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HONESTLY...

WARNING she always says what she thinks

“Monica Lewinsky is the face of the double standard”

Monica Lewinsky recently wrote an essay for *Vanity Fair* in which she said that, having now passed the age of 40, she is tired of tip-toeing around when Bill Clinton has been allowed to move on from their affair back in 1997. It's been impossible for her to get a job since the scandal and she is sick of her name being used as a cultural joke.

I keep imagining myself in her position at 22 – an intern at the White House who ends up having sexual relations with the President. It's like a movie. A young girl seduced by charm



Monica with Bill Clinton in 1997

and power – it happens all the time, but the President? Sheesh! I'm sure there are few girls of that age who wouldn't go dizzy at the idea of it. I would have done – I'd have jumped at the chance to get

frisky in the Oval Office, and consequences and morals probably wouldn't have played a part in it. I'd have allowed myself to be pursued and enjoyed every minute of it. And then, like Monica, I'd be punished for the rest of my life, not just by my own regret, but by the global media, people on the street, potential employers and chat-show hosts who found it funny to make fun of me.

Of course, having an affair with another woman's husband is not something to condone, but this was far more than that. The government didn't care about Bill Clinton's marriage, they cared about his presidency. And to protect that, they wanted Monica to shut up. But Monica refused to be silenced. She did interview after interview to try and explain that she wasn't a 'stalker', a 'bimbo' or a 'whore' but, despite her efforts, she never shook off her reputation.

Imagine if that was you. Imagine if you couldn't walk down the street without everyone passing nasty judgements on you. Thinking that they had you all worked out because of what they'd seen on ▶



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For years I spent too much money on expensive mascara which went clumpy after a week and didn't last.

I've tried so many and never been happy. But I've just started using Smashbox Photo Op Eye Brightening



◀ TV. It's easy to make a woman look crazy for being in love and it's so easy for a man to move on from a sexual scandal. Therefore an apology from the President was enough to get him back on track as Commander-in-Chief – it was a mistake, we all make them, let's move on – but Monica was branded for life. And once it's decided that a woman is a 'slut', it's almost impossible for her to escape from it.

Fame, no matter how you acquire it, is a trap. The more famous you become, the more public you have to be. When you are tabloid fodder and being hounded and misrepresented every day, how else is there to clear your name but to be even more public, even louder than the people who are bringing you down?

The day her piece in *Vanity Fair* came out, Twitter was awash with people suggesting she should stop trying to get attention and bore off going over old ground. But for Monica Lewinsky, this isn't old ground, it's her life. Her name was damned and she wants to claim it back. She is a woman attempting to take control of her uncontrollable position and I admire her for that. I think it's important for women to encourage other women whose actions incur this double standard (even if it is minus a president) to do the same. What's the alternative? Oh yeah, men get away with stuff and women don't. See feminism for details. @

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BEAUTY...
FOR YOUR BOOTY?!

I once went for a vagacial. That's right, a facial for my vag... Anyway, it was pointless and weird and a waste of money. And now I've heard there is a bumacial, known as the Shiny Hiney. Yep, a facial for your bum. Available exclusively at Skin By Molly in Brooklyn for \$75. A steam, buff and squeeze (not in a good way) to make your butt look its best. Let's hope this nonsense stays Stateside.

AUNTIE TWIT

Dawn solves your problems (well, sort of) in 140 characters

@hotpatooties how to deal with an extremely self-centred person
@hollydolly122 It all comes from them being unhappy, I think. If you love them, try to get to the bottom of what the prob is. If you dont, DITCH.

@hotpatooties How do I figure out what I want to do with my life' – having a "bout to turn 32" crisis!
@thelrainbow What do you want to do? Just do that ;) (You can do anything)

@hotpatooties how can I stylishly cover a knee-high compression sock in the summer heat?
@hebdenlouise Wide trousers and pumps. No one will know!

HEY LADY



I've fallen in love with Mamrie Hart. She has a YouTube show called *You Deserve A Drink*. At first it's loud and annoying, then just really, really funny. She makes disgusting cocktails and has the most bizarre and hilarious dog I have ever seen. Check her out at youtube.com/user/YouDeserveADrink

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Look – my cat has weird backwards legs...