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Welcome to Issue One

This is our first edition of a bi-monthly what's on and issues magazine catering to Sydney's Fetish, Goth and BDSM community. As you'll see we have a pull out calender of events for the next two months. This first issue has a feature on Japanese Manga and erotism, a great fetish shoe store in Melbourne which will do mail-order. An article about Cross on Bourke, the new facility catering to cross-dressers in Darlinghurst and an intro to the Goth scene. We are open to contributions from our readers but I'm afraid we are not able to pay at this point. Our aim is to provide a voice for the growing community of people interested in Bondage and Discipline, Erotic Dominance and submission and Sadomasochism (BDSM), and prove to the greater society that persecution of our difference is unfair and unjust by busting the stereotypes about the way we live our fantasies. In later issues we will have articles which inform and educate newcomers and the curious of the values which are the basis to the lifestyle and practice of BDSM and the alternative sex community.



Oh My Sex Object! Erotic Manga Culture

By Lisa Hume

It's an ordinary day in the late 20th century and evil is everywhere. Don't panic you are in a world of erotic Manga, cartoon females with Barbie-doll physiques and Spice Girl attitudes who fight evil - and often create it - with a full arsenal of your favourite BDSM tricks.

These sexually fuelled girls are portrayed as postmodernism incarnates, utterly amoral and thoroughly materialistic caricatures of society's view of sexual extremes. Erotic comics, or Hantai,



is big business in both Japan and the West. Modern erotic comics are a natural progression from the 19th century wood block prints that married bold sexual imagery with the myths of ancient Japan. Today's stories still flirt with mythical imagery. Imagine a school girl trying to free her adored father from an evil spell by having brutal sex with a hermaphrodite Ninja. That's an extremely risque plot when compared with Western pornography!

Manga has distinctive forms with its own rules and aesthetics. Large breasts, big blue eyes, little budding pout and tresses of blond or red hair is the look. Characters' faces have implied innocence, always tempting you with that come hither look of nubile teen inhibition.

Detailed genitalia are supported by exaggerated bodies made for sin. Each comic title is usually the work of one artist allowing characters to remain consistent, enabling them to grow and develop as the series progresses. Watch someone fall deeper into submission in subsequent issues.

There is pornographic Manga for all tastes. Japanese comic writers create for everyone from innocent young children to perverted sex-starved men.



There are five major themes of erotic Manga that can merge to create the ultimate sexual deviation.

First, there is the soft porn style - where adventurous young girls resist losing their virginity. To experience tender love making with their hero is the pinnacle for these nice girls! Soft straight sex in pastel tones.

More interesting is the Bondage/Discipline/Sadomasochist theme, where kinky sex is the only way to live. Life like situations are drawn in detail, with girl on girl or groups of mixed genders. Restrictive harnesses, apparatuses, mental and physical play, hard sex with toys, slave training, she-male manipulation, branding and piercing are common thrills. Then clothing (if that's what you call little bits of latex, leather and sheer cloth) is a real turn on and the stories with girls reaching for there nipple clamps! The scenes are varied, and they tend to be more graphic with genital gratification a high priority.

The third theme draws on mythical imagery, with demon beasts (a clever way to fit in bestiality), ghosts, swords and sorcery. Then there are futuristic cybersex stories where sexual acts are performed by space age machines and computers. Aliens are portrayed with compelling, superior vitality and sexuality. Some suggest these books draw on Japan's history of cultural isolation and fascination with all things foreign. They flirt with the social taboos on foreign influence and the need to conform to tradition.

The most graphic and extreme theme is arbitrary sexual violence. Unrelenting horror is mixed with sexual violation, non-consensual rape and torture. Sexually driven murder is the signature of a few extreme (but popular) artists, Innocence is ravaged by the strong.

