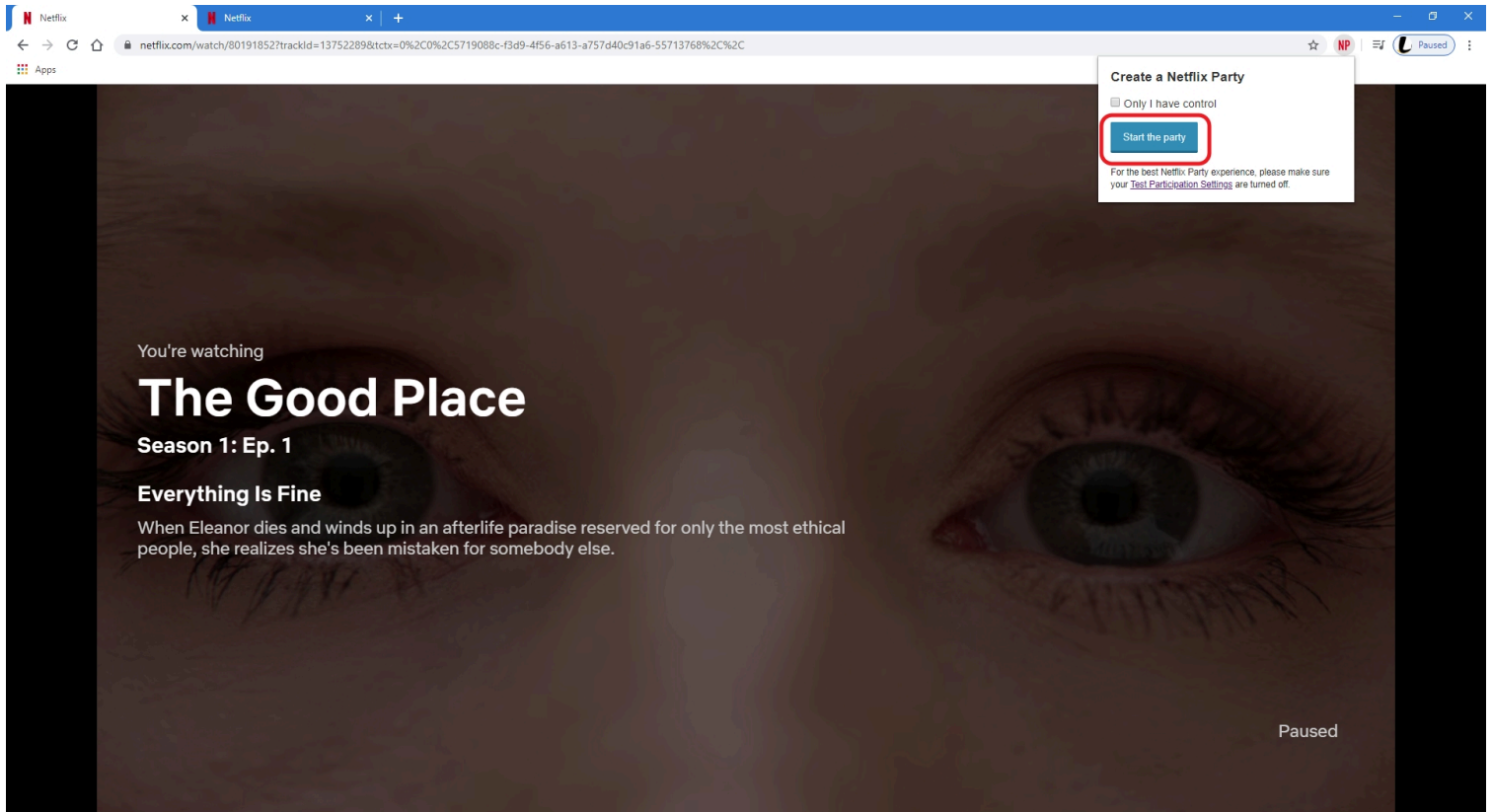
This screenshot shows the Netflix 'Test participation' settings page. The toggle for 'Include me in tests and previews' is turned ON, indicated by a blue switch and the text 'ON' next to it. Below the toggle, there is a 'Done' button. The footer contains various links such as 'Help Center', 'Jobs', 'Gift Cards', 'Cookie Preferences', 'Terms of Use', 'Investor Relations', 'Audio and Subtitles', 'Media Center', 'Privacy Statement', and a 'Service Code' field.



