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Q&A



Blame It on Rio!

Classic porn fans, rejoice! You can now take the star of *China Doll* home with her intimate new biography.

The star and creator of *Vanessa del Rio: Fifty Years of Slightly Slutty Behavior* (Taschen), coauthored by Dian Hanson, joins us in taking a peek at the life inside.

What's your proudest moment from your porn career?

I guess this has to be it, because Benedikt Taschen is an art publisher. If he considers what I did art, then it has to be a proud moment.

You came to fame during the "golden age" of porn. Is the business today very different?

It's completely different. It's become a mega business, and you have to be really smart if you're going to do it. My behavior was slightly slutty, but today, there's women with toilet bowls over their heads and this look of being

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degraded. We never did anything that was degrading; you just wouldn't stand for it. Nowadays ... it's no longer just something to masturbate to, it's something to be shocked by. If you can figure out how to become a multimillionaire then go for it, but go in with eyes wide open.

I was surprised to learn that your biggest stress-reliever is watching guys jerk off via Yahoo! Chat. Are you as much of a voyeur as an exhibitionist?

I would say I'm an exhibitionist by trade ... but I'm basically a voyeur. I was looking into how to get a cam up on my site, and I stumbled upon the chat in Yahoo!. I clicked on it and suddenly there was a guy jerking off, but you couldn't see his face. The sight was hot—one of those horny, anonymous cheap thrills. I like my cheap thrills. They just sit there and jerk off. Sometimes I type in something like "Show me your balls." And they do it. It's fun.