Homosexual encounters are common in both mainstream and erotic Manga. Homosexual

and androgynous characters are claimed to help gender identification. Male to male sex stories are popular with pubescent girls who see the display of men satisfying each other as liberating.

and strangely confronting as their traditional roles shift from satisfying a husband to being independent sexual objects. Marriage is no

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longer the only path. It is argued that Hentai promotes sexism and sexual exploitation. Some suggest that it's rise in popularity among Western men is due to itsability to evoke a time in our own past - before the impact of feminism. Whilst Manga has been accused of destroying the morals of Japan's youth (one comic suggests that if you kiss you might as well fuck). It is an entrenched part of the nation's culture. Perhaps it is the mix of harsh reality with the tantalising world of fantasy that makes Manga so appealing. They are portals into other worlds that entertain, educate, and delight.

Manga Erotics: A starter

Bondage Fairies - The ultimate Hentai. Winged erotic duo, Pamela and Pfil, dominate and submit both mentally and physically. A great series for girls who like girls with attitude.

Sex Bombs - An acclaimed series that turns you on with cross dressing, sex slaves, incest and much more. Lusty graphics of sub and dom vixens exploring a range of fetish play.

F3 (Frantic, Frustrated, Female) - A definite for those lovers of gadgets scientific and medical. Blond slut Hiroe pursues the ultimate good feel, and gets plenty of help along the way.

Weather Report Girl - The inspiration for the cult Japanese movie 'The Weather Woman'. It is a dream for those who like to see two determined girls fight it out. Covers some unique Japanese fetishes such as men's infatuation with teenage girls' pants!

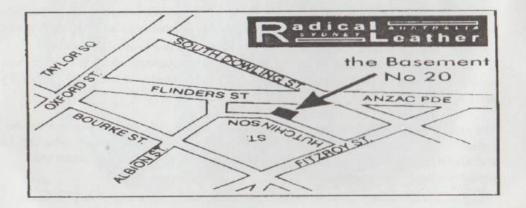
Lust - A highly stylised comic that takes you into the darkest regions of the human psyche. Kinky characters enter a dream like state where reality and imagination play with their minds. Heady group sex and public exhibitionism.

Superfist Ayumi - Fist fucking and martial arts from Ayumi the wanton student of the school's karate club. For those who think heaven is a sling and a strong arm.

La Blue Girl - An American series that is ultra-violent and sexy. It is a good contrast to the made-in-japan comics but stays true to the form.

Find out more:

Visit Eros Comics' Web site at www.eroscomix.com with a great selection of comic books and videos to buy. The Anime Web Turnpike at www.anipike.com. will send you to some hot pictures and information.



LESBIANS AND BDSM

"We'd like you to write a column for lesbians for the Sydney Fetish Times" said the voice on the phone.

"OK" I said, visions of writing about some of my favourite practices running through my head

"The only stipulation is that we can't have any graphic descriptions of just what you might do" said the voice, bursting my thought bubble and presenting a challenge.

So, let's start at the beginning Yes, Virginia there are lesbians who practice BDSM. Some of them do it publicly, others do it privately. Some are Tops, others are bottoms. Some like the bondage and discipline aspects, others the dominance and submission, others the sadism and masochism, while still others will range over all aspects.

The lipstick lesbian you see going off to work in her business suit is just as likely to be into BDSM as they are to be dyke with the chain and stud bedecked leather jacket.

But how does this help you if you're wanting to explore your interests in this area, or if you're an experienced player visiting (or moved) from another city or country? How do you find "the scene" and play partners in this city?

Firstly, there are lots of "scenes" in Sydney. There are small groups who get together to play privately without any connection with any organisation. Getting in touch with some of these depends a lot on whether or not you ever run across any of their members and are lucky enough to get an invitation. It's much easier to find some of the organised groups.

Although Threshold no longer runs women's only play parties you'll usually find a number of lesbians at their pansexual and members only parties. Sydney Leather Pride doesn't organise play parties but it does have a number of lesbian members - some of whom may be found at their meetings. Hellfire is not everybody's favourite place but lots of women have found others there.

Advertising can be an interesting adventure. From my experience being the person who advertises can sometimes be less nerve wracking than replying to somebody else's ad. Work out what you want. Don't overstate your experience levels - if you are new to all of this admit

it. We were all new once and it's important that you don't overstate what you've done - you're more likely to find yourself in a situation you aren't comfortable in if you overstate than if you don't.

