Chapter Twelve

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Merlin goes on about S & M and its business practices.

Merlin: People who are involved in the fetish [S & M], particularly males, frequently have highly erotic daydreams and feelings that they cannot communicate or will not communicate to their mate. Obviously it would be far superior if they could live out their fetishes and fantasies—whatever they were—but I guess that’s why prostitution is considered the world’s oldest profession. So it’s not a new problem. What is new and what the police have difficulty with is that there are now, in the country, places people can go to and enjoy the fetish [S & M] without sex happening in those places—oh, I know they’re in New York, San Francisco, somewhat underground in Miami, one in Detroit, and I do not know about other cities, but I assume that if I went to them, I would be able to find them. I believe they exist in most major cities of, let’s say, a population of over a million and a half.

At these places, you [the proprietor] have to find women willing to be dominant or submissive. When I ran my place, I was unusual because I told the girls that they had to fulfill both roles. They got paid more for being submissive than for being dominant because when they were being submissive, they
were partially out of control, and it might mean some physical discomfort. They physically could not control the situation, because they were restrained physically and they might be hurt somewhat. They expect to be spanked at the minimum, and at the maximum perhaps whipped, but the man would come in and he would make clear what he wanted to do and then he would set a price and the girl would decide, well, that's worth that amount of money or it's not worth that amount of money. We had standard prices, but those were for standard desires. For dominance, there was one fixed price, because the girl was in charge. If anything special came up, like, for instance, feces, brown showers—some gentlemen wanted women to give themselves a small enema and eliminate on top of them.

S: I'm lost in pronouns. Who's doing what to whom?
M: The lady gives herself a small enema, binds the man or orders him to assume a position, and then defecates on him. If the girl received it—was submissive—then that would be an extra charge. A basic charge would be for a light spanking and light bondage, as well as verbal humiliation and things of that nature. I might add that sexual copulation in most of these places is not included, although the men may hope to find that it is included. Most of the time ejaculation does occur. It is usually manual by the man to himself, or depending on the state laws, the woman may do it.

In New York State the laws said that the touching of the uncovered breast or uncovered buttock was an act of prostitution. So our girls had to wear panties and bras at all times. The laws are so wildly divergent from state to state that it's almost a mockery. The police don't know how to handle it because there is no act of prostitution going on, but it is a sexual activity. So they get very uptight about it because before you can bust somebody, they've got to do something. For instance, if the man is going to dominate, then he's got to tie up a female. Now what judge is going to say that woman's guilty of prostitution because she allowed herself to be tied up, and where do you