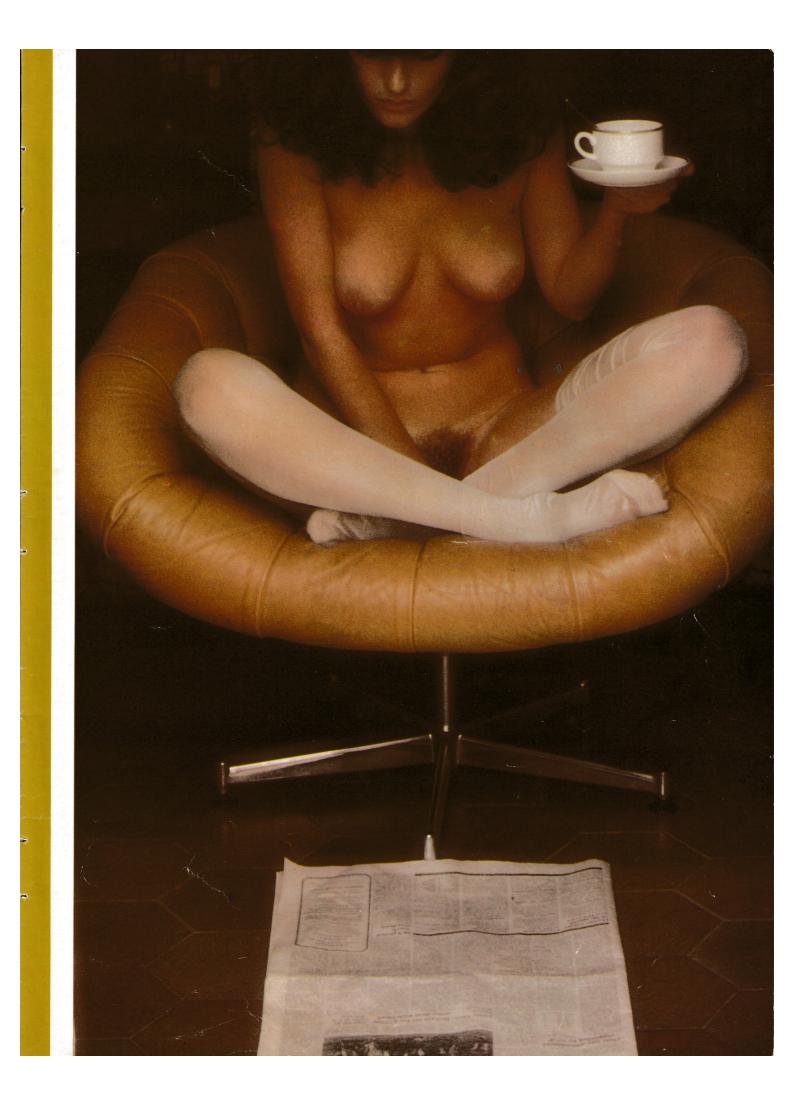


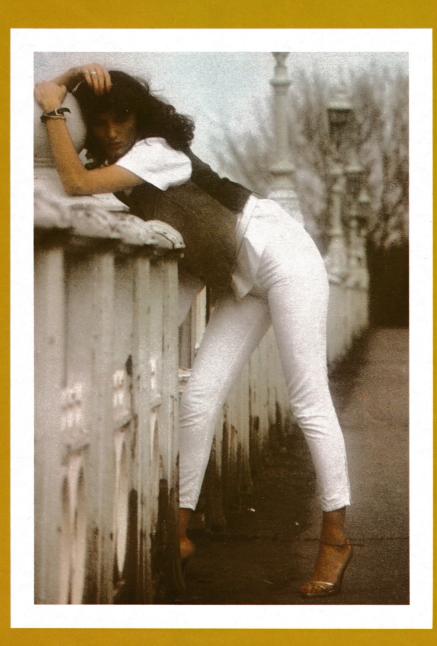
## PET OF THE YEAR RUNNER-UP

ormally I'm not superstitious, but somebody up there must be playing my song!" That was Kate Simmons's delightful response when she was voted Penthouse Pet of the Year Runner-Up, and this isn't the British-born beauty's only cause for celebration. Along with her success as a highly sought-after television and print model, our very fair lady has become one of Europe's hottest new rock singers and composers. "At first," she tells us, "my lyrics and my performing style were too avant-garde for most people, but the times seem to have caught up with me now."

