



Dear Barry,

I did a bunch of porn movies in the 1990's. I enjoyed doing them and made good money. Now that I am "retired" from the adult film industry, I can't get away from my past. Every time I meet someone, and they find out my past, they run from a committed relationship. They assume I am a slut. I have certainly encountered my share of Star F#@ers and sex curious guys. I want a boyfriend, but my old movies seemed to have ruined that possibility. I am not embarrassed about what I did. In fact, I was quite good! Is there hope for me and what can I do to find guys that are comfortable with my "seedy" past?

Signed Porn to Love

Dear Porn to Love,

We all have past that follow us around. Unfortunately, yours was more public than most. The field you chose in your past provided a lot of fantasy for a lot of people. On top of that, most people you slept with during those days and possible even after you retired, looked at you more as a sexual object than a person.

I do not think they run just because they think you are a slut, but also, how it would look to others if they were dating a porn star. Yes, this will follow you the rest of your life. So, what do you do to possible develop a healthy relationship. First - you should be up front about it, so that they can see if it is within their comfort zone. If not, you're not wasting your time, or theirs. Second- I know you are good at what you do sexually, but, do not have sex with them for 5-10 dates. Let them get to know you as a person. Also, it allows you to see if they are comfortable with your past. Third- dating is a numbers game. Eventually, if you date enough, you will find someone who does not have an issue with your past professional career.

Do not give up; there is someone out there for everyone. And remember, you are also deciding if they are right for you when you date someone.