The local BDSM establishments cater for female as well as male clients. I know a number of lesbians whose first experience was as a client of one of these. They learnt there what they liked and what they didn't and were able to take that knowledge with them to find others with similar interests.

If you've got a computer then the Internet is a great playground. Email lists and IRC. There are too many IRC chat areas to list, but you'll find lots of BDSM related areas there where you can meet others, ask questions, and experience virtual play. Bad girls is a list for Australian and New Zealand women who do (or who want to) BDSM with other women.

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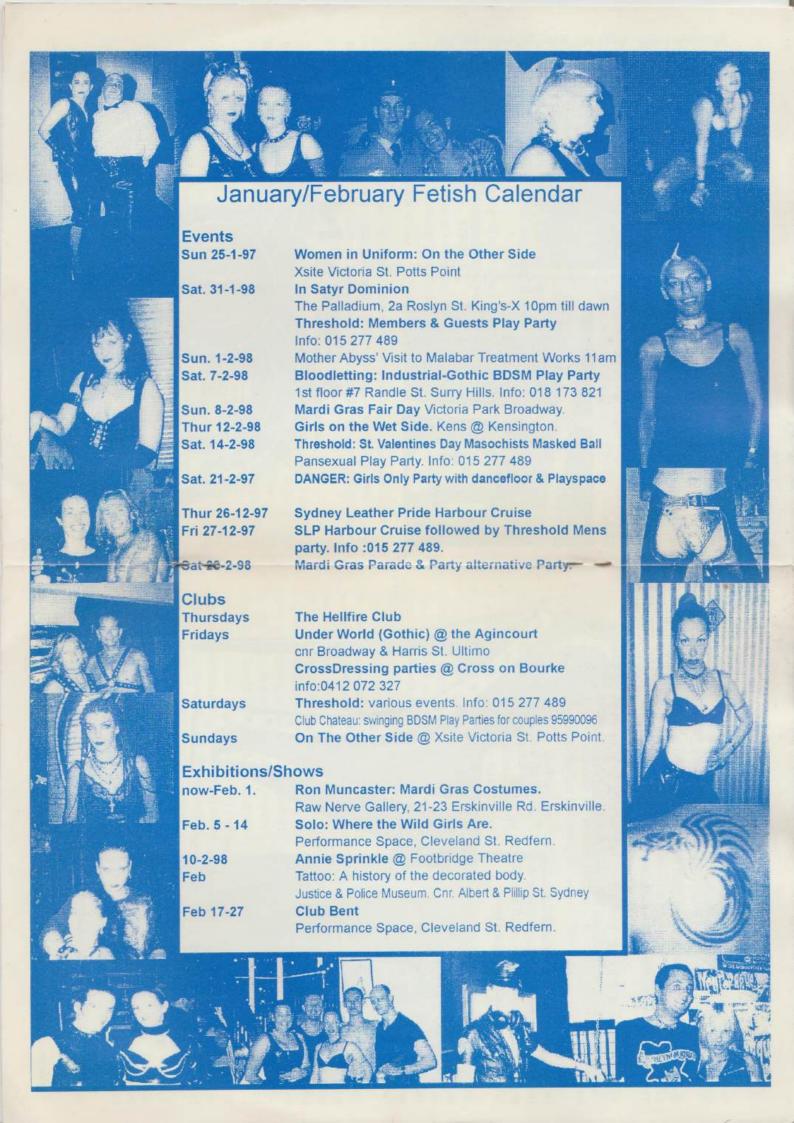
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...this is a real story.....

Her Master had told her that there was a fetish shoe store in Melbourne and that he would take her there. She couldn't help but fantasize.

As they drove past the window she couldn't wait to park. She couldn't believe her eyes. These weren't "fuck me" shoes - high, high heels with glamorous styling but vanilla nevertheless. These were real fetish shoes with nothing less than a five inch heel.

And the boots laced all the way to the thighs. Not one style but many. There were sub shoes and boots and there were dom/domme shoes and boots.