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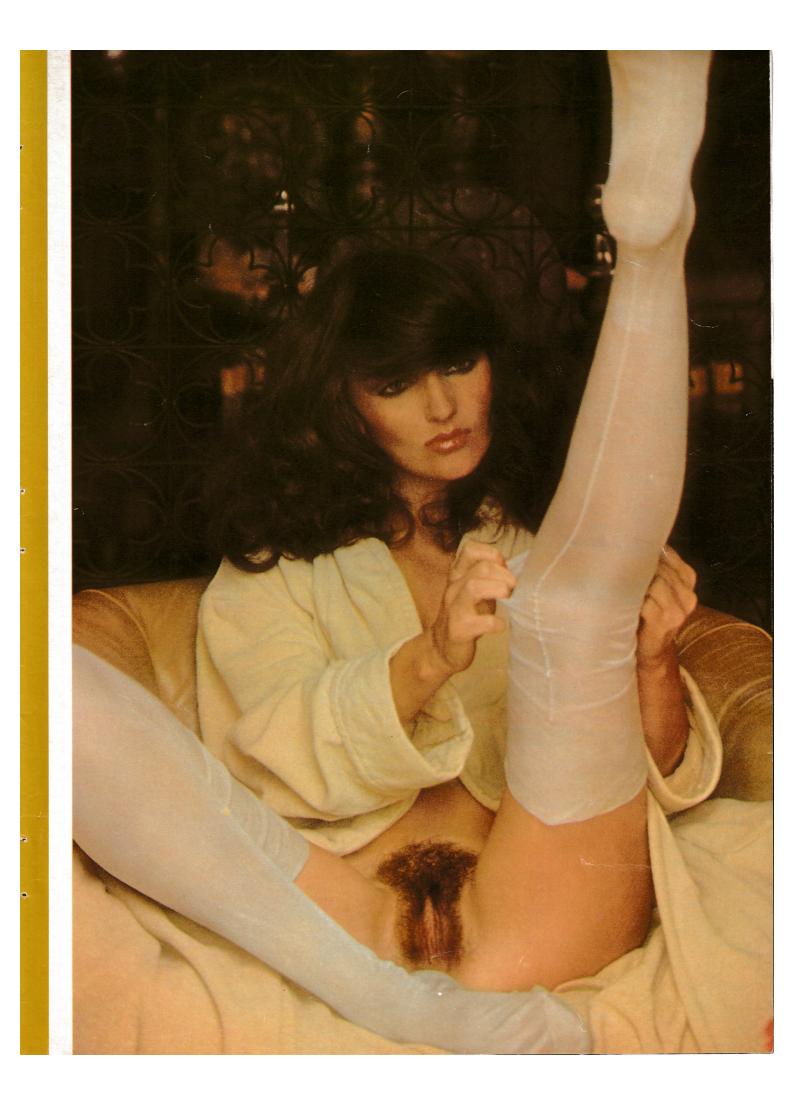




Kate's varied and impressive background includes three years of university law and a continuing interest in natural history, astronomy, and philosophy. "American feminists," she suggests, "are a joke—overfed, overliberated, and overweight. I think my own accomplishments show that no one holds a woman back but herself!"



Our ravishing Renaissance woman believes that an interesting person is an interested one—in other things besides herself. "There's more to being well-rounded,"
she quips, "than a 35-23-35-inch figure!" Her
present, hectic career requires that she
keep part-time homes in Paris and Amsterdam
as well as in her native London.