This screenshot shows the same Netflix 'Test participation' settings page, but the toggle for 'Include me in tests and previews' is turned OFF, indicated by a grey switch and the text 'OFF' next to it. The 'Done' button and footer links remain the same as in the previous screenshot.



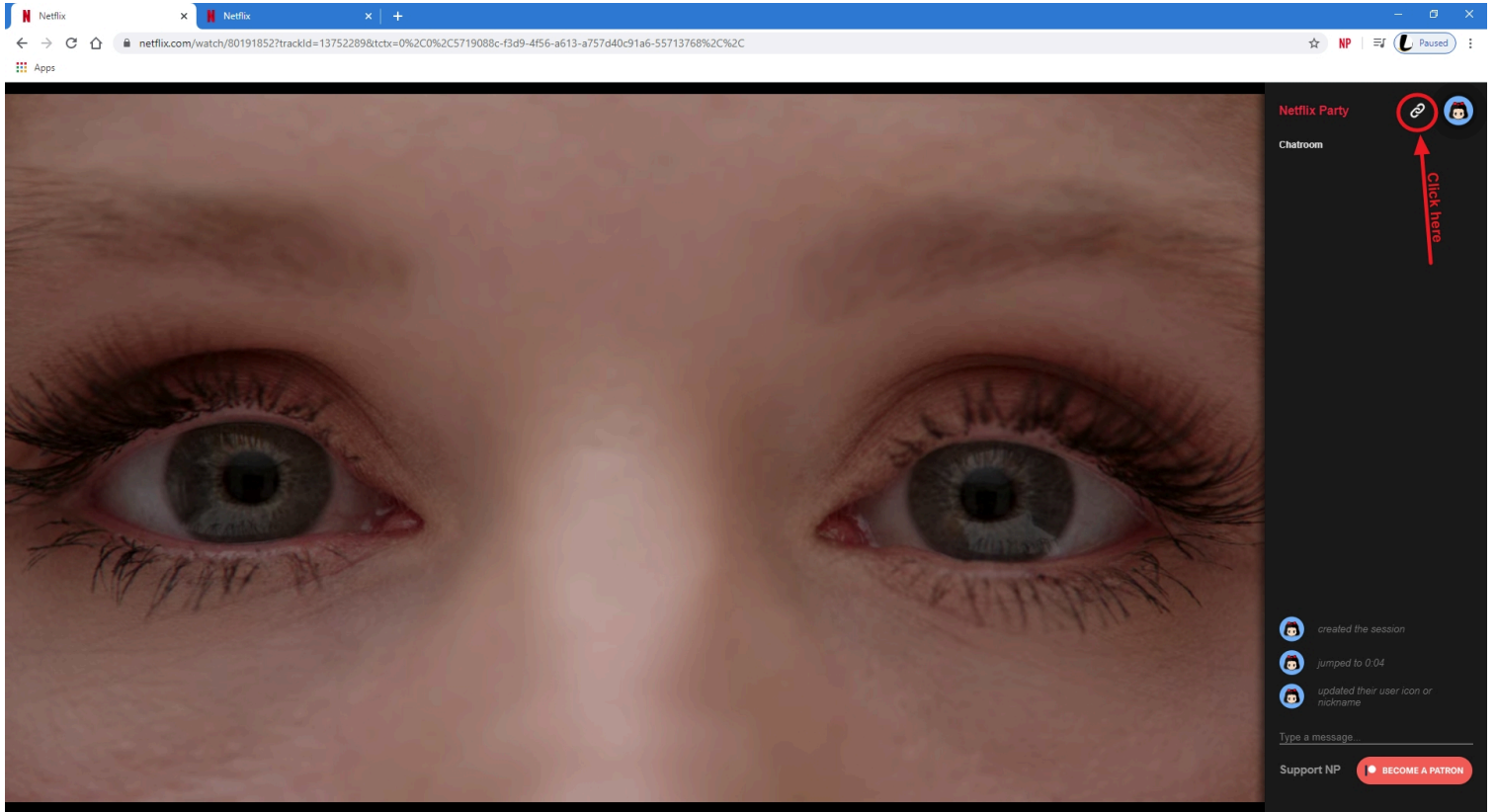
9. Now go back to the tab with your selected video and select **NP** then select **Start the party**. (You can also check the box labeled **Only I have control** if you wish to be the only one that controls the video.)



