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we are an escape,
a dream.*

*I have something
to confess:*

*To most, I'm perceived as sheltered purity
– a stereotypical "good girl",
or even a potential waste of humanity's
oxygen. Someone to pity.*

*Yet, things aren't
as they seem.*

*For going on 10 years now, I've been blessed
to find space, embracing uniqueness and
equality ... a double life, similar to when an
actor portrays a character.*

How exactly?

As sex workers, we are an escape, a dream ... a tease – a nonjudgmental fantasy, typically for clients' benefit. However, through service provision and performance, the sex industry also provides this for me.

An opportunity to take on a persona, allowing me to be who I truly feel within my soul, instead of constantly being confronted with the suffocation of life's challenges and what society ignorantly perceives me to be, solely based on a physical exterior I obtained through no fault of my own: that is, Cerebral Palsy accompanied by a wheelchair.

With the stigma that surrounds the sex industry and its workers ordinarily, how do we also break down barriers of the added dimension of disability within the industry? Education?

After all public perception of anything stems only from what society leads us to believe ... often FEAR = False Evidence Appearing Real!

Want to be a sex worker? Go to college

That's one of the conclusions The Economist draws from a trove of data – prices, services and personal characteristics — from a number of studies, including “one big international site (unnamed)” listing 190,000 sex worker profiles in 12 countries.

Key findings:

Like everything else, the Internet has disrupted the world's oldest profession.

“Specialist websites and apps are allowing information to flow between buyer and seller, making it easier to strike mutually satisfactory deals.

The sex trade is becoming easier to enter and safer to work in, says the business magazine.” In other words, pimps' best days may be behind them.

Other results show that “gentlemen do prefer blondes, who charge 11 percent more than brunettes.”

Size, to a healthy certain extent, does matter, and “as in other bits of the economy, clients who seek niche services must pay more”.

As for the higher education aspect, “graduates earned on average 31% more than non-graduates” in a given working week. That's not so much due to more hours worked (they tend to work less), but they see more clients and for longer. “Their clients tend to be older men who seek longer sessions and intimacy, rather than a brief encounter.”

Also, “better-educated women, whose marital and job prospects are therefore better, are more likely to consider sex work if it is arranged online.”

In sum, technology has made sex work harder to control or regulate than it already is. Perhaps, suggests The Economist, it's time to “leave consulting adults who wish to buy and sell sex online to do so safely and privately online.”

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