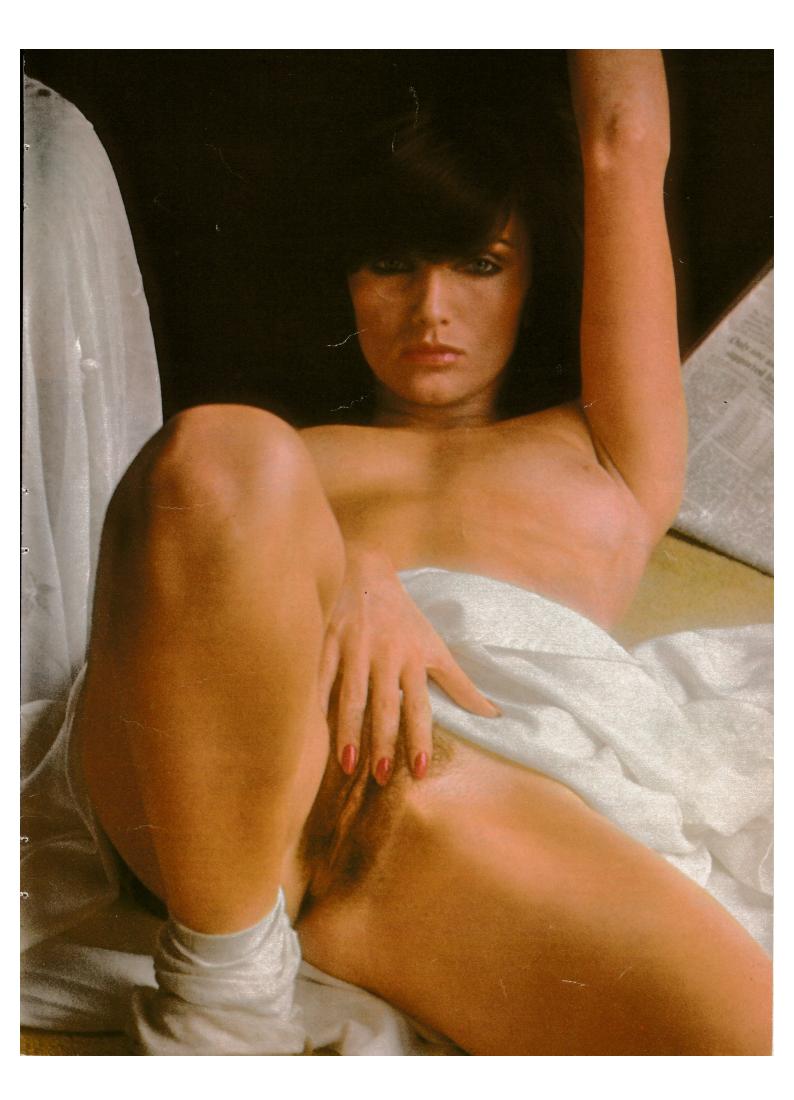




"I'm not a jet-setter, though, so much as a pace-setter! One career or life-style simply isn't enough for me: I'll never be part of only one country, only one movement, or, for that matter, only one man. I'm growing and changing so much that it's presently impossible for me to make anything like a long-term emotional commitment..."



"Someday, of course, I hope I can...
Then I'll be able to do in my private life what I do in my public one: use my God-given sensitivity both to feel deeply and to make myself deeply felt." As opposed to just feeling your way along, no doubt!







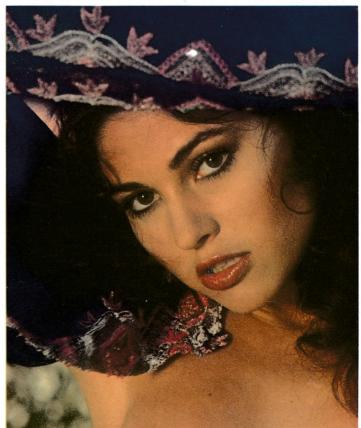
 I never pretend when I'm in bed, only on the stage. When I'm lying in a man's arms, full disclosure is the only way to go. 
 ● "Someone up at the North Pole must like me," speculates December Pet of the Month Ava Monet. "I've never had a month quite like this—besides Christmas, I also celebrate my twenty-first birthday this December. And now here I am in *Penthouse*, making a lot of wise men even wiser!" Ava's decorative 36-23-35-inch form and festive black-haired, green-eyed, honey-skinned coloring make her look naturally gift-wrapped...even without clothing. "My mother taught me to be proud of my body," says she, "and I always do what my mother says!" Though Ava is also part German—which accounts for her headstrong nature—she admits that men like her uninhibited, sensuous side even better. "As one admirer put it, I'm German from the neck up, French from the neck down." Vive la différence!