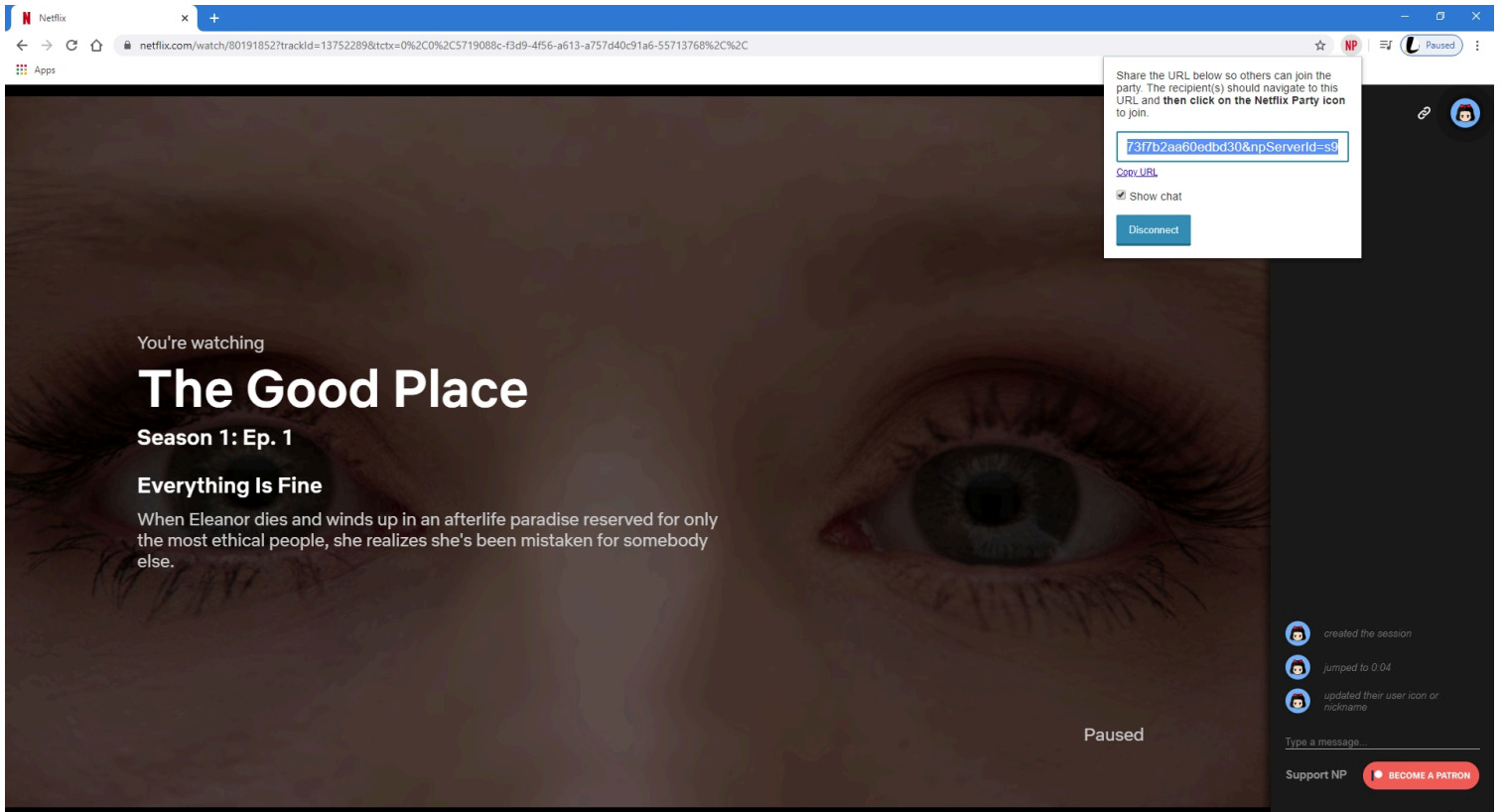
10. Click the **chainlink** at the top of the chat window to send a URL to your friends.





