



**Job: whore**

**Tips by women for prostituting women**

**An established job – but what in fact does a whore? Straddling  
her legs – is that all?????**

*I'm comforting, encouraging, listening.  
I show understanding, give  
comfort, have sympathy, demonstrate  
despair.  
I satisfy, beat, whip and  
shackle.  
I give humiliation.  
I am a mother, sister,  
pal  
and whore,  
social worker, dreamseller, therapist  
and however  
I feel like a soul hunter  
belonging to a bad sect, no-one  
wanting to belong  
or to confess to.  
  
I am a prostitute.*

(taken from: "Dancing lights in the Shadow: Prostitutes writing"  
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## **First some words to begin with**

Any woman selling herself has the idea to make quick and easy money to build up a secure existence (with or without a partner) either to support her family, to pay debts, to finance a formation or because of many other reasons. In most cases only a certain period of time is viewed to reach the wanted aim, but many stay longer... In the beginning experienced women thought they knew everything about the job and could reach any aim, until they knew this wouldn't be the case. Or they didn't want to admit not knowing everything by then. Time going by some of their illusions get lost, experiences and basic knowledge are made. Experienced women want to help on with their knowledge (for good and bad times). Here are some of their tips worth considering:

## **Be good to yourself.....be professional**

The above quoted poem shows the work of a sex seller. It's not a clearly defined job but various kinds in one. Soon it's over with the idea of only "straddling the legs". You must adopt to any suitor or client and play your special game which costs you physical and mental power:

Listen to yourself, take breaks, take a regular distance to your job:

Put up your legs!

Go for a walk!

Have a massage!

Take care of yourself!

Fixed working times and regular days-off are helpful.

Separate your working place from your flat – if possible.

## **Don't be always available – which makes you more interesting!**

Thing you can have at any time and place may soon lose their attraction.

Be aware of the service you can provide without having a personal damage. As long as you can look into the mirror and feel good it's ok. If you feel bad, you have to change something.

Be aware of the fact that the man in your work is a client and not your husband.

In case of offering special services not belonging to your standard repertory you should ask for more money.

## **Sign your NHS security!**

Diseases are not always realized at once and as you will know there are some of them being incurable (AIDS). **So above all use always a condom for your own protection.** Anyway hygiene and cleanliness are the essence in the job.

## **Sell yourself at a good price**

It's your aim to earn money and right here you will ask:  
"How will I achieve this?"

There are two possibilities for you to work: either according to the motto "good, cheap, permanent" i.e. you offer a lot and more for a low price, or you use your head to get more money for less work having nevertheless satisfied clients.

**The value you accord to yourself mirrors your prices.**

Generally spoken **Inform yourself about the current prices** which are to be considered as lowest limits.

For some women coming from a foreign country the argument may be true that she earns a lot of money but be aware that the money earned in this country doesn't really value much and you can even earn more.

**Don't make your own life and the life of other persons more difficult as it already is!**

**Create a cosy atmosphere.**

Clients are more willing to pay more in a cosy atmosphere. Give them a good feeling without giving away too much from yourself.

## **Esteem and respect**

The client wants to be esteemed and respected – so do you! That's why it's important for you to know what you want to offer and for which price. Remain stable (nice but stable), even when it's difficult and business is running bad. If he really wants to have what he wants he will pay your price. If not today, then another day. If once he succeeded in pushing down the price he will try it again and again.

And once more, **the client isn't your husband.**

Basically it's true: **if you know what you want you'll have a better basis for negotiations.**

Drugs diminish your will for **enforcement.**

Your colleagues want to be respected the same way as you do, i.e. you don't have to be best friends but you have to respect each other.

**In case of being insecure or having questions concerning the know-how you should address to experienced colleagues who will be willing to help you.**

## Security

It's always possible to be confronted with violent attacks by clients and you have to leave the room, or colleagues / janitors have to come into the room in order to help. That's why it's useful to close the door but to leave it unlocked.

To keep the situation in the room always under your control you should never turn your back to the client even if you have known him for some time.

Supply enough electric light to be able to see if there are any signs of diseases, crablouse etc.

In any case of disease reject the client.

### **Use always a condom – even for blow-jobs!**

Drugs have negative influence on your perception and weaken the immune system!

Create financial sources (e.g. savings, life insurance or similar) for your later life or forced working breaks (e.g. illness). **Keep away from them and only touch them in case of emergencies.** This is also true if you live with a partner – a separation from him is never excluded.

**Some of these points may astonish you – talk about them with older colleagues.**

In cooperation with the NHS office a special brochure on health by “Madonna” will be published soon.

Mrs Elisabeth Kemper from “Madonna” will be at your disposal for health questions from the beginning of September 2003 on.

In case of difficulties, crises and questions of any kind you may contact the information centre. They are subject to secrecy!

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