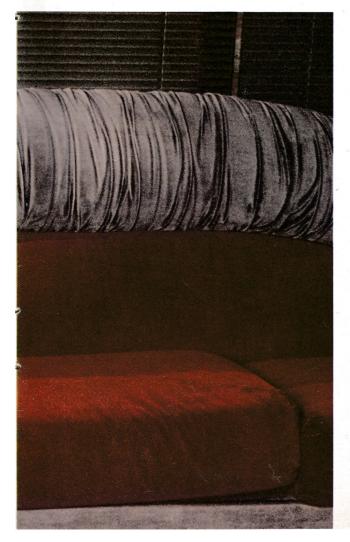
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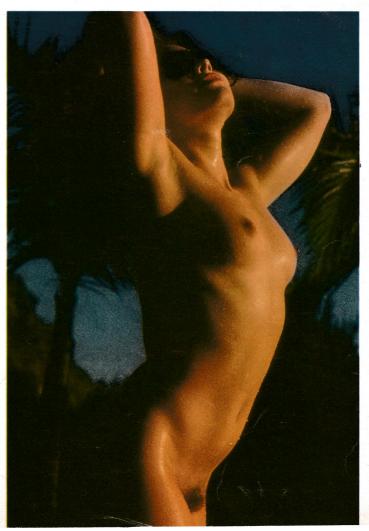
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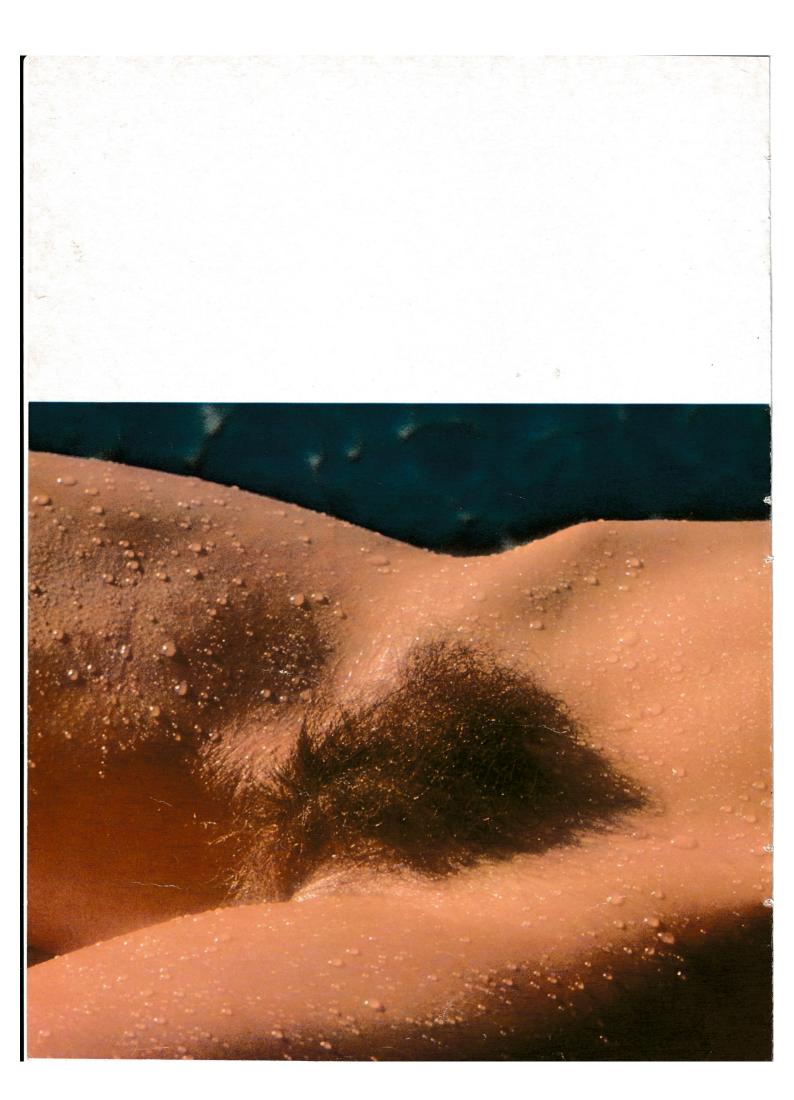






Ava's extraordinary sexiness has always garnered her more than her share of attention, and, not unreasonably, she wallows in it. "I love it so much that I've decided to become a professional actress. In fact, I've just finished nine months of acting classes here in West Hollywood. Maybe I'll never be as good as Ingrid Bergman, but I can have lots of fun trying!"

