## SHAPELY HARLOT WAS A MAN BUT CLIENTS NEVER KN

## by RICHARD RUSS

The sight of a large **Rolls Royce limousine** pulling to a stop at 14 Kaiser Strasse was no longer unusual. Everyone knew that the gentleman sitting in the rear seat of the chauffeur-driven car was about to pay a visit to the "lady" known as Lou, the tall, slim, spectacularly dressed Queen of Frankfurt, West Germany's redlight city.

As usual the smartly uniformed chauffeur left the driver's seat, walked around the front of the car and with a slight bow opened the door for his master. The chauffeur then reached for a long box filled with the most expensive cut flowers, and handed them over.

A few whispers and the chauffeur scurried to his place behind the wheel, then drove the impressive car a discreet distance up the street,



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turned off the engine, and settled down for a long evening's wait.

But this night was different. The gentleman adjusted his hat and tie, walked through the wrought-iron gate that led to "Madam Lou's" small but sumptuous apartment, rang the bell, and looked up in astonishment when a uniformed policeman opened the door.

"What is the meaning of this?" the gentleman pompously asked. "Where is Madam Lou?"

The hard-faced policeman grinned impudently at the dignified caller. "MISTER Lou," he said, "is in jail."

"MISTER?" The dignity was gone completely. The stately gentleman looked old and horror-struck. "Mister?" he almost whispered, "but I ... we used to ... that is, she . . how could she?" Then finally at the top of his voice, "BUT THAT'S IMPOSSI-BLE!"

"impossible" mas-The querade of Madam Lou came to light when a routine round up of Frankfurt prostitutes landed the "lady" in front of a police sergeant's desk. When ordered to produce identification, Lou reluctantly pulled out papers that revealed the highly successful call girl was really a boy, an unemployed hairdresser named Bernd Anhalt, 27 years old.

The red-light grapevine soon spread the word from one end of Frankfurt to the other, and when Madam satisfy. And they'd been so Lou's regular customers came around to call they were met with snickers and

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Lovely Madam Lou catered to "unusual" tastes

guffaws from pretty girls old, and frankly with just my they'd passed up in favor of mother and me things were much happier at home. She let me wear dresses and encouraged me to take the hairdressing course when I was older."

> While other boys were growing into men, Bernd was becoming more and more womanlike. Though he grew tall, his voice did not change and he never grew hair on his face. He remained a softvoiced willowy creature who

looked, and indeed, felt like a woman rather than the man he legally was.

"When I reached the age of 20," Bernd said, "strange things started happening to me. My body seemed to become softer, more rounded, and I began to develop breasts just like a girl. When my mother died there was no longer any reason for me to remain Bernd Anhalt. "So," and he shrugged, "I became Madam Lou."

And it was as Madam Lou that the ex-hairdresser became Frankfurt's most sought-after and successful prostitute specializing in dispensing companionship and favours to wealthy older men Wilder our governing one in i

long ago waned. 'It was easy to please them,'' said Bernd. "They wanted someone pleasant and easy to talk to. Kissing and petting and occasionally something a bit more satisfied them. The few who expected to go all the way with me I managed to put off until they got discouraged and went somewhere else. I don't see that I have done any harm."

But the judge disagreed. Bernd Anhalt, alias Madam Lou, was sentenced to 2 1/2years in prison for "selling his love to another man.

After the verdict was announced, Anhalt now wearing man's clothing and with hair cut short by the jail barber, stood tearfully to make a statement to the court.

"I will do those two and a half years," he said, "but no judge in the whole wide world can force me to be a man again even if I lose my freedom for the rest of my life."

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they'd never guessed their favorite female was really a man. In court, a witness who had enjoyed Madam Lou's favors testified as to just how successful the deception was. 'It's unbelievable," he said, "she — or he — had breasts just like an 18-year-old girl."

For it was obvious now

that Madam Lou had catered

to a group of men with the

kind of "special needs" most

prostitutes do not like to

content with her brand of

kisses, caresses and "un-usual" sex practices that

the stately Lou.

And Bernd-Lou played the game right to the bitter end. I'm not a man, I'm NOT," he insisted, and finally broke down and sobbed for all the world, like the woman he claimed to be.

"I always wanted to be a girl," he said. "I never felt like a boy or wanted to do the sort of things that boys did. My father was a military man, very strict, but my mother was always good to me. I used to help her in the house. I did the dishes, and dusted, and cooked. When my father died I was 12 years

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When two women neighbors quarrelled, there was none of the usual screaming and shouting. They both ran indoors and got their guns.

Then they came out to settle their differences by fight-ing a duel in the midday sun.

The Wild West style gunfight started over a tiny incident.

Maria Romano, 40, chastised 30-year-old Paolina Piccone's little daughter in the street . . .

The girl's mother objected. Tempers flared - and they went for their guns. Maria came out with a revolver. Paolina carried a

pistol.

Like the sheriff and the badman, the two wives faced up to each other in the main street at Gricignano d'Aversa, near Naples.

Paolina was quicker on the draw. She shot twice before Maria could raise her gun.

One bullet hit Maria in the chest. The other hit her in the shoulder and she fell to the ground, badly wounded. Before Paolina could fire another shot, a man dashed

out of their apartment building and grabbed her gun. Maria was rushed to hospital. Her neighbor went to iail.



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