



"The Superior Sadist" employs a variety of methods suited to your individual needs

The art of domination

Welcome to the dungeon lair of a professional dominatrix

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Goddess Severina earned her title from San Francisco's House of Domination

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Goddess Severina is, according to her Web site, "The Superior Sadist," a highly skilled dominatrix trained in the fine art of discipline.

Her specialties include severe punishment, blood sports and any form of hardcore sadism. She could be your wildest fantasy or your worst nightmare, depending on your particular vice.

Severina has been a professional dominatrix for 14 years. She was introduced to S/M by the leather fags who were her clients when she was a professional body piercer in San Francisco.

Piercer, eh? I decide to test the Goddess' simpler credentials and have my nipple pierced.

So here I sit, waiting with sweaty palms, getting a little upset that she is late. But do you think I am going to say something to her about her tardiness? Hell no! I don't think it's a good idea to upset a domme whose specialty is blood sports before she pierces you.

She arrives, towering over me by more than a foot, looking very serious. I continue to sweat.

We enter the dungeon, a 3,500-square-foot space with various rooms to cater to any fetish or desire. There's a classroom, complete with two desks and a chalkboard (for all you naughty boys and girls); an unlit isolation room featuring a large metal cage; a Japanese bondage room; an elegantly decorated dark red room with a futon on the floor and two "D" rings in the ceiling; and the "Main Theatrical Dungeon" featuring two stocks, two racks, a spanking bench, a suspended bondage table and a 12-foot cross.

"The government could hire me," the goddess deadpans, "to torture spies."

And then there's the medical room, complete with an exam table, which is evidently where I will be pierced. I am told to take off my shirt and lay down. You don't have to tell me twice.

While Severina sterilizes the equipment I am busy checking out my surroundings, curious about all the tools of the trade. I nervously inquire about the IV bag, which she informs me is for giving saline injections, usually into the scrotum—something she compares to having weights on one's balls for about two weeks, which is how long it takes for the saline to absorb into the body. What have I gotten myself into?

I lay back on Dr. Severina's table, allowing myself to be mesmerized by her long, swinging braids. She calms me by reminding me to relax in her smooth, cool voice, and the piercing goes without a hitch.

The velvet purr of her vocal chords shouldn't fool one, however. She'd be glad to strap, chain or encase you into one of the many handy contraptions featured in her private dungeon and beat you senseless. Provided, of course, you pay the fee (which she chose not to disclose) and follow the house rules (show respect; never stare at her—only glance, for example).

Severina says what she enjoys most about this work is the diversity. She sees everyone from loggers to doctors, from a one-hour session to a one-week in-house slave stay. Most of her

clients are straight men; only about 10 percent are female, and she admits she has a much harder time being extremely sadistic with women.

Obviously this lifestyle is not for everyone. And obviously not everyone requires or desires the services of a professional dominatrix.

But even if you think S/M is unhealthy, remember one integral thing: While there are plenty of folks out there waiting to maim, abuse and destroy you without your consent, Goddess Severina is not so inclined. She never will do anything to you that you do not want and pay her to do.

I ask Severina why someone should trust her. She responds, simply, "Because I am educated."

And a job is a job, including S/M work. "I don't degrade myself in any way, but I will be more than happy to degrade someone else," she asserts, without the hint of a smile.



Bad girls get hard spankings

Severina was trained in female supremacy at the House of Domination in San Francisco, where, after two years of working her way through the levels of "Ma'am," "Mistress," then "Empress," she earned the title "Goddess," indicating she is a blood sport specialist and heavy sadist.

At the House of Domination, she learned the importance of safe, sane and consensual S/M play, which, according to the book *Screw the Roses, Send Me the Thorns*, "characterizes the acceptable play within the S/M community: Players adhere to safety precautions within their activities, do not participate in practices that will injure their partners (mentally or physically) and obtain consent by negotiating scenes and scene-related activities before carrying them out."

So you want to be a dominatrix? Think it sounds too good to be true? Well slow down, because it's not that easy.

Misconceptions abound, Severina explains.

"We are not prostitutes, we are not millionaires, and it's not all glamour. There is a lot of creativity, though, and energy that goes into all of this. This isn't just about spanking people."

When you visit Goddess Severina, tell her the devil made you do it. Or tell her Hadley sent you. But be nice, or she'll kick your ass. Really. ☞

True fetishists and submissives in need of an attitude readjustment can find Severina at www.goddesseseverina.net.

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