Her business suited Master sat in the dentist's chair and watched her with a detached eye. He pointed to shoes that he wanted her to try and occasionally she extended an ankle into his lap for him to tighten a buckle or close a lock.

Yes, the stock included the traditional six inch court shoe with the locking ankle strap. This slut tried on shoes for an hour while her Master and the store owner discussed bdsm and from time to time her.

She finally had consent from her Master - six inch shiny black patent sandals in that traditional style with a strap across the toes and a strap around the ankle. She could walk in them but each step was limited to about 10 centimetres. They displayed her and restrained her a the same time.

She has worn them several times now and always heads turn, not only at the look of the shoes but because they announce her for the slut that she is.

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and yes, they will send you a catalogue, and they do mail order

Ariella.

Gender Bending

by Geena Gee-Spot

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Cross-Dressing.

I have been a cross-dresser for over half my life and since about 1990 out of the closet. Everyone looks for miss right but I believe she is really within. Most men settle for Miss nearly right or miss almost right and in some cases they marry a young woman because she is pregnant and end up with miss far-from-right. This I believe is when the subconscious takes over and begins to create miss right.

Like most of the thousands of men in this city I am not gay (in my case just very bent). My cross-dressing comes from my love of females & the feminine. For those men out there who have always fantasised about cross-dressing, but were too frightened of exploring it, thinking that they are the only one and that they had something wrong with them.

I offer the following advice:

*Do not think you are the only person with crossdressing fantasies. Avery high percentage of men have tried cross-dressing, either as a one-off or on an ongoing basis, especially with their wives clothes when she is out.

*You can start cross-dressing by going to second hand shops and clothes collectors like the Salvation Army to buy women's clothes you find attractive. This way it does not cost a great deal to find out your size in female attire. If you have the confidence, try on women's shoes. You can always say you are buying them for a fancy dress party, where the women are to go dressed as men and vice versa.

*If you have a female partner or friend you can confide in, ask them to go with you to buy underwear & lingerie, as this will be the hardest to buy until you gain more confidence. If you don't have such a female friend, seek out a sales assistant who is an older woman, she will probably have had years of experience dealing in this area. Tell her you are buying for your wife & estimate her size (which is really your own size).

Frock up for fun

Love

Geena.

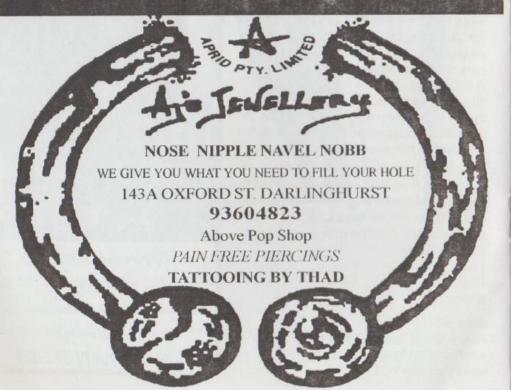
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Editors note.

Geena is having special Crossdressing parties every Friday at Cross on Bourke. contact Geena on 0412 072 327.







GOTH SCENE

What is a Goth nightclub? What is a Goth, for that matter? Goths are a Youth Sub - Culture which essentially focuses anachronism, particularly decayed anachronism. Whether through an interest in period costume, vampire mythology, alternative religions (especially paganism) and so on, Goths are defined basically by their exploration of the past.

So what can one expect to find in a Goth nightclub? One of the key aspects is an atmosphere of (visual) nondiscriminating, as opposed to racial discrimination. What this means is that any form of unconventional dress or appearance won't attract any attention whatsoever. Even the most outrageous outfit wouldn't cause a Goth to bat an cyclid. One could wear anything normally considered bizarre by the general public without feeling self-conscious.

The Goth scene is, however, predominantly a white, middle class reactionary movement. This is not an official policy, there exists no inherent doctrine. No-one gets turned away at the door

as a result of race. Rather, one might be turned away because of dress, though more often than not, patrons arriving at a Goth club in conventional clothes are simply asked if they are aware of what they are entering and of the appropriate (unwritten) code of behaviour. The fact is the Goth scene happens to attract only a very narrowly defined section of the general population. It has a very narrow base of support. It certainly is not a mass movement.