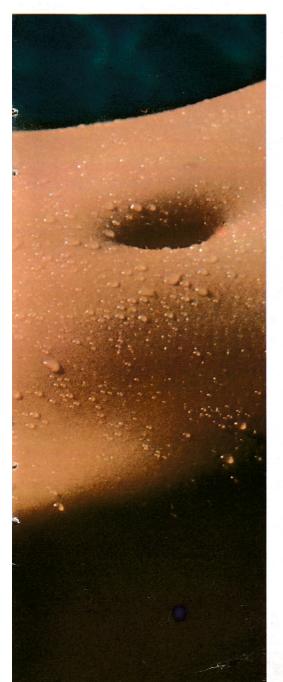








Ava is an unabashed soap opera buff and dreams about someday landing a part on her favorite show, "General Hospital." "Can you see me as a night nurse?" she asks, foxily.

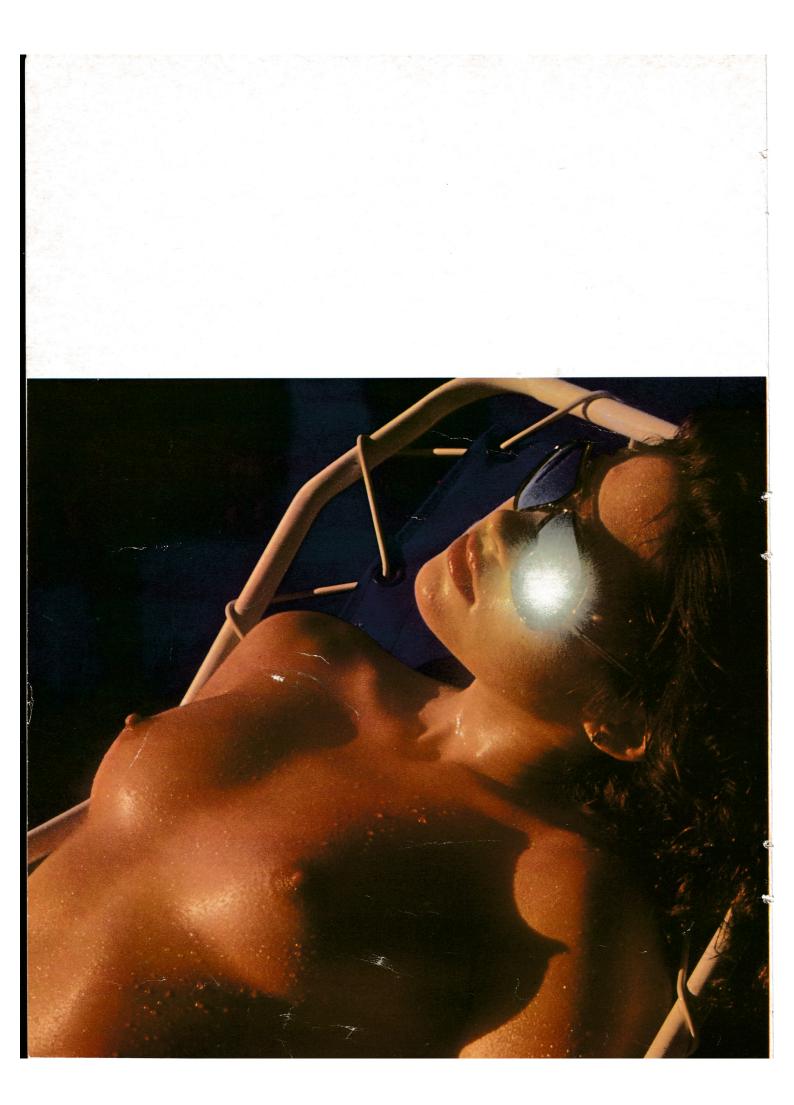






"I'll bet there would be an epidemic of miraculous recoveries...or an outbreak of strange sicknesses wherever they put me!" In the meantime, she is content to nurse a budding but visibly promising career with singing lessons and occasional modeling. "At night, though, I just get out and enjoy life—mostly skating at roller discos, vamping the men, and having fun, even when I land on my French derriere!"



