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Introduction

We were showered with compliments when the first S-work came out. 'It looks so good', 'Finally a magazine for us', 'I recognize so many stories'. Followed by the question: 'When will the next edition be?' At first we couldn't answer that. Money doesn't grow on our trees either. But thankfully, with the support of especially the City of Amsterdam and also thanks to our advertisers, we are proud to present to you: S-work edition 2.

Again with a lot of familiar stories that will make you smile and make you think. With information about where you can go when you need help or a change of direction in your life. With a quiz on safety and of course with our unsurpassed horoscope.

After 2012 the continuation of De Rode Draad will again be challenged. But our passion and devotion will remain no matter what.

Enjoy this S-work en we hope to see you again!

Alexandra van Dijk
director

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Metje
Morfnosis



line

text en photos: Metje Blaak

Line (26) is from Bulgaria and lives in our country since 2008. A Bulgarian pimp arranged for her to work at the Red Light District in Amsterdam. She was able to get rid of him after a month, which is why she has been working here independently behind the window for four years now. Line has a boyfriend who is working in a restaurant and with him she has got back on track again.

Why did you go into prostitution in Bulgaria?
'I was in art school and had a bad relationship with my mother. So, I left home at a young age. At first I worked in a bar and then almost automatically ended up in prostitution. A man wanted to help me and took me to the Netherlands. He told me that you can work here independently, without coercion. True, you can practice your profession freely here. Yet, he himself was the one abusing his power.'

How did you finally get rid of that bastard?
'I am blessed with a very strong character and I am a daredevil. I gave him a very big mouth. I was helped by a client, with whom I could live for a while. There are plenty of Bulgarian girls who still have a pimp. I personally would like to do different work, but as a Bulgarian I am not able to work everywhere I want. Luckily I am allowed to operate as a small entrepreneur in prostitution. Who knows, one day I will start my own business.'

Yes, that would be nice. Like what?
'Something with hats, I love hats.'



before the MetjeMorfnosis

I hope in the future I can photograph you in your own hat shop.
'I would also like to be a model. That is also an independent profession. Maybe I will register with a modeling agency soon.'



'I don't want to return to Bulgaria, I don't have any future over there. I've worked as a prostitute in Bulgaria, but that was much tougher. You're not free at all. Everyone, from top to bottom, is corrupt and tries - especially financially - to take advantage of you.'

after the MetjeMorphosis

1

MAKE-UP

I used foundation in two colours, matching her beautiful and smooth skin. I barely had to work on her eyes and eyebrows as they had been done nicely by herself. I added a tiny touch of eye shadow to her eyes and a bright red lipstick for her mouth.

2

HAIR STYLING

Line has beautiful thick, slightly curly hair. Since I had little to do, I only brushed her hair.

3

CLOTHING

Line can wear many colours. She has a perfect shape, with beautiful full breasts and a slim waist. You should not wear leather jackets if you're a little on the chubby side. But Line can well wear it. She tried them on in various colours. Of course I fitted her with a hat. Line has the radiance of a real professional model and she poses in an excellent way.





Phone call to De Rode Draad

I am 33 and have been on the game since my early 20's. Then I got married. Now I am divorced for 1 year and I want to be in the work again. Does a refreshers course exist for those who want to be back as sex workers?

Love at first sight

Mariska (16) had wanted a German Shepherd all of her life. She often looked in the newspaper whether dogs were for sale. One day she saw an ad for a puppy German shepherd. The dog costed 250 guilders. When she went there, the dog jumped up to her. It was love at first sight. From a pay phone, she called all her friends (there were no cellphones these days). But nobody wanted to lend her the necessary amount of money, not even her parents. Sadly, she went home. By chance, she overheard someone telling that she had been at the game and that gave Mariska an idea. She could start immediately. After only a few Johns she already had enough money to collect her dog. She was very happy. She remained for years in the profession. The dog got old with her.



Phone call to De Rode Draad

I have a somewhat strange question. I am three years in prostitution now and have decided to have a child with my partner. That is why I want to stop using birth control. Should I also stop working then?



Phone call to De Rode Draad

My neighbours threaten me. They have discovered what kind of work I do. They have thrown a brick through my bedroom window and painted WHORE on my front door. What's more: neighbourhood boys abuse me, calling me all kinds of names. Can I go to the police or won't they bother at all?



Phone call to De Rode Draad

I work in an Amsterdam window crib and want to take a week off. The boss tells me I should also pay rent for my crib while absent or else I will lose my spot (and of course also my clients). What can I do?

A true story

The betrayal of Cleopatra



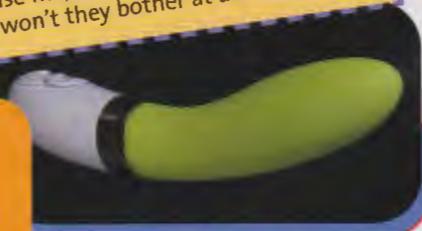
On the photo: Cleopatra

Metje was eating in a restaurant with her partner, when, a few tables away a customer and his wife sat down. She avoided looking at him, but her dog Cleopatra had recognized him and ran cheerfully towards the man and greeted him, barking. Metje was very embarrassed and pulled back her dog, muttering an excuse: the man looked like her father. The wife eyed her suspiciously and said, 'I thought dogs went after scent.' And she hissed: 'Get out of here with that cunt eater of yours, you filthy bitch.'



A new customer

It was nine o'clock in the morning. The night before I had worked until late and I was still in my dressing gown with matching pink slippers. My head was all in Carmen curlers and my face was covered with a nourishing mask. The door bell rang. In general, my clients didn't bother about my looks, I was - as it were - as much as married to them. However, at the door stood a new customer; I had forgotten the appointment completely. A neat gentleman looked at me. Then he shook his head and said, 'No, I don't go for this. I have got this at home as well.'



From sex workers for sex workers

The Rode Draad (The Red Thread) is an expertise and information centre for sex work. The majority of our employees are (former) sex workers. They know the world of prostitution from their own experience. Our goal is to improve working conditions for sex workers m/f.

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If you have any questions about your work, your rights, taxes, or anything else that has to do with sex work, please contact our helpdesk. If you have problems, such as housing or debt, we can refer you to the proper expert or authority. Do you want to quit working? We can put you in touch with the right person or organization. Do you know about or are you experiencing coerced or otherwise involuntary working conditions exploitation or human trafficking, report it to us. This can be done anonymously.

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We visit you

Our field workers visit sex workers at their workplace, not only in Amsterdam but everywhere in the Netherlands and answer all their questions. We hand out information material and brochures on many topics that may interest you. We also distribute our own magazine S-work. Maybe you just received the S-work that way from us.

What else we do

- Because we visit workplaces throughout the country and talk to many sex workers, we are well informed about the situation within the Dutch sex industry.
- On a regular basis we are in close consultation with policymakers on different levels, such as municipalities, national and local politicians, health organizations. During these talks we gladly use the input you give us. So it is important for us to be informed properly; so that we may focus on improving the position of sex workers.
- De Rode Draad is counsellor to several governmental and non-governmental organizations and its relevant representatives.
- When we hear of evidently poor working condition or involuntary situations, we inform proper authorities to put an end to them. NB: We work with a strict privacy policy.
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Organizations around the world

Would you like to get in touch with an organization that provides support and information to sex workers?

A list of Dutch organizations is available in this S-work (see page 22) while a list of organizations around the world can be found on our website www.rodedraad.nl/adressen.

These are organizations both within and outside Europe. The list provides contact information, and a short description of the activities.

