



“Moose antlers serve as visual signals” to quote *Ecology and Management of the North American Moose* (ISBN: 978-0-87081-895-0). “At short distances, antler angle toward the observer is an important gesture for assessment of rank, expression of dominance or submission, invitation to sparring or challenge to fight. A frontal display, with the neck and head held perpendicular, usually is a proposal for sparring. The neck and head down display... is a gesture of intimidation... A lateral display of antlers generally signals lower rank and a nonthreatening attitude. A moose waving its antlers, with palms nearly perpendicular, an elevated neck, combined with the animal’s swaying gait, signifies pending attack.” Shadow and Ry seem perfectly matched in their playful bout. But moose of all types engage in sparring...

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