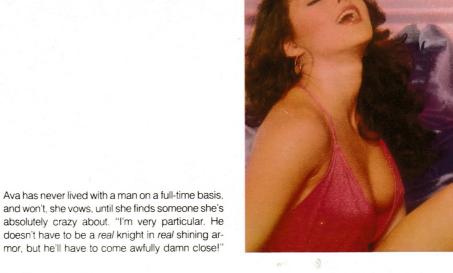


Until a year ago Ava was living in Boise, Idaho, a place that, in her own words, made her "restless as a hot potato! My idea of heaven is to live here in L.A., lying on the beach, listening to the Rolling Stones on the radio. Their new album, *Emotional Rescue*, really drives me wild!" She stretches, tosses her thick, dark mane of hair, and does the same to us.





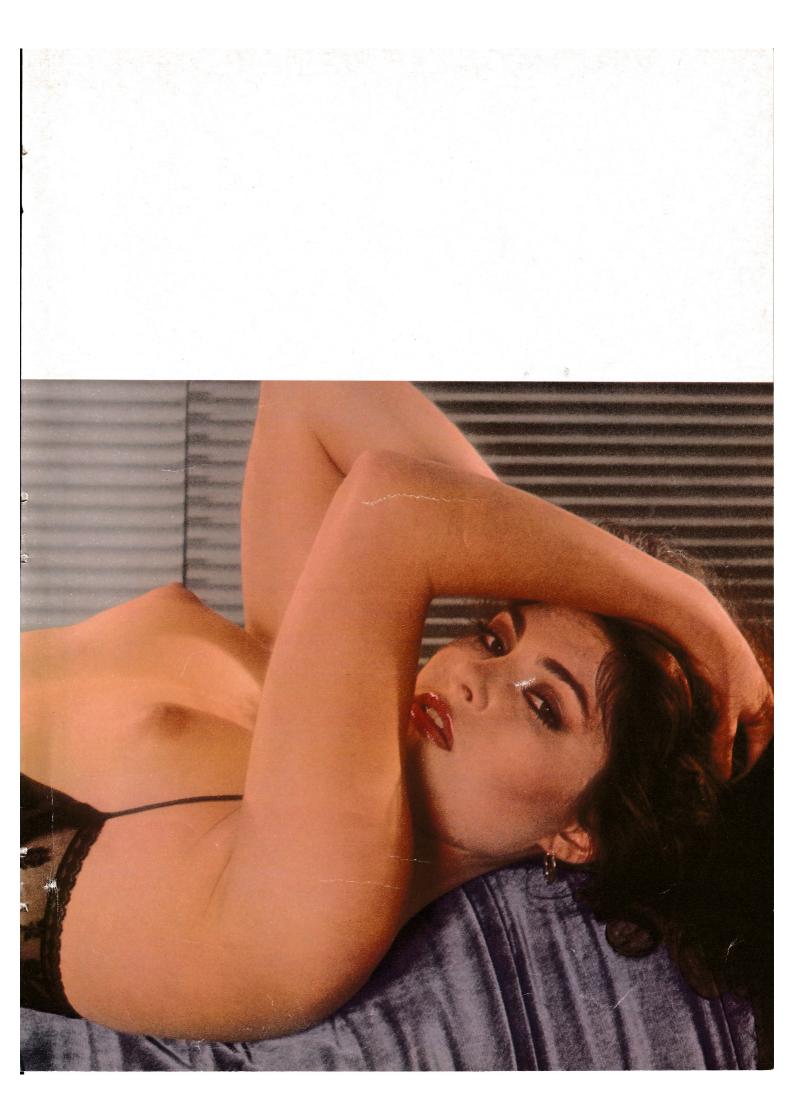




and won't, she vows, until she finds someone she's









"It's important to me that a man look masculine and have a firm body, but he doesn't have to be handsome or muscular," she adds. "The main thing is for him to have a good mind and to be very strong with me. I want an equal relationship most of the time, but in bed, frankly, I just want to be ravished. I can't stand passive men," she groans. "They're a contradiction in terms!" Her one ironclad rule is that "I never pretend when I'm in bed-I reserve my acting for the stage. When I'm lying naked in a man's arms, full disclosure seems like the only way to go."





