

Sacred Touch — Part 01 — Excerpt

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Text messages sent to audience

Narration voice-off

Text said live by me

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Upon arrival, the audience gets invited to join a Telegram group and told to keep an eye on their phones

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... and keep an eye on your phone 🤔🤔

It all started with a pair of trousers that were a bit too tight.

[Pinned message]

★★★★★ #ScrollStopper 🎉📱📱👁️👁️🍷

*I love fashion, and I have always had a lot of clothes. Mainly jackets, jumpers, shirts.
A couple of years ago, I opened an account on Vinted to sell the clothes that I no longer wore.
And to avoid simply showing the clothes on hangers, I started taking photos of myself wearing them.*

I've been using Vinted for a few years

A couple of months ago this profile came up

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At one point, I uploaded a photo of myself wearing a pair of trousers that had become a bit too tight. And the photo started getting a lot of likes and views and some messages about my bulge, saying that it was very visible.

I work as a marketing project manager, so as a good publicist I said "what do I lose with trying" and I began to upload photos of myself bare-chested, or in tight shorts, and got the items to sell faster. And, personally, I like showing off my body.

At first I also wasn't sure what I was seeing

#ItLookedInnocent
#UntilltDidnt?

And since then the stream of profiles like this one never stopped
The algorithm learned that I engaged

I started making screenshots
#IsThisAllowed?
#WhoCares

*So I started doing it more.
And never stopped since.*

I've received thousands of messages going from simple "you are so hot" to "do you sell more than swimsuits?" and a naughty emoji.

And... YES, SIR! Now I do sell more than just swimsuits!

I was intrigued
So I messaged these guys on Vinted
I explained I'm an artist and I wanted to hear their experience

I ended up conducting proper interviews with 8 of them
We chatted over text on Telegram and Instagram (never on Vinted; they asked we don't)

Their stories were very similar
So what you are hearing is a text composed of quotes extracted from the interviews,
mashed up as one voice

One of these guys sent me a couple of voice messages that he deleted shortly after. I
never saw his face, but I found his voice super sexy. I used AI to create a voice that was
similar to what I remember his voice being. That's what you're hearing

I've been asked to wear underwear for three days in a row, and trust that I sweat a lot when I go to the gym; the same with my socks, and I made them very smelly. I've been asked to cum in my underwear. I've been asked if they could taste my cum and if I could send some in a condom, which I didn't do. They have asked me to trim some of my pubic hair and send it.

*And I started agreeing. For 20, 40, and then 80€.
Then they started asking if I would sell videos.
And yes, sir, if the price is good, I do it. 100, 200, 250€.*

*Of me doing stripteases, jerking off in the shower, ejaculating.
I'm lucky enough to have a muscular body, a nice big ass, and a big cock.*

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So I make the most of it.

I make around 500€ a month, but if it were a full-time job, I could make 2000€, I think.

Now I buy big boxes of used underwear from charity shops. The sizing is a bit of a mess, but it's like 50 pairs for 5€. And they already come pretty worn, which speeds up the process. I wear them a couple of times and they look really used. New underwear is quite expensive, so this also saves a lot of money. Then I can cum or piss on a few pairs at the same time.

In physical shops, sexualized actions from buyers or sellers would be considered deeply out of place. Like a pervert flashing between the hangers

Unless it's advertisement. In which case sexualized images are normal or even called for

At first, I was very intrigued by these requests.

I knew about girls selling photos of their feet. But I hadn't heard of more.

So I did some research and I found many websites specialized in used underwear.

Turns out there is a big niche.

But on Vinted you can reach a much bigger audience, and I have more buyers there.

Because the thing is, used underwear is a kink that not everybody is willing to accept.

Some people are very interested in it, so they look for dedicated websites.

Other people, perhaps less free in their sexuality, are not courageous enough to look for those websites, but the fact that it's accessible on Vinted allows them to stumble upon and "accidentally" get "kinky" services.

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In the end it's the same, but one website is more direct than the other.

Somehow you fool people who see themselves as "low profile".

And you also fool yourself.

And the other thing is that Vinted is, in fact, much more efficient regarding shipping and order management than the "specialized websites", where you have to take care of shipping yourself and then spend many hours queuing at the post office.

#PlatformHacks

#DesireTracks

My customers are 100% male. I think most of them are gay.

However, I've also had men telling me they are married and have children.

I've also received a few messages from women, but they were just giving compliments. Men, and I'd say particularly gay men, are very direct in their approach.

I'm hetero, and I have a girlfriend. Most of them ask about this.

The hetero guy is always a selling point, I think.

Especially if you are fit!

Most buyers want that "alpha smell".

I think it's mostly because they find this dominant energy attractive.

That many gay men can have as well, in fact.

I find it flattering to be the object of desire of all those men, and it helps me make ends meet.

I still don't understand what drives people towards these specific needs.

What makes an orgasm with one of my used underwear any better.

Why can't sex with a real human fulfill their horniness.

I think it's a kink that's hard to explain logically, but it's something I think about quite a lot.

Because I, personally, don't get turned on by used underwear. It does nothing to me.

Some guys tell me they like sports gear, that they think it's super hot.

So if they need a certain piece of clothing, instead of buying it new, they prefer to buy it from a hot guy who has worn it before.

It's exciting for them. A lot of guys request this, actually.

I see men's bodies being objectified and desired

Oppressive or empowering depending on who sets the terms.

It's a fantasy, I think, of masculinity, domination and being dominated.