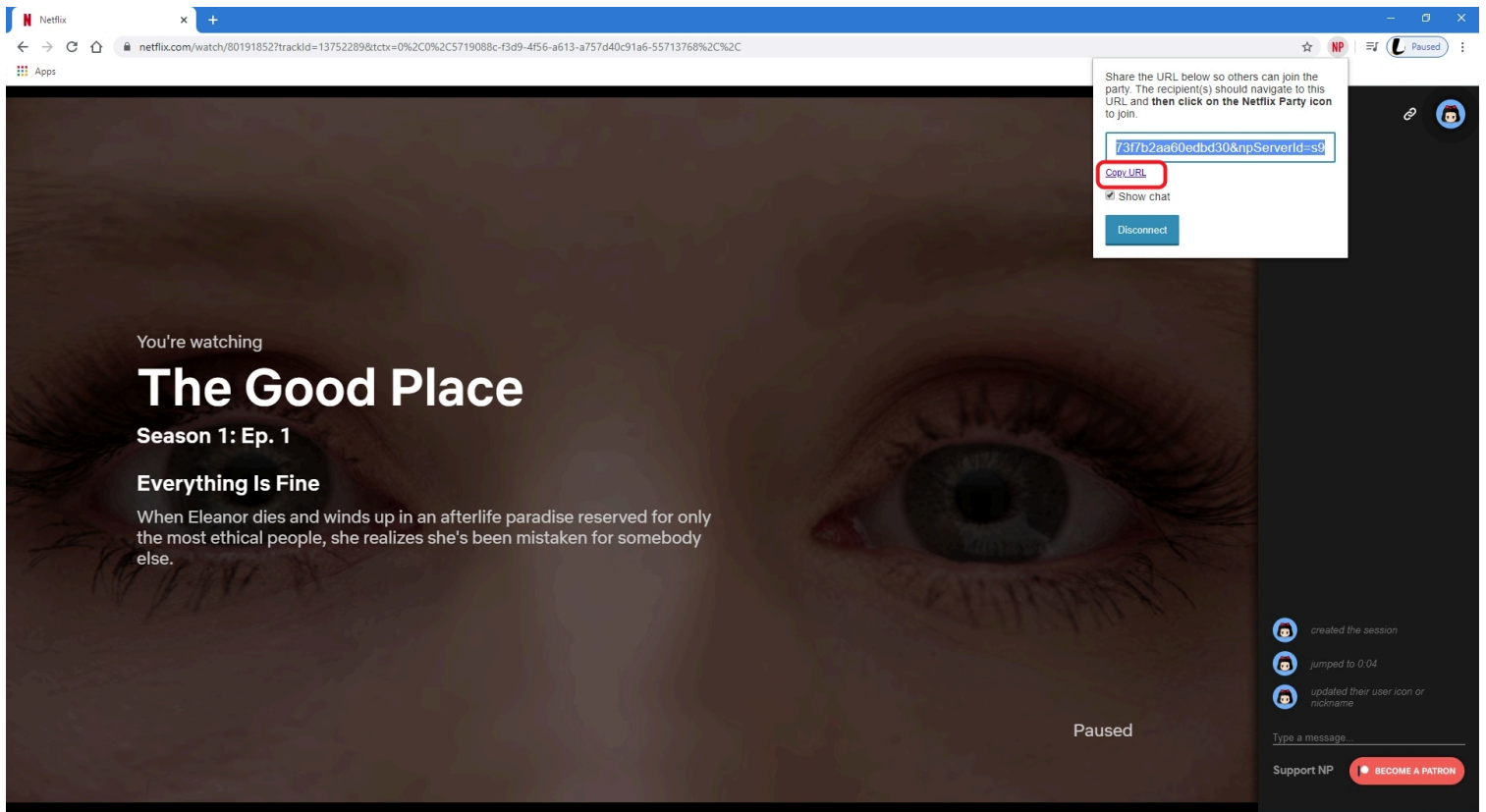


11. Then click the **NP** icon to get the URL to copy.





