

The Professor

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So, I'm a Long Island girl
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And I went to uh, thank you
I went to New York University and I studied theater
I took this class down in the village, Lafayette and Asterplace
It was a musical theater workshop thing and they called it song
interpretation
I had this huge crush on my professor, who was gay, but freshma
n girls in college never know that
I don't know why but he gave us this assignment to bring a Cole
Porter song to class and approach it like a monologue
So I picked the sexiest Cole Porter song I could find
Which was Love For Sale
I figured I was gonna kill two birds with one stone
I'm going to seduce my teacher and fulfill the assignment
So I get up in front of class and I've worn
You know, we used to get really seriously back then so I dresse
d for the role, I wore some sexy lingerie under my college clot
hes and I wear some trashy makeup and I get up in front of clas
s and I start singing and I get just a couple lines in and he a
bruptly stops me and says, "Woah, what are you doing?" And I ju
st stood there and I said, "I'm singing Love For Sale Cole Port
er", and he says, "Have you even given any thought to what this
song is about? What the lyrics are saying?", and I thought I w
as just gonna burst into tears and he said, "This is about a wo
man who's out on the street in the middle of the night being ob
jectified and harassed and God knows what with all of these men
, she doesn't know where she's gonna get her next meal from or
how she's gonna pay her rent, she's lonely, she's desperate and
she's scared"