



Copenhagen: city of dreams and black mesh stockings

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Copenhagen, the city with the international reputation for sensuality (sexuality). For me, at any rate, it is a strange city, one that is part of the radically different environment that is to be my life for the next few years.

It also marks the first time in my life that I have paid a woman to make love to me. And, quite frankly, it is an experience that I would be most hesitant to repeat:

that is if I were paying the tab.

The establishment, like literally hundreds of others in the city, fronts as a sex shop where you can find films, saunas and massages. But if you look closely at the second or third floor windows, you will notice that they have been covered in such a way as not to allow any light to shine through. Which means, also, that you are looking at the windows to the bedroom where, for a price, almost anything you

desire may be bought.

There are many walking streets to be found, as anyone who has been to Europe can verify. In Copenhagen, about 10 minutes walk from the rail station, will be found a street that is called Skindergade. Number 41 Skindergade is the home of ERO House, which is one of your typical Danish sex shops.

For a moment, trying to make up my mind between attending the Aparks concert or walking up the

stairs was proving most difficult. As soon as I travelled through the open door at the top of the stairs, a buzzer went off in another room. Most of the shops that I have been in so far have been equipped, thusly. When you go through the door you break a beam which, in turn, triggers the alarm.

After a few moments a girl, about five feet, wearing a two-piece wine coloured array came out. Her top was a loose affair, secured by a string that supported her breasts while at the same time letting the casual observer know that very little effort would be needed to remove it. Her skirt, which I later found to be slit on both sides, was long and her legs were housed in black mesh stockings.

After the few preliminary questions I had ascertained that a massage would be 150 DKR (there are about five and a half to the dollar). We went up another flight of stairs where Sophie, as she called herself, unlocked a door, marked "no entry" in both Danish and English. The opened doorway revealed a bed on the left hand side and a vase on the right which contained a green plant. Beside the bed to the right was a chair which was next to a table that had, among other things, a yellow container. Time was to show that the container held prophylactics.

More discussion followed during which it was learned that fellatio and intercourse would lighten me by 400 kroner. By way of explanation, earlier investigation had revealed that Danish whores run from about 250 kroner from the shortest length of time to 1000 kroner for an authentic Danish beauty's services for the evening. Because of the type of establishment I was in, the fee was high (but only by say, 50 kroner). Also, it was a service to be paid in advance.

After Sophie had returned from delivering my 400 crowns to her boss, the business at hand commenced. We undressed, disappointingly, not each other. The best

I could manage was undoing her top. Her breasts sagged and her nakedness revealed several tires on her stomach. But she was not fat, as she was just a woman who was passing out of her prime and heading on the way down, as far as physical appearance goes.

We started kissing, briefly, after which I began playing with her ear: both with my tongue and by blowing into it. After some momentary and noticeable enjoyment on her part, Sophie asked that I not play with her ears. At all.

During the course of the next hour, the services were rendered. If we had both not been so detached they may even have been rendered satisfactorily. The experience with Sophie was my first in three years in which a sheath was used, and making love with one, robs me of any sensitivity of feeling throughout the experience. Couple that with a woman who is sighing with her eyes closed one minute, and then looking at her watch the next; it makes for an emotionally disquieting experience.

I came, once, but because of my lack of enthusiasm, by the time I had to leave Sophie was under the impression that I hadn't reached an orgasm. I perhaps shall never know if the sympathy in her eyes was real or feigned. Her concern, which was shown by her continual questions of "why didn't you come" and "has this happened before" seemed genuine.

It was fate to be paired with a whore who has most likely lived through more hell than I would care to consider. She has reached the point where pride in work is just a phrase bantered about by schoolboys.

Sophie no longer cares. I was just another number in the 'X' number of tricks, she would make that night, that week. I do not begrudge her detachment to the whole affair; it's just that it was my first viewing of what has neatly been called the destruction of the human spirit.

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