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I Want to be a Prostitute: An Introduction to Renting Lacy
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Domestic minor sex trafficking is the commercial sexual exploitation of American children under the age of 18 within U.S. borders.

“As the sun sets across the United States, thousands of children are rising to meet the night.” - Page 95

“The first 20 or so times were the hardest. Then you sort of get used to it and don’t think as much about it.”
- Former child sex trafficking victim from Missouri

“None of these women or girls wants to be in this situation of being prostituted or being drug-addicted. You know, their circumstances have gotten them to this point, and those circumstances aren’t pretty.”
- Former child sex trafficking victim from Missouri

The stories are not pretty, and they are not easy to read. However they are the truth.

“Lacy had done anything and everything for him [her pimp]. She thought he would do anything for her too. He loved her.” - Page 126

“I just love that Taylor Swift song about Romeo and Juliet.”
- Sugar, 11 year old “prostitute”
Page 132

“I am going to die like Belle. It might not be AIDS, but it’ll be something like that.”
- Cherry, an “old slut”
Page 52