

It's How Some Guys Moonlight for Extra Money... WATCH OUT FOR THAT CUTE CHICK AT THE BAR

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Chatting to the cute chick sitting at the bar used to be the fastest and most pleasant way of meeting new faces and making new friends.

But many people are steering clear of Rome's bars because the result can be pretty embarrassing.

The Supreme Court in Italy recently ruled that it was no longer an offense for transvestites to carry out their fetish of dressing up in women's clothes and entering public places.

The result has been a complete surge of pseudo-females appearing just about anywhere. Their favorite haunts seem to be the late-night bars and their motives go far beyond satisfying their desire to dress up.

As one false-eyelashed swinger said, "I do it for the extra money." And that's what it is all about.

Drifting through the daylight hours in their natural male roles, the liberated transvestites change their clothes and their styles as soon as the night life springs into action.

Hovering almost seductively around the bars of Rome, they sit waiting for the easy-to-fool tourist who's looking for a quick relationship.

"It's like combining pleasure with business," explained attractive-looking Raffaella Lingui, whose real

name is far more masculine than that.

"I've always enjoyed wearing female fashions, but, until recently, had to do it in private. Now I can dress up and just go anywhere I want.

"In addition to that we lead the tourists on a bit. They think that they have found an easy pickup and they enjoy themselves. I save a lot of money in the drinks that I get bought for me all night long.

"Then when it's time to go home I just slip out the back

She May Be a Man

door and that's all there is to it.

"I don't think about taking them all the way. We just do it for the extra money that they give to us now and then."

The whole idea has caught on and the situation has become nationwide. Even Italians are a little wary about approaching girls at the bar because they are finding it increasingly difficult to determine whether it will be male or female.

"I got the shock of my life the other night," explained David Garner, an American journalist vacationing in Rome.

"I got talking to this really shapely chick who was built like a model. We had a few drinks and then danced the night away. I was really enjoying myself.

"I then offered to take her home after I had slipped \$30 into her hand, but she said she had to go and she just split.

"I got talking to the barman and he told me the news. It was unbelievable. I was really fooled."

Police aren't taking any action on the many complaints received because of this.



"Our hands are tied now that the Supreme Court has ruled all this legal," said one Rome official.

"And in any case it isn't really fraud. It seems the transvestites are not cheating the tourist, just leading them on a bit.

"My only advice is for the tourist to ask a few questions before approaching the chicks at the bar. Usually the barman knows what's going on."

The situation is snowballing by the day. It is drag night every night in Rome and no one's sure about anything anymore.



The shock comes later... when he finds out that the 'gal' in his arms is built just like him

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ANSWER — With an esti-

mated four billion people on earth, there's a very good chance that everyone has a double. Police have been known to make mistakes in picking up innocent people who are dead look-alikes for criminals. Hollywood has run contests to find twins for top stars, and even stunt men are usually chosen because of their similarity to the stars they are standing in for. Astrologers swear that everyone has an astrological twin, so why not a physical twin too?