A true story

A beautiful death

Tommy Tom loved having candle grease on his glans. Frequently I also had to burn his chest hair with a cigarette lighter. He loved pain.

Tommy Tom was the general manager of a nearby company. A few of my customers also worked for this company. They didn't think highly of their boss; They thought he was somewhat of a dictator. On a Monday morning around eleven o'clock one of his employees stood on my doorstep. 'Shouldn't you work', I asked. 'No', he said, 'we are having a day off all of a sudden, because our boss Tom has passed away.' I was shocked: 'What happened?' The man said: 'He was on a safari in Africa and had a helicopter accident. He was burned alive.' I checked myself, but had almost said, 'What a beautiful death for Tommy Tom.'

A true story

Ritual

Years ago I worked in a club in Arnhem. I started the evenings around nine o'clock. One night when I walked in there was somewhat of a strange atmosphere. It did not feel pleasantly. The proprietress asked if I wanted to do a special ritual. I had to throw a glass of gin and seven lumps of sugar over my shoulder, backwards, to the outside. I did what was asked and believe it or not, within the hour the club was full of customers.

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My favorite customer

text: Metje Blaak

I think Dirk was already in his seventies. On Christmas Eve he stood at my doorstep with his flowing white beard and his gray curls wreath around a balding head. With a red hat he could have been Santa Claus. He tightly held on to a bag from a pharmacy. When he sat down on my white leather couch, I was convinced the bag contained a recently purchased toy. I asked, 'Coffee, sir?' 'No', he shook his head strongly, 'just give me a drink.' He bowed his head sadly and said: 'I can't stand it anymore.' 'Can't stand what?' I asked, curiously. 'This', he yelled rebelliously and tore the pharmacist's bag open. There were three small packs of astronauts' food. 'Every day could be the last! The only thing she can take in, is this and then only with a straw. Today she didn't even want this anymore.' I softly asked: 'Who did not want it anymore?' He looked at me. A tear trickled down along his nose. Like a child he wiped it off with his fist: 'Jantje, my wife. She is dying. She has cancer in her throat.' He took the drink in one gulp.



Automatically,
I poured a new one.
Meanwhile, he took one of the packages and put a straw in it. Then he begged me: 'Please drink it. This is good for you.' At first I didn't want to do it, but when I looked into his honest eyes, I gave in. Carefully I swallowed the sweet stuff. He did not turn his gaze away from me. At the moment the cardboard package made a gurgling sound, he cried out like a child so happy: 'It's finished! Now you will get better, Jantje', and he clapped his hands.

Then he wanted sex. Just ordinary straight up-and-down. He laid on me pumping, without flattening me out with his big round belly. After that he sat totally relaxed with me on the couch for a while. He came back on Christmas and Boxing Day, and a few days afterwards. He brought along the packs dutifully. Until I saw the obituary in the newspaper that Jantje had passed away. I never saw him again.

Migration Crime, another term for human trafficking, is covered by the Immigration Police. In our region the Immigration Police Department and the Youth and Vice Squad unit form the Prostitution Control Team together. This team carries out inspections in prostitution-licensed companies. There are seven companies in our region and they are checked six times a year as agreed in the national policy.

What does the police do against human trafficking?

Rob (53), chief of Immigration Police region Hollands-Midden (Leiden-Gouda and surroundings) is happy to explain.

All employees of the Prostitution Control Team have had a special training in handling techniques. Because we find it important to deal properly with sex workers and operators. It is also prescribed by national policy.

We check o6-numbers on the internet. A policeman can pretend to be a customer, but may not ask for (for example) an underage

girl, because that is provocation. We visit Thai and Chinese massage parlours as well, but we must be careful not to provoke. We always try to find out to what extent a woman works voluntarily. We always give her a phone number so that she can call us. If she is exploited (for example because she has to hand over a part or all of her income) or doesn't work voluntarily (for instance, because someone else has her passport), she can apply for the B9 regulation. There is a three-month period to consider whether you want to report your exploiter. Shelter, social benefits, and medical assistance (if necessary) are arranged for you. If you decide to cooperate in the detection and prosecution of the suspects, you get a temporary residence permit. This gives you the right to work in the Netherlands. It does not matter whether the defendant is ultimately convicted, you can't be deported as an EU citizen. However, benefits and shelter stop at the end of the course.

It is frustrating that there are still pimps hanging around. Especially in the window areas you see them. However, we can't just arrest them. There must be evidence, which is a lot of work to collect. It is not always necessary a sex worker to testify. A number of facts can be stacked as evidence as well, but with an additional testimony, the evidence is stronger.

I would like to emphasize that you really can trust the police. There could be a 'rotten apple' in there, but in the Netherlands, the police are not corrupt. We want to help.

Our fight against coercion and exploitation in prostitution is high on our list of priorities. Each region has a specialized and trained staff. Please ask for them. Even if it's not about you but somebody else, come and tell us!

The Rode Draad would also like to emphasize that the police are OK. Do not believe it when your pimp says that the police in the Netherlands can't be trusted as (probably) in your own country. Over here it is not like that. Consult the police if you can no longer cope with your situation! You can enter any police station.

Data 2011

In 2011, the police investigated about 900 cases of trafficking or exploitation, mostly in the sex industry. Over 260 cases were taken to court of which 58% led to a conviction.

Since the police have improved their approach to sex workers, more victims are willing to make a statement.

Their number has increased from 5% to 35%. Women, including non-Dutch victims, may be entitled to compensation through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund. This is even possible if in the end nobody is convicted. In the process against a perpetrator women can demand a compensation for immaterial damages and for the lack of income.



Over 260 cases



The Fatal Trap

text: Terry van der Zijden

In this book, chief inspector Henk Werson writes about his experience in fighting human trafficking and forced prostitution. He talks about victims and perpetrators and the way girls are trapped. A lot of women, who have never been involved with prostitution, think that something like coercion and exploitation could never happen to them. Henk Werson shows that neither a good education, nor a warm social environment protects you against it. That is the main theme of this book, giving the victims back the respect and the place in society they deserve.

Henk Werson
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Books on sex work

text: bookworm



On female sex workers many books have been written. One of our favourites is **In Lucia's Eyes by Arthur Japin**. The writer came to De Rode Draad for inside information. The book is about an Italian woman, living in the eighteenth century, who came to Amsterdam to work in prostitution and built a mysterious reputation, because she always covered her face with a veil. **Widow for One Year by John Irving** also takes place in Amsterdam, but in the twentieth century. This writer too has been informed by De Rode Draad about the ups and downs in the Amsterdam Red Light district. In one of the main characters, constable Harry Hoekstra, we recognize the former police officer Flip de Fluiter.

Lily White Scarlet Red by Michel Faber is a large, but breathtaking book about an intelligent young prostitute in nineteenth century London. If you like to read a classic, but sad story, **Keetje Tippel by Neel Doff** is your book. It is supposed to be autobiographical, but we are not sure of that. Keetje was forced by her mother to walk the streets. The book ends well, as in the movie, made by Paul Verhoeven.

A modern classic, **11 Minutes by Paolo Coelho**, is a novel about a woman forced into prostitution, but who manages to escape. The main character is not portrayed as a pitiful victim, but as a strong woman. Is it realistic? You may decide for yourself. We know some women with the same experiences that have devoured this book.

One of the few novels in which a male sex worker is portrayed in an acceptable way is **The Parts by Keith Ridgway**.

Want to impress clients? Then put the following classics on your bedside table: **Crime and Punishment by Dostoyevsky**, **Nana by Emile Zola** and **Woman from Rome by Moravia**.

