

n the midst of the recession, there are still some women raking it in. A 'money mistress' is a dominatrix who accepts cash gifts or 'tributes' from men she'll never meet. Called 'money pigs'. these men get off on the idea of keeping their mistress in her luxurious lifestyle, with no desire to meet her or receive anything in return - except perhaps the odd abusive webchat or phone call. Scarlet went to meet Blackpoolbased money mistress 'Goddess Valentina' to ask whether financial domination is really easy money...

Call Girl

"It all began when I was working on phone sex lines. I'd had other, regular jobs before then – like working in an off-licence and a fish and chip shop – but I'd always argue with my bosses. I'm better at giving orders than taking them! We made our money on the price of the premium-rate calls, but callers could also leave credit card tips. One night a guy

phoned who wanted to be dominated. I always found the fetish calls really interesting, so I threw myself into it. I called him a worm, a useless maggot... After the guy came, he asked if he could leave a big tip. Gasping, he said, "Can you ruin me?" and "Can you drain me?". I felt a rush of excitement and said, "I'll take you to the fucking cleaners..." His

the form of 'tributes', which are either cash transfers made online, e-vouchers or gifts or cheques delivered to a PO box. The idea made me shake with excitement, and I went about setting up an online profile, designing my own webpage and installing a new phone line. I chose the name Goddess Valentina and the emails started flooding in.

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tip was only about £40, but it was such a huge buzz – not sexual, more like drinking a big coffee. I felt so powerful.

I did some research on the web and found out about 'financial domination' and 'money pigs' – men who get off on submitting their wages to a dominatrix in

My first 'piggy' was a bloke in his 50s. He told me that he was overweight, with no self-esteem, and begged me to tell him he was worthless. I genuinely pitied the guy, but mean words like 'useless' and 'stupid' fell from my lips, and he clearly loved it.

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Why Do Men Do It?

Scarlet asked psychologist Harriet Garrod to explain why some men submit money to mistresses they'll never meet

"The appeal of financial domination is that of the 'double life' – a man with overwhelming power or responsibility assuming the identity of a worthless slave. Feelings of worthlessness begin in childhood, and we're relieved when someone confirms what we suspect about ourselves. For some men this becomes a fetish, and they hire a dominatrix to hurt them physically or, in this case, financially. Paying someone to ignore or punish them confirms their feelings of inadequacy, and puts them in control of these feelings. The Mistress appears to be in control, but without the man's desire to be dominated, there's no transaction – ultimately he's the one calling the shots."

Now I have a sty of piggies from all walks of life, from insurance salesmen to factory workers. Lots are students popular blokes with good grades, who want to be told they're useless by a sexy older woman. One night I had an email from a guy claiming to be a handsome, rich Italian. He said he was wildly drunk, and wanted to shower me with money. I took a deep breath and typed back 'whatever, loser', also mocking his bad spelling. Over the course of one evening he kept sending larger and larger tributes, totalling over £1,300 in the end. I decided the poor guy deserved a phone call and when I spoke to him he sounded completely sober. How bizarre is that?

Piggy Banks

Apparently, many piggies like to pretend they're out of control when talking to a Money Mistress – some even make out they're hypnotised. These types are usually in high-powered jobs looking to relinquish the responsibility of their cash. They'll pretend I'm taking their last penny, bleeding them dry, so they feel like a 'normal' guy – someone who would probably work for them in real life.

Others get aroused by a blackmail scenario – they tell me lots of personal information and I threaten to let their wife or boss know about their 'other life' if they don't send me cash. This kind of fetish takes trust on both sides – you have to know how far to take it. I never

check to see if what they've told me is true; as far as I'm concerned, it's their fantasy. I always make them send me emails confirming our 'arrangement', though, so if it ever went wrong I'd be covered legally.

Some guys don't want *any* contact. We call them 'hit and runs' – they make a tribute, then disappear. They get off on being ignored. My most loyal pigs are allowed a little, controlled contact, via phone or webcam. The hardest part is thinking up new ways to extract cash. I'll even say, "Think of a number. Four? No, you're wrong, send me some money..."

I might allow them to masturbate while I watch online, or a masochistic piggy might want to hurt himself while I watch – one guy puts burning cotton buds down his penis. You just have to get your head around the fact that they're actually enjoying themselves.

The Money Mistress Week

I've never met a piggy face-to-face. I've offered a couple of very loyal piggies the chance to take me shopping, but they've always backed out. It's a bit too 'real' for them, I think. There's one rich female piggy who's famous among us money mistresses. She doesn't get a sexual kick out of this, but, like many pigs, she feels guilty about having money and wants to offload it. She's offered to take me shopping soon, and it will feel safer with her than it would with a man.

Overall though, the job is very safe. I work from home and I never give out personal information (although some regulars have my bank details, I mostly get paid in Amazon e-vouchers – I have a wish list of gifts for pigs to buy me, such



as an X-box and DVD boxed sets). The worst that can happen is someone wasting your time by giving you a pathetically small amount of money or none at all. I put in about 40 hours a week just chatting on webcam or MSN and dealing with admin. I also create YouTube videos to attract new pigs – you have to be good at marketing to compete in this game!

My partner knows what I do and doesn't mind – we've been together 20 years and have a pretty normal relationship. We're both very outgoing and dominant, but not in a sexual way. I'm very soft and loving with him. The credit crunch has affected my job – I keep hearing that a piggy's been made redundant or lost his house. Whether it's true, or part of his fantasy, I don't know, but I don't feel guilty. No matter how much I made I'd never retire, not while there's a man in the world who wants to blow his cash on me!

The Web's Leading Money Mistresses

Amazingly, there are lots of money mistresses online – here are three of the most popular...

Lady Christina

Professional 'femdom hypnoteuse' and certified hypnotherapist Lady C says, "I receive and expect tributes and presents all the time – not just on my birthday." She's currently after a Toyota Rav4, and has recently received jewellery, clothes and airline vouchers. Hypnotic MoneyMistress.com

Goddess Lorena

Fancy money-mistressing yourself? Financial dominatrix Goddess Lorena, who's also founded her own online religion, 'Lorenaology', has recently started offering money mistress tutorials – free, apparently – for wannabe goddesses. See the 'What's New' section of her site and keep an eye out for the 'Women Only' link. GoddessClub.com

The 'Ignore' Mistresses

Some guys clearly get too much attention and want to be ignored. Check out this phone and online chat service, featuring Vivian, Tara, Dallas and Ashley, who 'think so little of you that they'll charge you just to sit on their phone lines and listen to NOTHING!' – at \$2.50 a minute. Visa and Mastercard accepted here – obviously! *WillignoreYou.com*

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