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With my headshots from my two photo shoots I made a list of all the porn companies I could audition to. I also decided to tier them from the most professional and prestigious to the more smaller, independent ones. The more prestigious gay porn companies were also the more commercial, with bigger budgets for their films and a higher quality of production. That was ultimately the type of company I wanted to work for: professional, well-known with a good brand name that would launch my career as a porn star and allow me to make money. Why do it if not done well. However I was also aware that I had to start from somewhere and decided to approach the more niche and independent porn companies.

I was ready to begin sending off applications when I thought of doing a little further research. Why not reach out to anyone I knew who worked in porn?

There were two porn stars I knew, who had relative success, the more successful of the two, Ari, I knew personally.

I met Ari through Mike, a friend and someone I used to go clubbing with. Over the years Ari gained a reputation on the gay circuit, winning a number of gay beauty pageants in the US after he bulked up. Ari had a nice build, but he was boring and not very smart. However isn't that what we love about our porn stars? For their looks and not for their smarts?



It was Mike who told me about Ari's career by showing me his videos online. There, on Mike's phone was Ari, on his knees with a dick by his mouth and his face covered in sperm. He was looking straight at the camera as if declaring how hot the sex was. Saying I felt intensely jealous was an understatement.

By then Ari was living in Miami, contracted under a well-known porn company. When he was not working he was teaching English as a foreign language and performing as a go-go-boy at large industrial-sized gay venues or doing porn. I tried contacting Ari to arrange a time to speak but he did not answer my calls or acknowledge my texts. I reached out to him on social media but he did not respond. He deleted me from his friends list and so I left it. Through Mike I learnt that he eventually left porn, moved to Boston where he was headhunted for a company that specialised in online technical solutions for companies. He lived in a spacious apartment and made a decent salary. Ari did everything wrong and got everything right.

The second porn star I got in touch with was Adonis Silver. He kept Adonis, which was his real name, and one that was apt for porn, and Silver was a translation of his Greek surname, Argyrides. For someone who loves porn I was surprised I never heard about him. I found out about him through a fuck buddy of mine.

'We've made it as a country,' he said. 'We even have Greek porn stars now,' he joked. I googled him. His images revealed a man of average height, with a good build. His photos showed him posing by a pool with his buttocks in the air, or having a threesome, or holding his dick as he posed for the camera.

His profile mentioned he worked as a personal trainer and had he stayed away from the gym and had he not stayed away from carbs he would have been rounder in the middle. He was in decent shape for a second tier porn star.

From Athens he spring boarded to London where he worked as a personal trainer before switching careers appearing in a few gay films. In comparison to Ari, he was not as sought after nor as successful. Of the two men Adonis was definitely the budget porn star, B-List at best. He was a changeable, almost forgettable bottom when compared to Ari's strapping chest and big penis.

Through his social media account I tracked down Adonis' email and I wrote to him. He responded a few days later answering my questions with a blasé message that could be summed up with this: porn is fun, the guys are hot and the cash could be better. It was hardly good career advice. I wanted to know how the industry worked from someone actually in the industry. There was only so much I could learn online. I emailed him back again, asking for more information but I received no response.

'Are all gay porn stars this fickle?' I thought.