*Where would literature be
without prostitution,
without you?*

Request

How is your relationship? Do you tell your partner what type of work you do? One sex worker said: 'If my boyfriend would like my profession, I would suspect him of pimp tendencies. If he wants me to stop, I will lose my income.'

What about a partner who does your accounting? Is he/she simply a cooperating partner? And what if he takes care of your safety or is also your driver? Is your relationship still equal?

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What are the major issues when you start being on the game and being a drag queen? What's it like to work cribs in Antwerp and Groningen? How does Bas look back on the years when he worked in boys clubs? (see page 12-13)

Paul van Gelder

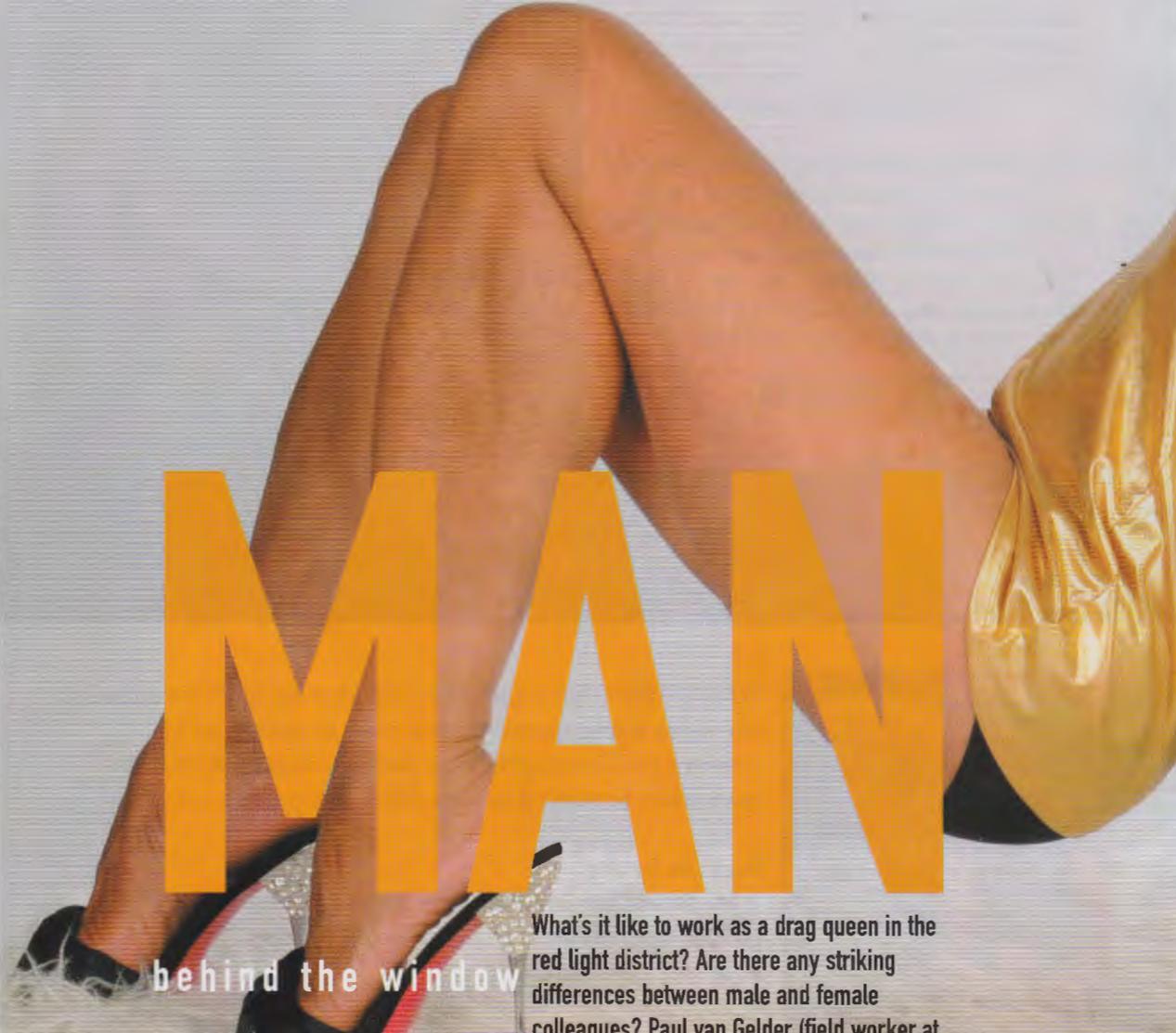
'I am myself but also I'm not' A transverse view of gender, diversity and sexual self-determination.

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With the word 'male' in your passport, and being on the game, you can't find any work in the Netherlands. In the hookers-barges (knocking shops moored in a canal at the Zandpad in Utrecht), only women are allowed. Also in the Doubletstreet (another part of the same red light district) in The Hague a male gamer stands little chance. The crib owners do not want it. Most flavours are available in The Hague Geleenstreet, on

the Wallen of Amsterdam and in Antwerp (Belgium). There are special places for drags. Also transgender (men who feel and live as a woman) are accepted there. Customers sometimes have to get used to transvestites. Bas noticed as much when he decided to go to Groningen. 'Beforehand, I called whether I could work there. They first wanted to ask the girls what they thought of a male colleague. They did not think it was a problem.



MANN

behind the window

text: Paul van Gelder
photo: Renate von Gatzke,
photostudio

What's it like to work as a drag queen in the red light district? Are there any striking differences between male and female colleagues? Paul van Gelder (field worker at SHOP, The Hague) talked with Bas (31), who works as Nathalya in the Geleenstraat (in the red light district) in The Hague, and wrote a book about these conversations.

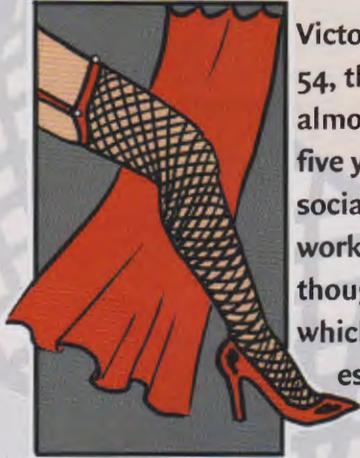
(see page 11)

So I went to Groningen. I got a nice crib, at the far end of a street; so as far away as possible. Johns reacted strongly though: spitting at my window, threats.' Bas went to the owner and then got a workplace at the beginning of the street, near the owner's lodge. Over there the street is narrower, safer and also more fun. As to the difference with female

workers Bas says: 'Both provide sex-related services. That is all similar. The customer's requirements are of course different. There is, however, a big difference whether a John goes to a cat or to a trav. Clients know, when visiting a transvestite, they get something extra. These men come for something very specific. But for us, either cat or trav, work remains the same.'



Victoria has just made a new move



Victoria is from Russia and is a well-groomed woman of 54, though it doesn't show. She married a Dutchman almost twenty years ago and got a Dutch passport. After five years of marriage they broke up and she applied for social benefits, but she was refused. Instead she had to work in horticulture and sorted sweet peppers. She thought it was awful. When she saw an advertisement in which women were requested to work for a high class escort agency, her choice was easy.

Victoria: 'After two months I met an older Japanese businessman at my job, who took care of me on condition that I stopped working. He visited me every two months and promised to buy me a business. But unfortunately this didn't happen, he ended the arrangement after two years. The escort didn't take me back: they had warned me not to get involved with customers.'