The music, on the other hand, is anything but narrowly defined. It consists mostly of alternative dance music which doesn't really get played anywhere else. Generally, you'll hear a bit of Techno, both commercial and noncommercial, Retro, New Wave, Dark Wave, avant-garde, and, of course, traditional Goth and industrial. The Goth beats are a little slower, on average, than your normal dance club, but they are more aggressive and theatrical. These are really the only features that differentiate the music in Goth Clubs from other clubs. The music is darker and is marketed a certain way.



Another distinctive feature of the Goth scene is its androgynous nature. In a Goth club, we are all fellow Goths. There is no differentiation between male and female. The whole gender issue is very carefully subdued. The usual meat-market Crap that you get in most other clubs simply isn't tolerated. You will definitely not find the normal levels of common, vulgar, nightchub sleaze in a Goth club. That is not to say that it does not exist, it is just that it is not the primary focus. The emphasis is on Goths getting together to listen to Goth music.

So there you have it, The Goth scene in a nutshell. If you enjoy dressing up in theatrical costume (In an atmosphere where people won't think you are weird), and prefer good, darker than average dance music, whether fast or slow, then the Goth scene is definitely worth a look.

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Next Issue, I will be presenting an update on regular Goth clubs plus a discussion on the strong representation of the Futurist cyberpunk faction within a basically anachronistic scene.

HORRORSCOPE by Madam Steele

Aries

Indulgence is your obsession and fortunately for you I have declared 1998 the year of excessive misbehaviour. Aries need not worry too much about anything as your aptitude for denial is endless. Party on dude.

Taurus

The Bull or Bull shitter more like. You are so full of it, lots of enemas and colonic irrigations are in your stars with Uranus moving through your sign in '98. Good thing no-one believes you anyway, bad thing you might believe yourself.

Cance

The scables of the zodiac. Stop hanging around toilet seats, there are better ways of indulging your Golden Shower fetish. Although I can't think of one at this point. If you ever come out of the cubicle closet you'll just get sent back so spare us all the trouble and don't bother.

Leo

You're so vain, you probably think this horrorscope is about you. If you ever get away from that mirror and your slippery fist you might get a life worth writing about.

Libra

You are the swingers of the zodiac. This is very convenient for this retard of the zodiac who is virtually incapable of making any sort of decision before the year 2008.

Virgo

Trust no-one. Everyone is out to get you and don't you love it. Unfortunately you are so picky picky, picky that you miss out. Loosen up or its loser, loser, loser in 1998.

Scorpio

Ruled by your genitals and Mars the planet of war, piercing is you preferred sport. It's in your nature to be full of holes but fortunately you can find a wide selection of butt plugs at all good sex shops.

Sagittarius

Fabulous, fabulous, fabulous, 1998 is looking great for those of you who share my sign. Tact and diplomacy being two of your many special gifts you can indulge your shoe fetish safely in the knowledge that at least one foot will always end up firmly planted in your mouth.

Capricorn

Aim low in 1998 and you will always succeed. You seem to spend most of your time below the belt and if that is too low for some of you between the shoulder blades is just as good a target. Remember never turn your back on a goat unless you like it from behind... and who doesn't?

Aquarius

Aren't you a wishy-washy water sign. Even you don't know who you are, which can make you appear somewhat of an enigma, but those of us who know better realise that the depth of your shallowness really is unfathomable.

Pisce

Lucky for you, fish feel no pain. Lucky for me Pisces are just the most fabulously submissive sign of the zodiac. If you are not begging for a good flogging, you are usually flagellating yourselves anyway. Whip me, flog me, make me bleed... NO!

Gemini

Good twin, Bad twin. Sex with you is always a menage a trois, trouble is having two heads you have a tendency to think too much. Don't worry, those who know and love you don't listen anyway because they know the two of you will eventually sort it out between yourselves.





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