## 12. Click **Copy URL**.

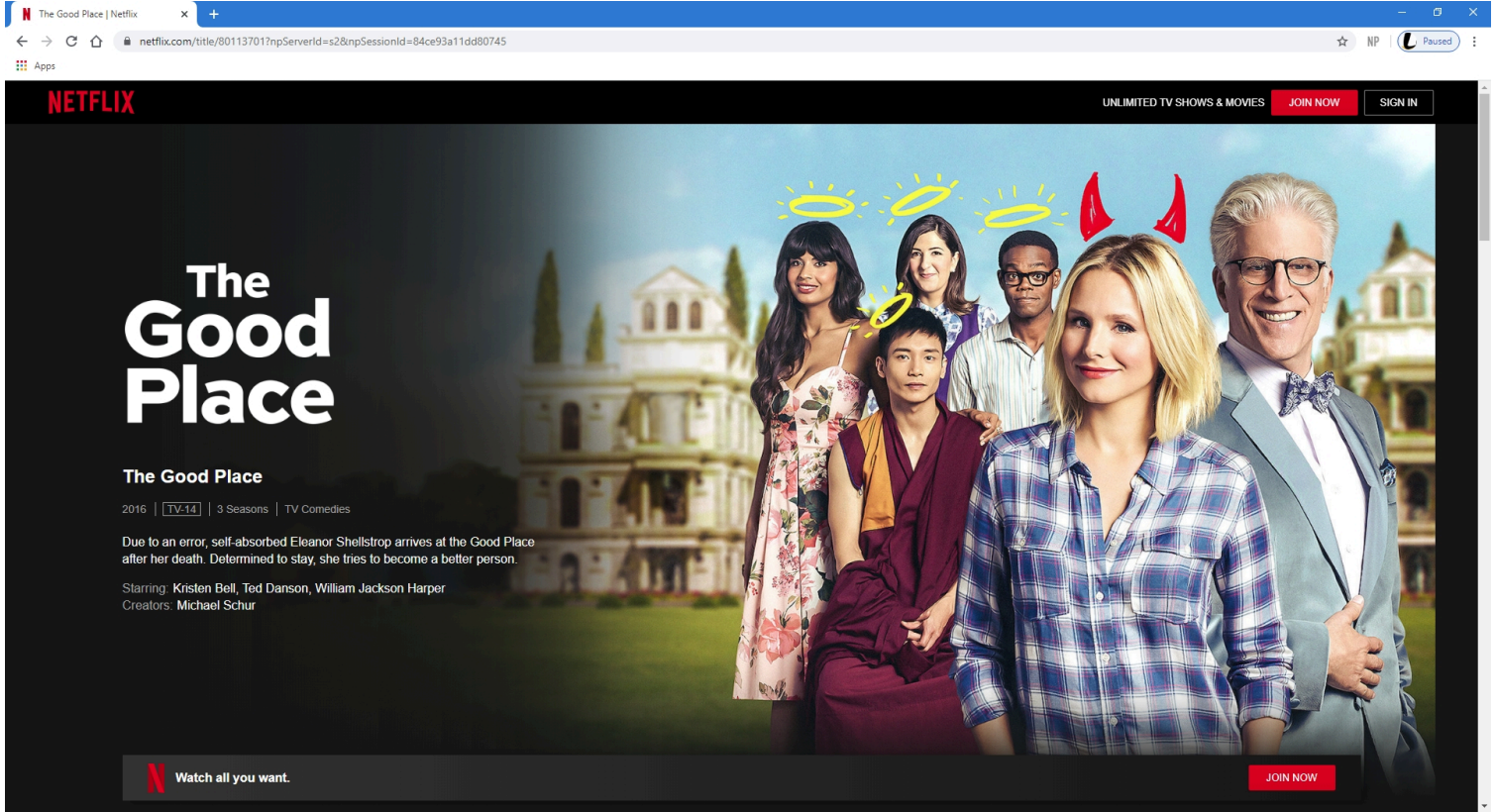


## 13. Now send away.