She started working at a posh club in Amsterdam. But soon she got acquainted with an American who wanted to marry her. He still had to divorce though. In the meantime, he sent her tickets to go on holiday together. 'I believe in love', Victoria laughs and she shows photo after photo. Las Vegas, Niagara Falls, New York: she's been everywhere with him. When the separation got through, he went into a depression. At some point she heard nothing from him. Victoria also became depressed. She had no money, lost her house, and got hooked on tranquilizers.

The chic club didn't take her back. She went from club to club, each time less chic. When De Rode Draad visited her a few months ago, she seized her chance and took the step to a different life. The Prostitution Social Services (Prostitutie Maatschappelijk Werk) helped her with housing and benefits. She had to wait almost three months, but now she's going to get an advance. 'Look', she says and shows a letter. She was in such a difficult financial situation, that she almost wanted to give up. Also because she still has to pay off some debts.

In order to keep the social benefits, Victoria has to work twenty hours a week. 'I'd prefer to work in childcare. But I'm afraid my Dutch is not good enough. The social agency thought that I could work at a massage salon. My plan now is to get a diploma on Social Hygiene. Then I can work as a business manager for a chain of clubs. They already offer me a job. Hopefully I also will find a nice man again...'

illustrations: Petra Urban

Temya is dreaming of a different job



Temya (32) is from Romania, she has been in the Netherlands for ten years now and she speaks Dutch very well. 'I had a hard life in Romania. I grew up with seven brothers and with parents who should not have been together in the first place. When I was eleven, they abandoned us and I had to take care of my four younger brothers. When I was eighteen, I wanted to go away in order to build a better life for us. After I managed to place my brothers in an orphanage, I left for Cyprus. There I was promised work as a stripper, but I ended up in prostitution. I stayed there for six months.'

'Two
years later,
someone helped
me to come to the
Netherlands (back
then you still needed a
visa). I had to pay him
half of my income for
one year. I first
worked on the street

and later for an escort service. I had a relationship with a Dutch man and that is why I got a residence permit. But this relationship didn't last long, so I had to work again. Because Romanians and Bulgarians cannot be employed without a work permit, I started working as a self-employed in a red light district. I got a temporary ID card from the Immigration Office. On the back of the card it reads: 'independent prostitute'. I hardly dared to show it. One year later I got new card, which simply said 'self-employed'.'

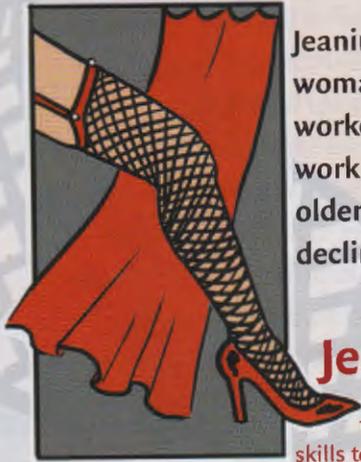
Then one of her brothers came over to the Netherlands and he robbed her entire house. Later another brother came and lived on her expenses for quite some time. Temya got into debt and got depressed.

It was difficult, but she pulled herself together and started a (private) training in the tourism business. Unfortunately, due to illness, she could not finish the training.

Temya still works at the red light district, though she wants nothing more than change her career. She is sure she will finish her training and she is dreaming of a job with an airline company. 'Life has hurt me very much', she says. 'When I smile, I always feel a tear. But I don't want to cry anymore... I feel strong again and will not surrender until my dreams have come true and I am completely happy with my life', she adds proudly.

Later she texted: 'Thanks for the nice evening. Hopefully my story may help others.'

Jeanine decided to put her cards on the table



Jeanine, a tall, blonde, typically Dutch 36-year-old woman, worked in the business for eight years. She worked voluntarily and enjoyed it. She mainly did escort work, but tried her luck in various clubs. When she got older and realized her earnings were beginning to decline, she started to think about her future.

Jeanine:

'A friend told me that I had the skills to become a psychiatric nurse as I was accustomed to crazy people.' Jeanine liked the idea. During the training she could start work right away and get a salary. First she had to find an internship at an institution and therefore she needed to apply. 'I had a lot of sleepless nights over it', says Jeanine. 'How could I explain the eight-year gap of working in the sex industry on my CV? I could not say that I had stayed at home for the children as I have none. What to do: put my cards on the table or hide them? Finally I made my

decision: I would tell the truth. After all, psychiatry is a profession where you have to be sure of your ground and I had learned that in all these years. In my application letter, I also mentioned that I had become a good judge of human character.'

She received a call for an interview and was very nervous. However, it went well and she could start the training. That was four years ago. 'I went down in salary a lot. But I knew that I would have a diploma to give me a future.' Not every colleague had to know about her background. It was enough that her coaches did. Now Jeanine is a psychiatric nurse and very proud of what she has achieved.



Show the cards or not?

Jeanine's advice

- Does your experience with sex work add anything to your new job? You can emphasize certain talents, such as good interpersonal skills.
- Can you bridge the gap in your CV by something else, such as the care for your children or travelling?
- Are you confident during an interview about your sex work? The more you express pride, the fewer people will be negative about it.
- Do you see a new job as a career switch, like so many other people do? Act likewise and give it this positive name.

Magdalena does not know what to do anymore



Magdalena, from the Dominican Republic, is in her late 30's. She's been in the Netherlands for many years, holds a Dutch passport and speaks the language well. She has two children and makes a living as a sex worker in a club. The father of her children is absent. For several years now she intends to quit.

'The first time I stopped, I was rather optimistic', begins Magdalena. 'I had put something aside to tide me over until I'd have found a new job. As I couldn't put this particular type of experience in my resume, I said that I had just been a housewife.' Magdalena had set her mind to an administrative job. However, no matter how she tried, she wasn't able to find her dream job, having no demonstrable experience in the field.

Her savings ran out and she had only one option left: back to the club. She was welcomed back warmly and worked two years with reasonable enjoyment.

'Then I got in touch with an organization that helps sex workers with career changes. I assumed that they could help me find training and social benefits. I left the club again and lived on my savings. To my surprise, the application for unemployment benefits was rejected. My money ran out and the training for account manager which I wanted, was not yet arranged. There was no other choice but to go back to the club.'

A second time she was welcomed back heartily. However Magdalena had little energy left to still be enthusiastic in her work. Also, clients were few and far between, more so than in past years. She had really thought that in the Netherlands things would have been organized differently. She sighs again. She is at a loss for now.

Is it difficult to get a social benefit?

Answer by Wendel Schaeffer P&G 292 (Prostitution and Health Centre) in Amsterdam:

At P&G 292, we have a contact at the DWI, the agency in Amsterdam administering the benefits. When a sex worker wants to stop and a welfare payment is required, the application is usually successful. For other self employed citizens it is often somewhat more difficult. However prostitution has a unique position in so far that it can never be forced upon a person by the municipality or by welfare agencies.

Sometimes obtaining a benefit is more complicated:

- when there is no registration address.
- when someone stays on the same address for a while, but is not able to register at the place.
- when someone is not entitled to benefits because of his/her foreign origin.

What are your experiences with applying for benefits? Let us know at info@rodedraad.nl

DOES THE PENIS SHOW THE MAN?



The dream cock

It looks like a beautiful, attractively modelled dildo that goes up to his navel. The smooth tight balls look equally alluring. At close inspection, you will see that this cock is thinner at the root, which is quite misleading. The top of the cock has a decent size, but underneath it is slightly disappointing. In any event, this cock belongs to a man who can make love well. However, he can suddenly get angry during the act, especially by trivial questions like: 'Is the door locked?' The parallel bluish veins stand for order and cleanliness.