You can't physically have these hot guys, but here, on Vinted, by purchasing some of their personal items, you can come close to what feels like a realistic experience.

By sniffing underwear, and buying a video made just for you.

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People seek real interactions.

And the thing is, on Vinted, people feel real and "accessible".

You can write them a message, interact with them.

They want to feel, to smell the human behind it.

It's quite different from looking at some porn or OnlyFans.

So I sell an interaction.

I have some clients now who find me a real support.

I've had people falling in love with me.

Wanting to meet me outside of any sexual context.

I do this for money, but I have a strong conscience about all of that.

*So I tell them that it's not possible to meet up.
It will stay 100% virtual.*

*But a lot of Vinted users think that they can find a "digital sex friend"
So they add you on Telegram and start sending random nudes.*

Look, by doing what I do, I've realized that there are plenty of people who can't fulfill their sexual desires.

But in the end, when you think about it, I "help" people to fulfill their desires.

And there are a lot of extreme desires.

Some are acceptable, and you could easily find people that match you, some are more difficult.

Like, I get asked a lot to sell underwear that is smeared with my shit.

Oh yes sir!

Never did it, of course.

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It mostly made me realize that sex really drives some people's lives.

And that it can be quite easy to take advantage of them, once you understand what they want and what they are capable of doing to get those desires met.

I've had a man who asked me to log in to his PayPal account and take his money.

I didn't do it, obviously, because I know the laws and the risk that it would represent.

But I think he was genuine about it.

It is, in fact, very complex and intriguing.

And both scary and fascinating.

And, in a way, it makes me feel powerful, because these men want and are prepared to give me money.

I once got a message telling me that what I'm doing isn't right because there are children watching. Except that minors aren't allowed on Vinted.

And what is porn? On Vinted?

Is it the image, the intention, the reception?

Defining porn is remarkably difficult

Because what counts as porn is not strictly nudity but the structure of desire it assumes

#YouKnowItWhenYouSeeIt

#ButDoYouReally?

Of course, I understand that it could be disturbing for some people.

But if you don't click, because I think the algorithm is well developed, you don't have many chances of finding those kinds of listings again in the future.

And just as it happens on Vinted it happens in life. Like, if I don't like something, I don't look at it.

I mean, I do it on purpose. My pictures are quite explicit.

But I don't find that they are offensive.

Queer men look at other men in a way that can be both erotic and identificatory
I felt I was participating in a circuit of homoerotic visual play, tailored for a gay male
gaze, somehow consensual in its ambiguity
Flirtatious, playful, coded. Visual cruising... not assault

#UnspokenDeals 🤝🍷📦

When I found myself in this “special part of Vinted” I did a bit of research.

I found some newspaper articles talking about women being harassed on Vinted, Telegram groups where men share screenshots of women they found hot, and women being afraid of selling because their home addresses would become available to the buyer, and they had been stalked.

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I can't complain about that. I receive an impressive amount of dick pics and ass pics, but I'm responsible for that in a certain way. If you see my dick print through my shorts, you feel entitled to show me yours, and that's fair for me.

This made me think about how digital platforms replicate and emulate the codes of public space

And also of “platform leakage”: how dominant platforms or structures designed for one function become sites for non-dominant communication or desires

In this case the signaling of queerness and kink through a performative strategy of coded legibility and shared subtext. A language that only those who know will understand

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You have to find the right “technique” to overcome the rules that Vinted has, and it's quite hard to be honest. People have their profiles taken down regularly, lose their followers. That's why people try to be subtle enough for it to be plausibly deniable.

But there are those unspoken or subtle signals that something else is going on: the links to Telegram, the hints on the “about” section that you can “ask for more info”, the sock emojis. Who knows and is looking for it will find it.

#PlausibleDeniability

Apps like Grindr or Sniffies are often talked about as the digital evolution of cruising
But when you sign up for those apps you know what you're getting yourself into

When I started seeing these images on Vinted I felt like I had entered an actual cruising ground. Without knowing it. That's how I first experienced cruising "in real life". I also didn't know I was at a cruising place

Because I was unsure how to read what I was seeing

That ambiguity made room for projection

Are these cruising codes just reborn as platform hacks? Am I seeing this right?

#DigitalHankyCode

I also realised that there is another code on Vinted. I offer in-person pickup to avoid delivery charges. Except that many men think that this is an offer for sex. So, several times men have come to my house to try on the clothes, and when I noticed they had gotten completely naked to try on my shorts, they got hard, they showed me their dick, and offered to have sex. I'm doing this just to save them some money!

*The funniest was a straight married policeman who got caught by his wife
He asked me if he could send me his videos while playing
He sent a video with his dildo up his ass
His kink was to play with his hole while wearing the uniform
And a woman entered the room
He was recording on Snapchat and I think he sent the video by mistake
He'd buy videos and underwear from me*

*For the married guys, I think it's repression.
They don't have the guts to accept who they are, that they want sex with men.
For others, if they have conservative families, it implies estrangement from their families.
But you can't live a life you don't want, so they pay for the fantasy.*

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*Doing this got me thinking that you can rent men for hours or full nights.
I am intrigued by that. But could never do it.
Doing what I do, I'm private.
No one knows my name or face.
I have a real job.
I've had sexual relations with men, so I could do it.
But I don't think I'm ready for that.
Even though it's like 1500€ a night*

*When you spend time working on your body, on your overall appearance, to find people ready to spend thousands just to have you for a few hours, or to sniff your dirty underwear, is something that I find kind of rewarding.
And not only for my wallet.*

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