

# FROM PORN TO REBORN

Porn stars are the new rock stars, right? Wrong, say these women, who escaped the sleazy adult film industry

**B**ecause of the crossover success of X-rated vixens like Jenna Jameson and *Entourage* actress Sasha Grey, porn stars have become more mainstream than ever. And as career-making celebrity sex tapes abound and stars like Charlie Sheen are helping propel unknown girls into the Hollywood stratosphere, it's little surprise vulnerable young women are being seduced by the \$10-billion-a-year industry.

At age 24, Jacksonville, Fla., office assistant Crissy Moran began her dangerous descent into what originally seemed like a glamorous career opportunity. "I was searching for love and acceptance," Crissy, now 35, tells *In Touch* of her decision to go into porn. However, after "making it" as an adult entertainment star — earning \$15,000 a month from her website alone — she soon

realized that her newfound fame and fortune came at a steep price. "It was degrading. I felt like an object, not a person," says Crissy, who made 40-plus flicks over the course of her six-year career. Occasionally blacklisted

**"I was flattered by the attention."**

— Crissy Moran

for not having sex with photographers for extra cash, Crissy says she "cried a lot" during those dark days.

Another former porn star, Jan Meza, 32, has similarly painful memories. She recalls laying covered in bodily fluids when a director threw a towel at her and told her to get off the set. Jan also says sexually transmitted diseases like herpes, chlamydia, HPV and HIV are

rampant among actors. As are drugs, which are often passed around on set. "Girls use antidepressants, marijuana and Valium to get through rough scenes," she says.

For Crissy, the turning point came in 2007 when she met Harmony Dust, founder of Treasures, a Christian outreach organization for women in the sex industry. "I left everything," says Crissy, whose X-rated site is, unfortunately, still up and running by others who control it.

Though she refuses to take one penny from the website, it's a constant reminder of how difficult it is to escape her sordid past. "Rarely do I go on a date when a guy hasn't already Googled me," laments Crissy. "You sign contracts and don't realize that these things don't go away. Now I'm 35 and I want to have a family — these pictures are out there and I'll have to deal with that the rest of my life."

## HOW CRISSY WENT FROM INNOCENT TO X-RATED

"I wanted to be told I was beautiful because I'd never felt beautiful before," says Crissy, who did a topless shoot to boost her self-esteem following a painful breakup. When the photographer asked her to take off her bikini bottoms, the then-24-year-old was too terrified to refuse. "I was afraid if I didn't do what he wanted, he wouldn't shoot me again," recalls Crissy, who soon graduated to adult films. "The attitude toward porn is changing," warns Crissy. "It's accepted so much more than it used to be. Girls are growing up to think being sexy is normal."



ANGELIC  
IN 1980



PINUP  
IN 2006

BOTTOM FROM LEFT, COURTESY CRISSY MORAN; DAVID LOCKARD

"I'll go to her house and we'll talk and pray," says Crissy (left) of Harmony.