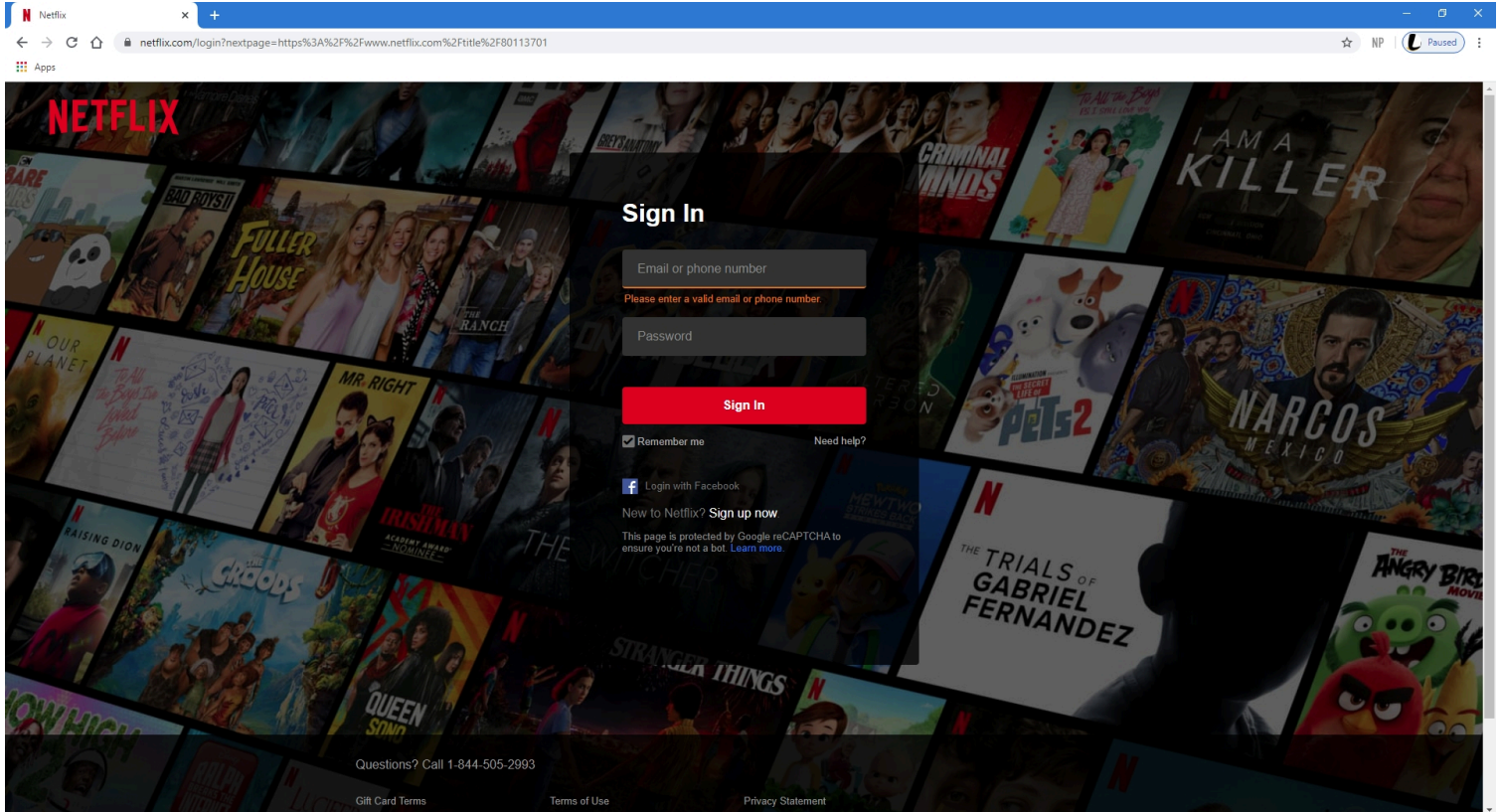
### Now, here's what your friends need to do:

1. Click on the URL you just sent them. (You may have to log into Netflix first.)



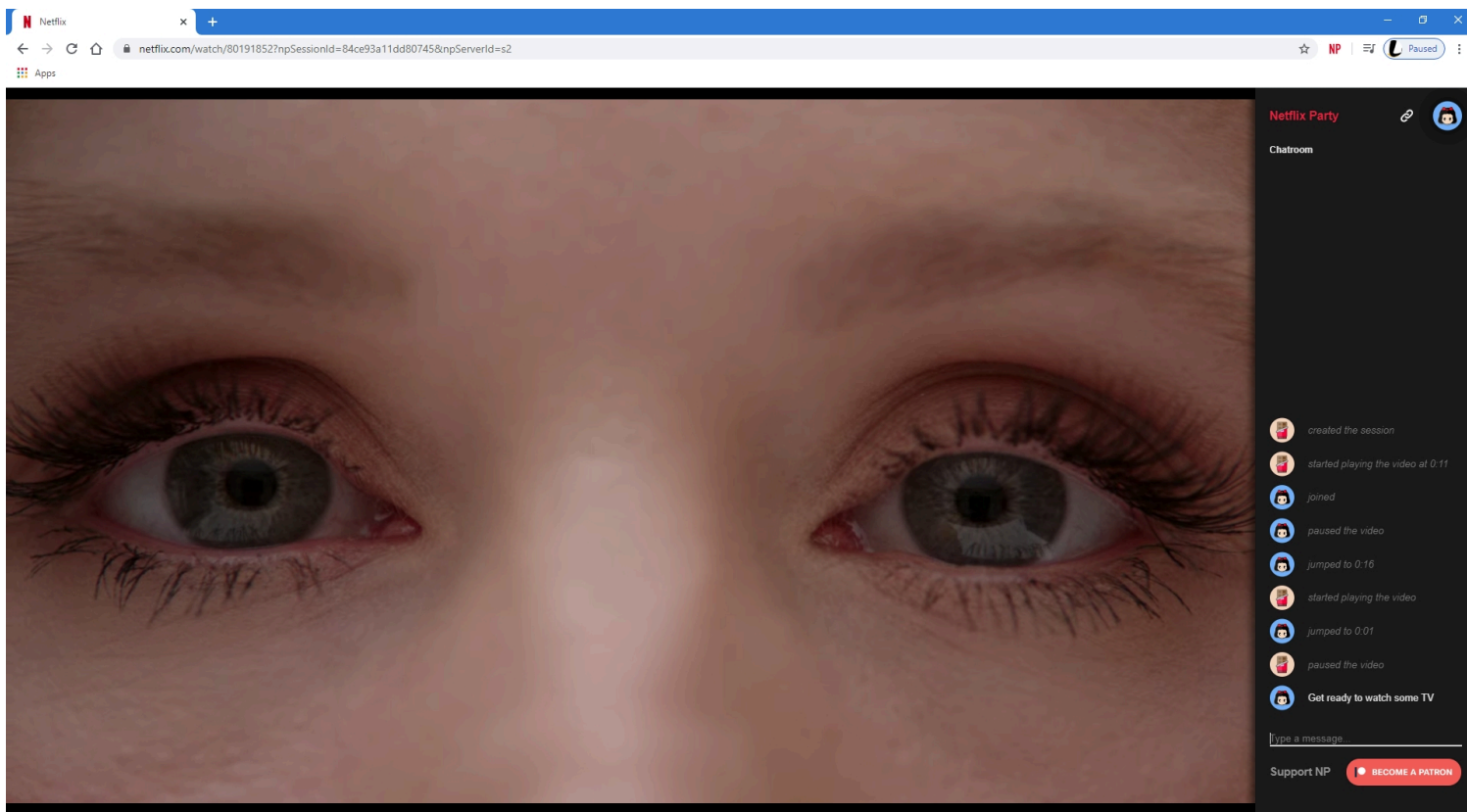


2. Click the **NP** icon in their Chrome browser. (They have to have the Netflix Party Chrome extension installed.)





### 3. Voila, they should be joined to your Netflix Party video.



Now you and your friends and family can enjoy some videos and chat away. You don't have to binge-watch all alone anymore. Feel connected and entertained at the same time.