The unpredictable cock

A tough guy is often strong in life. He is not afraid and prefers unapproachable women. The shiny glans is ready for use. He does not need any lubricant, as he produces plenty of this himself. The veins run horizontally. That means obstinacy and explains his attraction at the same time. You could call the owner of this cock a nice 'bad Harry', as unpredictable as a stubborn cat. Showing his penis, but not his balls gives some room to the imagination. He is a devoted lover, who does not just want a common shag, but one with fore- and after play.



The introvert cock

This is a magnificent specimen. The owner loves softness, though his hard member would suggest he is a pusher. He makes you enjoy yourself without putting himself first. He may seem a bit apathetic during the act and he is not generous with his compliments. However, this is only the outside, because the emotions and hormones rage through his body. Women often do not understand him. The position of his scrotum, expressing disappointment, shows this. His firm thighs illustrate his will power and the horizontal veins on his cock tell us that sometimes he can be obstinate.

Especially for S-work I was sent seven photos of the male genitals. I do not know their owners.

A man's appearance usually tells me what type of cock he has.

Now I had to do this the other way round.

Studying the pictures, I immediately knew who I was dealing with.

DOES THE PENIS SHOW THE MAN?



The soft but willing cock

It is willing, but not always, because the owner thinks too much and wants too much. He is very entertaining, although a partner will not always understand him. During lovemaking, the owner of this small Willy likes joking, as for him sex and humour go together. I see hardly any veins, hence the soft flesh. In the middle and to the side we see a mount of Venus, which stands for intelligence and a prolonged foreplay. This man does not always need to ejaculate. He finds this less important, as he always experiences a brief mental breakdown afterwards.



The proud cock

The proud cock always works, under all circumstances. Its owner likes to do it in crazy places and he loves adventure. The beautiful head radiates health and vitality. Its boss likes to eat before sex, preferably with the one he is going to make love to. The visible thick seam on his genitals shows that this man is particularly sensitive to his partner's sent. This should be to his taste, otherwise, he will not take action. He also has quite sensitive balls. His motto is: stroke, do not squeeze.



The feeling cock

This arrogant, self-conscious dick looks like an old factory pipe, but without the smoke plume. It is smooth, quite large, but rather thin. The blue head means a good blood flow. This man is straightforward like his cock, but requires a lot of his partner(s). He can sustain very long without a trace of fatigue, unless you make him angry. Then his stately cock will collapse like a pudding. He does not bother about your sex drive at all. You really have to move heaven and earth to get the factory pipe smoking again.



The little hat, formed by the foreskin

This cock is from a man who loves to have sex just up and down. The rooflet on the top of his penis means that he is a bit lazy. He gladly has his partner do the work. This is because the tip of the skin is the most sensitive spot. This man does his best only for a new conquest. In addition, he loves verbal sex and foul language especially during the act. The colour of his pubic hair shows that he is over sixty. His testosterone level is still high. The owner of this cock will remain potent for a long time.

text: Metje Blaak

illustration: Fenna Westerdiep



As sex workers you sometimes experience things that are not correct or even plainly wrong. Ideally you would like to report this to the police. But you do not want them to know your name. What you could do is call to **Report Crime Anonymously (abbreviated M.)**. You can tell what you saw or what you have experienced, without giving away your identity.

Will my message be truly anonymous?

Report Crime Anonymously is called over 100,000 times a year. The switchboard operators are trained to listen carefully to your story, which remains strictly confidential. Your anonymity is always respected.

Is my ID traceable?

Report Crime Anonymously does not in any way tape or register your name and number. Their system does not even see your phone number. So they won't call you back.

Is Report Crime Anonymously part of the policeforce?

Report Crime Anonymously is not in any way part of a police branche. It is an independent organization and only an emergency hotline. It was established about ten years ago to make our country a safer place.

What happens with my message?

The people at M. will tell you directly when they will report your story to the police. They won't give away the identity of the caller. The police don't even know who works at M! Once the police accept the report, M. deletes your story from it's system. It is not filed.

The police will act upon a report. However, any anonymous message is checked first: is it accurate and true? The police can't just invade somewhere or arrest someone, on a report from the Crime Report Anonymously. Are the facts correct, is there more information on a suspect or an address? Further research may yield new facts. If these facts substantiate the anonymous tip, the police take action.

text: Roxane Aggeris



SCHIJN BEDRIEGT

Dwangarbeid in de prostitutie, een vorm van mensenhandel, is een zeer ernstig misdrijf.

Herken jij de signalen?

- angst
- blauwe plekken
- geen 'plezier' in het werk

Stop mensenhandel
Meld Misdad Anoniem (M.)

BEL M • 0800-7000

www.meldmisdadanoniem.nl

'I often visit a prostitute who used to be rather cheerful. However, lately she has been quite depressed and she often has bruises all over her body. Where can I report this?'

Does anyone else know that I called?

Nobody knows your name. So nobody can pass on that you have filed a report. There are no tape recordings made of your call. M. does not note your name, address or any personal information. Did you accidentally give your name? M. won't record it.

What languages do M's operators speak?

Employees speak Dutch, English and German. If you do not speak any of these languages well, there is no problem. M. always takes plenty of time for a call.

Do I get any feedback later on?

Unfortunately that's not possible, because your report will remain anonymous. Does it make sense to report? Yes, research into the results of M. shows that one in eight reports filed through Report Crime Anonymously leads to an arrest.

What does a call cost?

A call to 0800 - 7000 is free of charge.

'My neighbour is a sex worker, as I am. Her phone rings all the time and I see her rarely outside. She cries a lot. What can I do?'

Report Crime Anonymously (M.) T. 0800 - 7000

**Do you want to quit the business, start another life and do you need help?
These social care organizations have special exit programmes.**

Groningen

Terwille Foundation (Stichting Terwille)

Project *Perspectief+*: exit programme for sex workers in Groningen (red light district and street work).
050 313 07 00
(Mon-Fri 10-12 and 19-22)
www.terwille.nl

Addicts Care Northern Netherlands

Project *Nachtvliender* (Night Butterfly): A study on needs and opportunities for (addicted) street sex workers, in Groningen.
050 522 56 00
www.vnn.nl

Friesland

Fier Fryslân

Shelter and counselling for Friesian victims of lover boys and for women who want to quit prostitution.
0900 567 567 8
www.fierfryslan.nl

Overijssel

City Zwolle

Project 'regional exit programme for prostitution in the region IJssel-Vecht' making the exit programme of the Zwolle municipality also available in the region. The implementation of the project is done by the organization for social services, De Kern.
038 425 88 88

Carinova

For sex workers from the region of Ommen, Dalfsen, Hardenberg, Staphorst, Raalte, Olst-Wijhe and Deventer.
0900 8662
www.carinova.nl
info@carinova.nl

Gelderland

Hotline Special Care / GGD-Nijmegen

Meldpunt Bijzondere Zorg/GGD-Nijmegen

Support and advice to sex workers (women and men who want to quit sex work, want to improve their situation, people who are forced to work, sex workers at risk/young sex workers). Also advice to social support staff.

Registration, request for advice and consultation can be done anonymously.

