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Several years ago, when I first moved to LA for law school, I decided I might as well also make some porn. My sordidly brief experience working in the adult film industry was later affirmed by the injustices I observed as a legal aid attorney serving indigent clients who had no meaningful economic alternative other than to trick on Hollywood's most clandestine street corners. Compounded by the political theories I eagerly consumed when I was liberal arts college student who needed to believe in the timelessness and racelessness of second-wave white feminism, my understanding of sex work was accordingly grim: a transactional and energy-depleting exchange of bodily parts and fluids for money or dope, always between sexually-traumatized queer youths of color and the predatory white men who could afford to buy us. There was no conceptual breathing room in my air-tight understanding of sex work for the possibility of healing or being healed.