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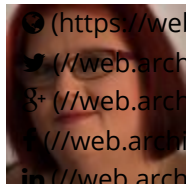
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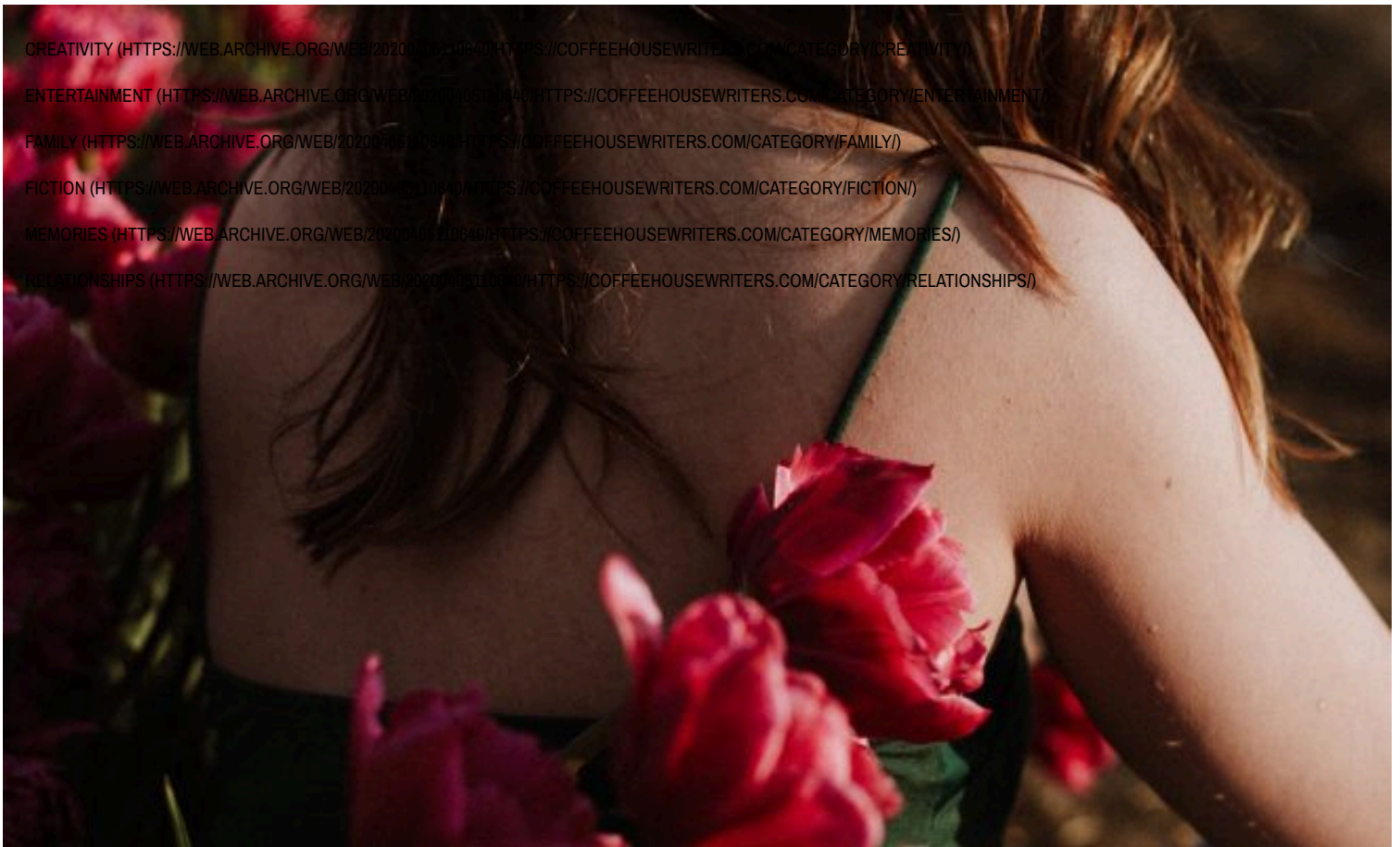
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