Groenewoudseweg 275,
Nijmegen
024 329 71 29
meldpunt@ggd-nijmegen.nl

North Holland

P&G 292

(Prostitution and Health Centre) Amsterdam
020 531 86 00
www.pg292.nl

Scarlet Cord (Scharlaken Koord) Amsterdam

'A new perspective; an exit programme for women in prostitution' in Amsterdam, in cooperation with Randstad HR Solutions.
020 622 68 97
info@scharlakenkoord.nl

Scarlet Cord (Scharlaken Koord) Haarlem

Exit programme for sex workers in Haarlem, in collaboration with the municipality of Haarlem and Randstad HR Solutions.
020 622 68 97

(You will be put into contact with a social worker in Haarlem)
info@scharlakenkoord.nl

South Holland

SHOP (help and shelter for prostitutes), The Hague

Career Switch: exit programme including shelter and support for (ex) sex workers in the region of The Hague. Part of the programme is a 'buddy project' in collaboration with The Haven Foundation.
(dehaven@solcon.nl)
070 361 47 47
info@shop-den Haag.nl

PMW Humanitas prostitution social services (PMW Humanitas), Rotterdam

Exit programme for sex workers in the region of Rotterdam-Rijnmond.
010 221 17 15
www.humanitaspmw.org

Utrecht

CCV, Centre for Crime prevention and Safety, Utrecht

National project: evaluation of the Exit Program for Prostitution (RUPS) and the exchange of expertise between the projects, develop model approaches for an exit programme.
030 751 67 28
www.hetccv.nl/rups

De Tussenvoorziening

Exit programme for sex workers working in Utrecht, in collaboration with De Doorstroom
www.tussenvoorziening.nl
030 234 08 19

North Brabant

Salvation Army, Eindhoven

Exit programme 'Life Force' for sex workers working in the street-walking district in Eindhoven, in collaboration with the city of Eindhoven.
06 200 191 63
Hilda.pellegram@legerdeshe.nl

More addresses: www.rodedraad.nl/adressen

What a terrible day today
Everything went very slowly
Many men walked by
Occasionally looked aside
Asking what's the price
But sir, that is for almost half an hour
They kept on whining about the price
Men, sometimes they are silly
Well sir, then you don't
Go and look for an other girl
Tomorrow is a new day
I'll be there with a radiant smile.

Dear girl
These guys are crazy
They can get you for that price
Which is the first prize
Don't worry
Soon men will wait their turn
And you'll see
None of them will whine.



Poems written by sex workers during working hours

I arrived in good spirits
When I entered, my courage left me
It was a gigantic mess
Cupboard full ashtray -
cigarette ash on the floor - sink
Bed sheets covered with ashes - stains
Cups still half full
All lights + radio on
Windows open
The only thing done was = empty the container
That's no fun starting.
**
So, no more whining
It can happen once in a while
Sit relaxed in my chair
Muscle pain in my upper legs, what a nasty feeling
Can't spread my legs because of the pain
Should avoid shagging today
What a strange thought
Who is waiting for a disabled prostitute
What's wrong with me today
It's three o'clock now and I'm still free
The energy is declining further and further
Perhaps it's not my day and I just have bad luck
Finally I made some money
But now I'm fed up
Next week new opportunities
We will flirt with new energy

 Phone call to De Rode Draad
I'm 26 but I feel very old sometimes.
More and more young women come and
work in my street, doing literally every-
thing with their Johns for less money
than usual. At least that's what I've
heard. Can you do something; make a law
or something, I mean, not allowing them
to work below a certain price? I am con-
sidering working in a club now. What do
you recommend?



Phone call to De Rode Draad

Can I file a complaint against my boss? I work as
an independent sex worker in a club and
therefore only pay the rent for the room. I have no
problem with that, but my boss wants me to be
present twelve hours a day, while having
nothing to do half of that time. I know exactly
when my customers come and therefore I want to
be present only when necessary. What do you
think?



'You can only depend upon yourself'

What is the typical Dutch man like?

Certainly not the kind of gentleman a Hungarian man would be! They do not let you go first through doors, they don't draw up your chair for you and they let women carry their heavy bags themselves. Dutch Johns are very demanding. They are difficult to please, they always want more for less money. Hungarians are less assertive than the Dutch, that's why they were able to intimidate me, in the beginning. But now I am verbally a lot stronger and I can handle the assertive Dutch a lot better.

What do you miss most from Hungary?

I miss especially kolbász (sausage) and Turo Rudi (a candy bar with a kind of cottage cheese and chocolate). I go back home every two months and I always bring back as much Hungarian food as possible. And

of course a bottle of Hazi pálinka, which is the Hungarian home-distilled gin.

Which Dutch food do you like?

Unfortunately, I often have little time to eat when I work, so I usually choose (unhealthy) fast food. I really like croquettes and Dutch cheese; but besides that I really know little about typical Dutch food. What I'll never ever eat would be drop (liquorices). The colour is enough to put me off completely.

What is it that you don't understand at all about the Dutch?

The language! That really loud spoken G, don't the Dutch always have a sore throat?

What are your plans for the future?

I will be working in a window crib for a while yet and then return to Hungary to train as a teacher, and find myself a husband and have a family.

What have you learned during your time as a sex worker?

That you should always stand up for yourself and that selfishness is not a negative characteristic. In the end there are so many people you can't trust. You can only depend upon yourself. Therefore it is important to let no one take advantage of you. Always consider who will benefit from your actions: you yourself or someone else.

Etelka (24), from Hungary, has been working as a sex worker for two years now in the red light district.



text: Maaïke

Pitbull or Stafford

You're a tough girl and you don't easily show your softer side to your clients. So you really don't need a guy 'to look after you'. You manage your money wisely. Who knows? You may have the makings of a good secretary or accountant.



Which dog is your match?

Chihuahua

You look like a cute doll, but sometimes you can be spirited as well. You always stand up for your friends and family. You love children and later you might well be able to develop your talents in a nursery.



Yorkshire Frier or Maltese

You are always neatly dressed up, and you like working in a tidy place. You sometimes dream of starting your own business as a hairdresser, makeup stylist, or nail stylist.



German Shepherd

You are firm. With your strong intuition you address men easily. These qualities would also be useful in the security business.



Mixed breed

You have no preference for a certain race or a particular type of customer. You see good in every human being. You don't think about quitting, but thanks to your social skills the public health sector could be the place for you.

Puppy love

Sex workers often love dogs. You could perhaps say: 'The more people I meet, the better I love animals'. Sex work can be tough and may **disillusion your idea of mankind**. A dog makes up for this, they are always relaxed and you never have to be alert.

It is great to walk your dog, as you are so often indoors. Your free hours at work can be filled by talking to and taking care of your pet. And at bad days your pet will give you comfort.

In the sex industry dogs are usually not bought for security reasons in particular. However, in difficult situations your pet can help and support you considerably.



Metje
Morphosis



Alexandra van Dijk (43) was raised in Spain as well as in the Netherlands. She completed her masters Archaeology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. As an archaeologist, she formed part of the team that excavated the site in the so-called Betuwe, before a new railroad was being built there. She was there when the oldest remains of a human female body in the Netherlands (7000 to 7500 years old) were found. The ancient woman was named Trijntje. After this, Alexandra worked with an archaeological company as a manager business development. Last year she was a senior advisor archaeology at a consultancy firm. Since June 2011, she is the director of De Rode Draad.

'De Rode Draad is our expert union for sex workers. We are an inspired team and we feel our organisation is deeply rooted in our society. Many of our volunteers and employees have experience in the sex business and understand what it is to be in that game. I feel motivated to contribute to the improvement of both the working and social conditions for sex workers. I feel they are entitled to proper (working and legal) conditions. Our team is interested in how things will develop now that the new registration law for sex workers will be implemented soon. This law requires sex workers to be registered with the police. The minimum age for sex work will be raised to 21 years of age. Whatever effects the new law may have, De Rode Draad will continue to provide information and advice to women and men in the business. The trend among sex workers now, as we have noticed of late, is to more and more work as freelancers on the internet or from their homes. We also want to be and remain of service for those workers.'