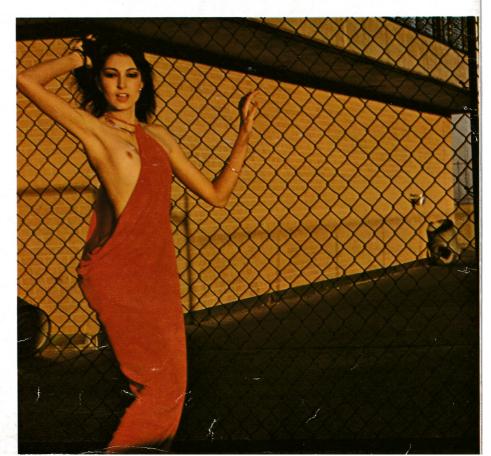


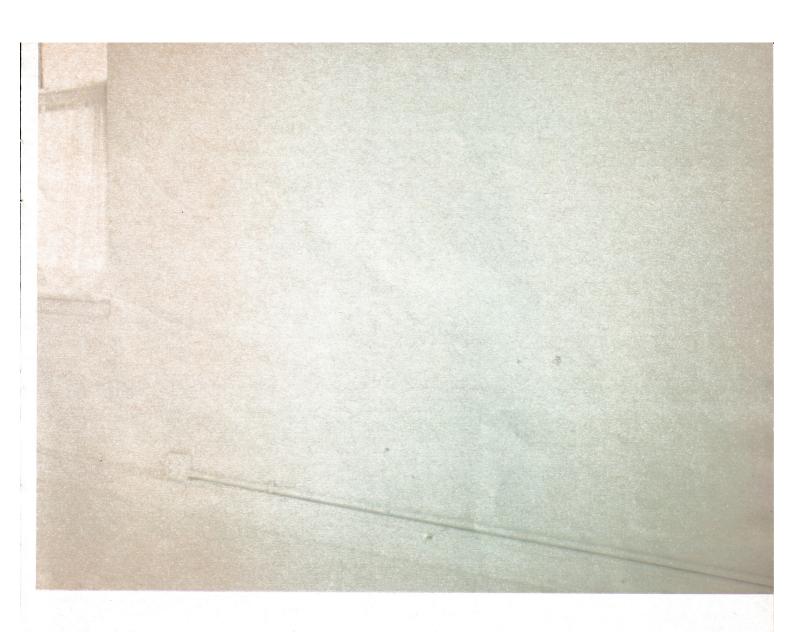
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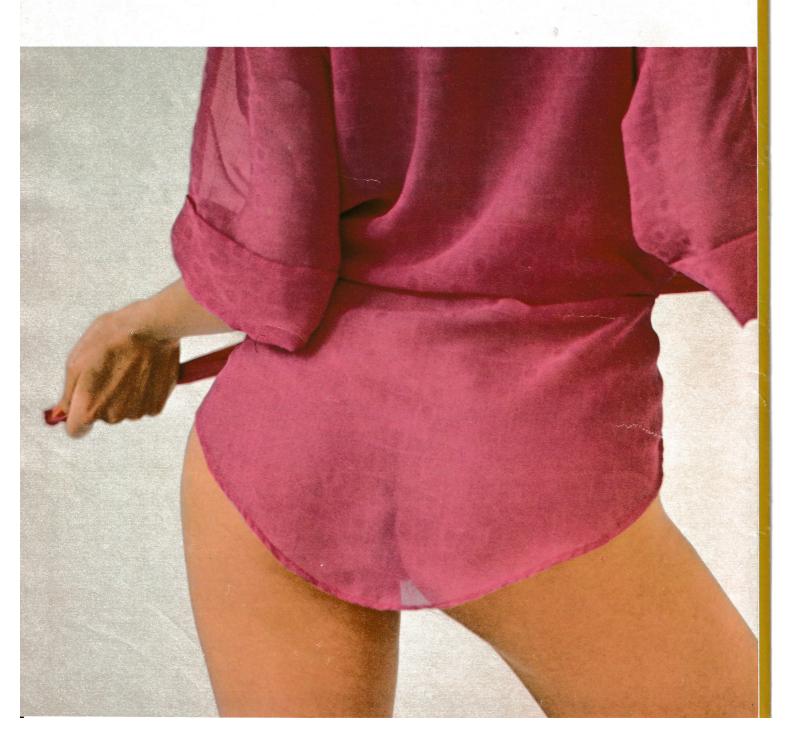


## SOME LIKE IT HOT

hether I'm making love or making a scene, I'm always thoroughly outrageous, utterly uninhibited, and out to have a really great time!" declares celebrated porn star Marlene Willoughby. The willowy, five-footten-inch Polish-Italian actress has starred in 50 films to date, the kind, she says, "I call 'inspirational'—from the waist down!"Marlene has also been a pulse-racing pioneer in New York's experimental theater scene, acting in the Off-Broadway production of Ché (disguised as Fidel Castro) and in *Dracula Sabat*. She has also appeared on the searingly explicit syndicated cable-television program "Midnight Blue."

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"Unlike Johnny Carson," she says, "when I come into your living room, I tend to inspire a lot of audience participation!" Appearing in *Penthouse* is a special thrill for Marlene. "It's such a sophisticated, prestigious magazine, and it's wonderful exposure for me—because I'm certainly no vampire when it comes to the bright lights of good publicity!"



















Any question gets a ready (often wry) response from the glib Ms. Willoughby. Her ideal man? "A generous millionaire, of course!" Her pet peeves? "Party poopers, negative thinkers, cigar smokers, prudes, boxer shorts. A" Her biggest idol? "Pope John Paul II," she tells us. "Piety and promiscuity are not mutually exclusive traits. I not only pray for guidance and inspiration, I also burn candles: pink for career gains, green for money, and white for peace!"







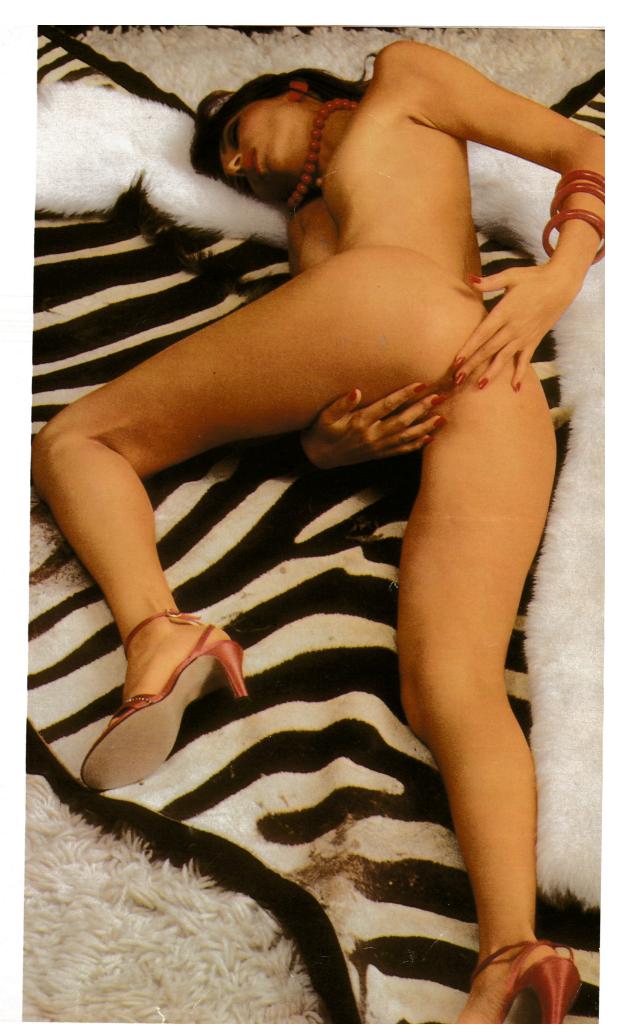


Marlene also uses the titillating tools of her trade for worthwhile causes. "I've worked as a sex surrogate for therapists and in sex education films, and recently I had a behind-the-scenes part in an upcoming Robert De Niro film."









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