Make-up

I applied a light foundation with some loose powder. The eye shadow is light brown, mixed with a hint of purple. I also used kohl pencil. The lips are bright red.

Hair styling

I made rough curls using a set of electric rollers. Alexandra's own hair is a bit wavy so this was easy and the curls remained in style during the photoshoot.

Clothing

Alexandra looks great in tight dresses. A hat suits her face as she has a strong jaw line. The colour red compliments her very well and pale blue perfectly suits the picture. She is not a winter or autumn type, she is a mix of the two so she adapts her make-up she can even wear brown and beige.

Alexandra

after the MetjeMorphosis



before the MetjeMorphosis

Especially for you

N. dropped at Spot 46, because she wanted to start as a self-employed entrepreneur in the red light district in The Hague. Together with her, a business plan was made and the steps she should take in order to register with the Chamber of Commerce as ZZP were discussed. Also the first appointment with an accountant was arranged.

Spot 46 provides information and practical assistance to new as well as experienced sex workers in the sector and has contacts with the Chamber of Commerce, the Tax Department and accountants to make it easier for you to start your own businesses.

D. wanted to quit sex work, but did not know what other jobs would suit her. Spot 46 coached her. Subsequently she knew better what her skills were and what she wished for in a job. She was able to confidently choose a job in the care sector.

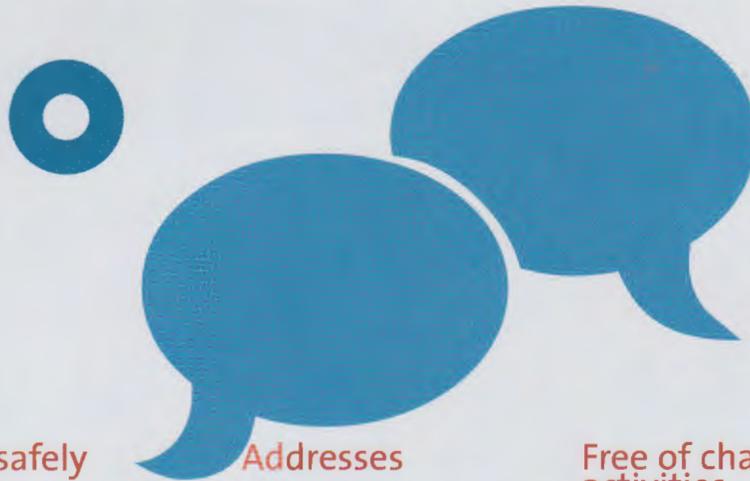
You can also receive practical help and advice in making your cv and your letter of application or participate in workshops that will help you think about your career, such as 'Dreaming of a passion' and 'Applying for a Job'.

M. got a fine from the Tax Department because she could not show the receipts of the rent for her room. A. had problems with her boyfriend and wanted to know her rights if filing a complaint.

They came to the walk-in hours of the law office at Spot 46. Here you can ask for information about financial matters (for example: accounting, social benefits, debts, insurances) and legal issues (for example: labour law, family law, immigration law).

Where do you go if you have a question or if you need some advice?

In your job you are careful with your privacy. This is why the Netherlands have organizations especially for sex workers, where you can get free information and advice. Spot 46 is such an organization, at a three-minute-walk from the Central Station in The Hague.



Work safely

Spot 46 has a weekly consultation hour for free and anonymous STD testing and for free hepatitis B vaccinations. Here, you also can ask for more information about sexuality, sex techniques and contraception.

Addresses

You can also contact other organizations, look for names and addresses on p. 22.

Free of charge activities

A monthly meeting with (former) sex workers, a beauty day, an STD day, and a yoga workshop. Spot 46 regularly organizes nice and instructive meetings. Check the website or Twitter.

Spot 46
Herengracht 46 A
2511 EJ Den Haag
070 3457010
info@spot46.nl
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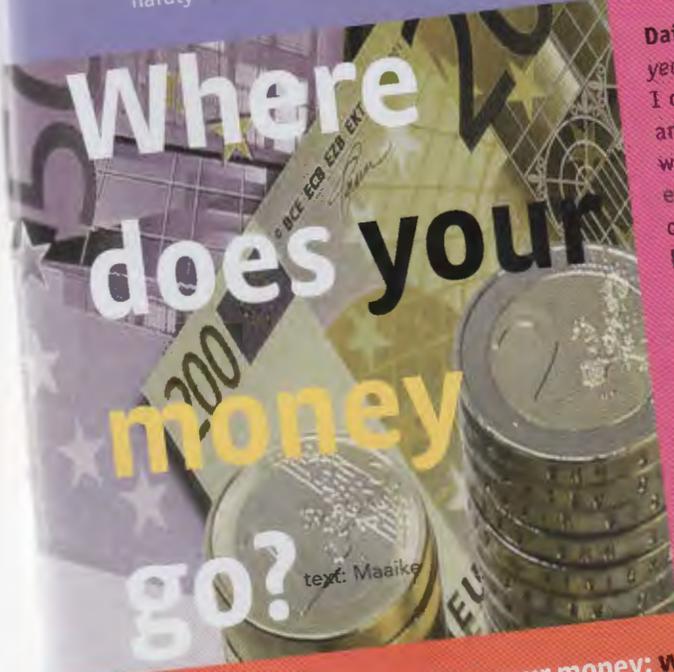
Spot 46 is an initiative of the Municipality of The Hague, aiming at improving the position of sex workers. The Spot 46 project is managed by SHOP (Foundation for Support and Care (for) Sex workers).

**Jamilla, 27, works in a club for 3 years,
6 days a week**

Of course I want to be sure that I always look good. That is why I spend a lot of money on clothing and personal care. My boyfriend is unemployed, so unfortunately I have to pay all recurring expenses. I try to save some money and have recently opened an internet savings account. I would like to put aside something, because, as a sex worker, one has simply little to no opportunity to be insured against disabilities or be a member of a pension fund. The problem is, when I see beautiful shoes for sale or walk along a beauty shop, I can hardly resist the temptation to try and buy.

**Samantha, 32, works in a window crib,
for 5 years - 6 days a week**

Lately my income has declined rapidly. The young girls have more business on their hands, more than I have, even though I am still looking good. I consider starting with massages and SM. Sometimes I just earn enough to pay my weekly rent plus food, but I can't do fun things anymore. I also have to pay off a debt. That's rather stressful at times, and it takes me to drinking and smoking, which in turn, is expensive and adds, rather than relieves, my problems. I love good food and spend quite some money on it. I'm also used to watching my weight a bit, I go to the gym, which - again- is expensive.



Where does your money go?

text: Maaiké

**Daisy, 22, works in a window crib, for half a
year now - 7 days a week**

I come from Bulgaria; speak a little English and almost no Dutch. So, a friend helps me with my financial affairs. I give him everything I earn, after which he takes care of bills like taxes, rent and phone and stuff. But how much it does cost, I am not sure really. He gives me some money to buy food, cigarettes and clothes. He saves the rest of it. I would like to send that money to my family. I work long days, because my boyfriend says I need to earn more in order to have enough to save. Some girls say I'm naive, but I've known this guy since my childhood and I know he is trustworthy.

learn to better manage your money: www.nibud.nl

steps to tackle your debts yourself: www.zelfjeschuldenregelen.nl

rediscover your financial opportunities:

www.degkb.nl/diensten/preventie/budgetcursus

lots of tips and information for self-employed professionals:

www.wijzeringeldzaken.nl

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'I WORKED AT THE CIRCUS'

text en photo: Metje Blaak

On my first visit her confused stream of words and her pitiful crying overwhelmed me. I just listened and said I would come back the next week. She was much calmer then, although her best friend Nel had passed away that very morning. She said sadly: 'Nel also worked in prostitution, almost as long as I did. But she told the people here that she used to be a piano player. And she thought that they believed her. She did not notice that they gossiped about her. I was very angry and sad about that.'

A year ago she called me up. Since then I visit her every two weeks. Gertie is 86 and lives in a retirement home.

'I want to tell you something,' she said on the phone, 'I have spent fifty years in prostitution.'



My story is that I always worked in the circus. That I used to hang on the trapeze, in a pretty glittery outfit. They took me at my word. Now I've lived with this lie for five years, while I would love to tell what I really did. It was a great time being a prostitute, especially in the fifties. You never undressed completely for a customer. Every piece of clothing I took off would cost the client more money. Every client had to use a condom, because otherwise you would get pregnant. In the late sixties we were all on the pill and could work without condoms. We could also increase our prices, especially with older men, because they don't feel that much with a condom anyway. I made tons of money. Until one day I was infected with gonorrhoea. It seemed like an epidemic, everyone had it. When I got it for the second time, I was fed up with it. Every time I also infected my husband, which caused a lot of trouble.

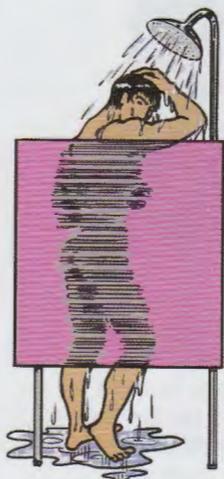
I married very young in order to leave the house. My father hit me and my mother acted like I didn't exist. Dirk was a construction worker, which ruined his back, so I had to make a living for our family. We had two daughters. Both completed their studies and I fully supported them. Now they have a good job, but I do not see them anymore. When Dirk left me after forty years for another woman, he felt it necessary to tell them that I used to work behind the window. They grew up believing that I had worked as a nurse.

Fortunately, there are still fun things in life. I often play bingo and I secretly have a lot of fun with the men here. By the way, one of them has a crush on me. I enjoy being alone with him in the elevator. I wonder when he will ask me to his room.

HOROSCOPE

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AQUARIUS ~ 21 January / 18 February



You had made such good resolutions, dear Aquarius. And now one by one they disappear like ice in a belly button, partly through the influence of unreliable colleagues and vague friends. Ask your partner or your best friend(s) to keep you alert, because you will need it. And take a pet that needs attention: then you will get structure and genuine warmth in your life.



ARIES ~ 21 March / 20 April

At full speed ahead! That's usually the way you face life and people, dear Aries. Often this works well, but sometimes it is really necessary to step on the brakes. Think first before you dive into some new business or a new relationship. Then you will find room again for your strong flow of energy.

PISCES ~ 19 February / 20 March

Without any romance nobody fares well Pisces, and certainly you won't. You have somewhat neglected your sensitive side, so it's time for attention, warmth and for putting on your love glasses. Let the love flow even when you encounter business and/or financial difficulties. With a solid emotional basis you can again pull yourself through gloriously. Your life motto is: All is well when love is well.



TAURUS ~ 21 April / 21 May

The Taurus has been in a Happy Place lately and this will continue for a while. The stars are favourable in all areas, but you will have keep working on it, dear Taurus. As long as you get your luxury gadget or shop city breaks now and then, things will remain in balance. And keep yourself, your wallet and your partner happy.



GEMINI ~ 22 May / 21 June



Actions speak louder than words when there are bills to be paid, dear Gemini. Lately you have been talking a lot and working a little and your cashbook is showing it. Put on your finest lingerie and your highest heels and change it! You will see that your clients do not only appreciate you for your words.

CANCER ~ 22 June / 23 July



Lately you have had your share, Cancer and it was not all fun. Remember the lessons from the bad experiences and the fun from the good ones. And do something crazy for a change: close your business earlier than usual for a night and hold a pyjamas party with your colleagues, with horror stories about the strangest customer you have ever had and late-night cocktails.

LEO ~ 24 July / 23 August

You have been shaking your mane Leo and people react to this. But just shaking your hair will not fill your bank account: one also needs to work. Brighten things up and choose or create a pleasant workplace. Also start each day with a fifteen-minute walk outside: a fresh start is a good start.



VIRGO ~ 24 August / 23 September



Virgos are the least passionate signs of the zodiac, so they say ... but in the future nothing is less true. The stars could almost blush because of the escapades they see you make, both privately and at work. You're ready for anything and will dive (with protection, you're still a Virgin) from one adventure into another. Good for you and for your purse!

LIBRA ~ 24 September / 23 October



After a time of introspection and longing for unattainable love you are finally coming out, dear Libra. A bit wiser. But luckily with that incalculable twinkle in your eyes. Give your customers a bit of that twinkle and they'll adore you. That is good for your mood, your self-confidence,

and also for making your love life flourish again.

SAGITTARIUS ~ 23 November / 22 December

If everybody in this world did exactly what he/she is good at, then our planet would be a better place, according to most Sagittarians. But you should follow your own statement, dear Sagittarius! What are you really good at? Use your talents and your silver tongue, go back to school and you will be a lot happier about YOUR world in a while from now.



SCORPIO ~ 24 October / 22 November



Scorpions can move mountains when it comes to the lovers in their lives. This is likely to happen in the time to come. You will more than once have to make a choice between care and work. Try to involve others when it turns out financially unfavourable. And trust your intuition with an exciting newcomer: a mate for life or emotional shipwreck?

CAPRICORN ~ 23 December / 20 January



Your cautious approach to almost everything has dragged you through at bad times, dear Capricorn. But this caution is getting boring: all work and no play is the fastest way to grow old. Spoil yourself with a sensual massage and a new love toy and demonstrate both to your partner and/or your clients ... away with boredom!

Totaal 60 punten

Gefeliciteerd. Je bent een super sekswerker. Je denkt altijd aan je veiligheid, zowel in je werk als privé.

Total 60 points:

Congratulations. You're a super sex worker. You always think of your safety, both in your work and privately.

44 to 59 points:

You work as safe as possible, even though it is not always easy to stand firm, as regular customers and private partners want to be the one and only. If you use lubricants, take only the water- or silicone-based ones. You know that Vaseline and baby oil are unreliable, because oil or fat products can affect the latex of the condom.

20 to 44 points:

You do your best to work safely, but you are inclined to take risks if anyone (professionally or privately) is special to you. Working under the influence of alcohol or drugs may be easier. But this also means that you won't be as firm as usual in cases where you need to negotiate. This has implications for your safety, though you prefer not to think of that.

6-20 points:

You are running too much risk. The large amount of money that you undoubtedly earn does not compensate for that. Think about who will benefit most of this. Who is persuading you? Soon you will be the one, facing the consequences, not them.

Test yourself

a = 10 points
b = 8 points
c = 5 points
d = 1 point
Add up all the points. Turn the page to see the solution.



Are you all for safe sex?

How often do you have sex in a way that you do not like?

- a never
- b sometimes
- c regularly
- d always

How often do customers complain about condoms?

- a always
- b regularly
- c sometimes
- d never

Do you sometimes work without a condom with regular clients?

- a never
- b sometimes
- c regularly
- d mostly

Do you work without a condom after having used drugs or alcohol?

- a never
- b sometimes
- c regularly
- d mostly

Do you use a condom for private contacts?

- a always
- b regularly
- c sometimes
- d never

What lubricant do you use?

- a none
- b K-Y, Durex or saliva
- c Vaseline
- d baby oil