

Men of

LAS VEGAS

CW HEADED TO LAS VEGAS' EXCALIBUR HOTEL TO GET THE INSIDE GUY SCOOP FROM THE ALL-MALE MEMBERS OF THE THUNDER FROM DOWN UNDER REVIEW. THEIR ANSWERS ARE AS HOT AS THEY ARE!

Las Vegas is known for racy shows, but there's only a few all-male review shows—and only *one* featuring eight extremely hot Australian men. Although the Thunder From Down Under crew may look larger than life, they're all quick to say they're just typical guys—with an atypical job.

After years of touring, the show (which is cleaner than you'd think—almost all the guys' mothers have seen it) has finally settled down for an unlimited run in Las Vegas. They may not spend 24 hours a day traveling together anymore, but team Thunder remains close and still gets together for group gym workouts and barbecues. Performing 8 to 10 shows a week, they don't get a lot of time to meet women, but when they do—look out! They're buff, they're tan, they've got those Aussie accents: And they can put a shrimp on our barbie anytime!

MARCUS DEEGAN

Age: 30

Favorite body part: "My back."

How he got into stripping:

"Someone was sick one night at a different strip show, and I was there—they asked me to emcee."

How do American women differ from Australian women?

"American women are more aggressive—but only because women in Australia are more laid back."

What type of woman do you date?

"I like to date people who are definitely fun, career-minded and into fitness. I don't want a woman who's had heaps of boyfriends."

Tell us about stripping...

"It's not the 'full monty'—it's the full Thunder. We actually go down to a thong."

How do your female fans react?

"We don't do the dollar-tip thing, but the ladies can come up on stage and get a photo."

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"Our show's got a lot of style and a lot of class. That's the thunder."

MATTHEW FARDELL

Age: 29

Favorite body part: "My feet."

How he got into stripping:

"One of the guys from the show said, 'We'd like you to send photos in.' Two weeks later I was in Canada with them."

How do American women differ from Australian women?
"American women like to go out and party more."

What type of woman do you date?

"I like a woman who wears jeans and a top and can ride in a truck—like a *Playboy* model who's a mechanic."

Tell us about stripping...

"I could never do anything I couldn't bring my grandmother to."

How do your female fans react?

"This one lady offered to buy me a house when I first came to America!"

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"The thunder is the shock that it's nothing you would expect. It's equivalent to a comedian who can make people laugh."

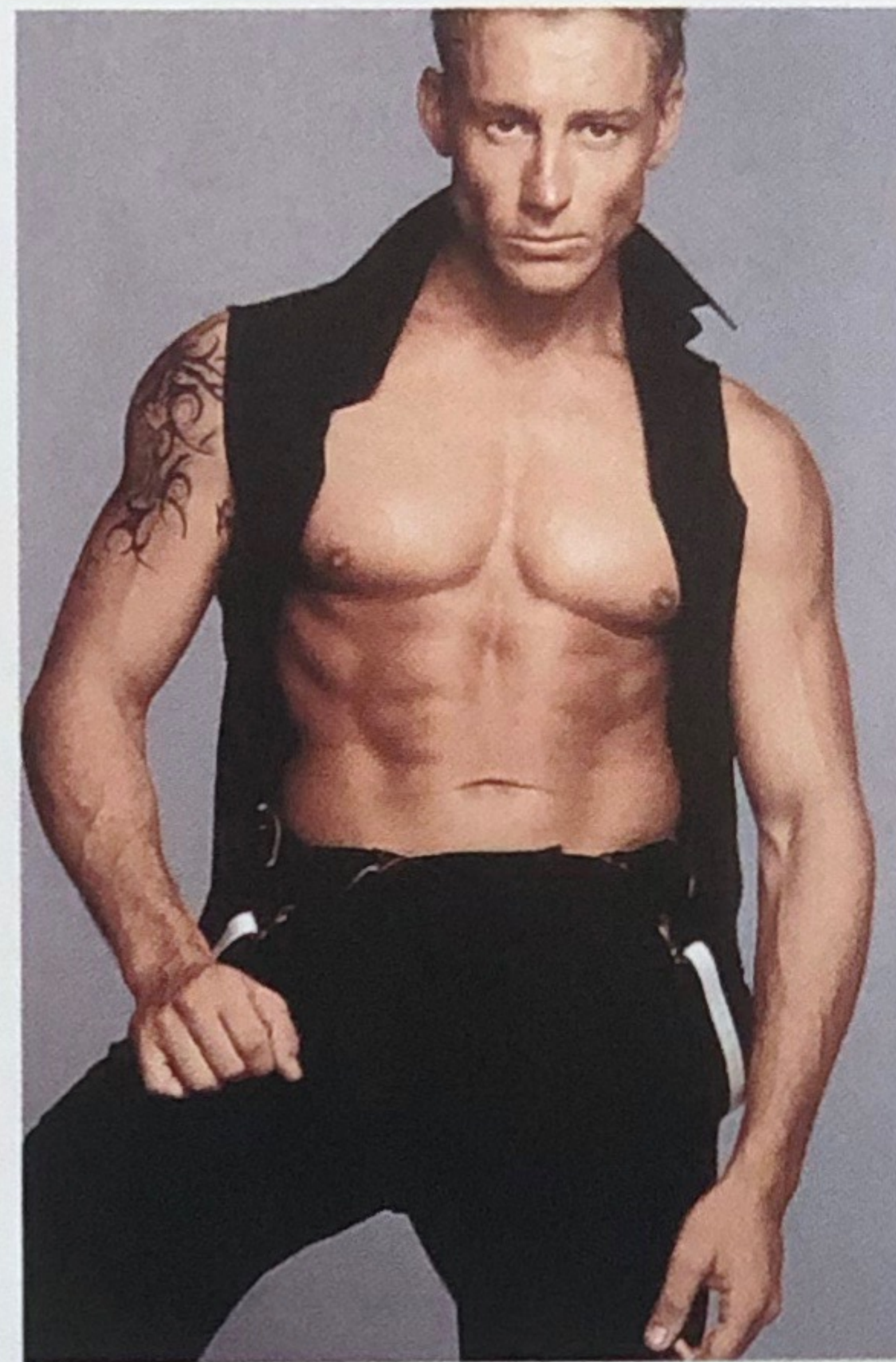
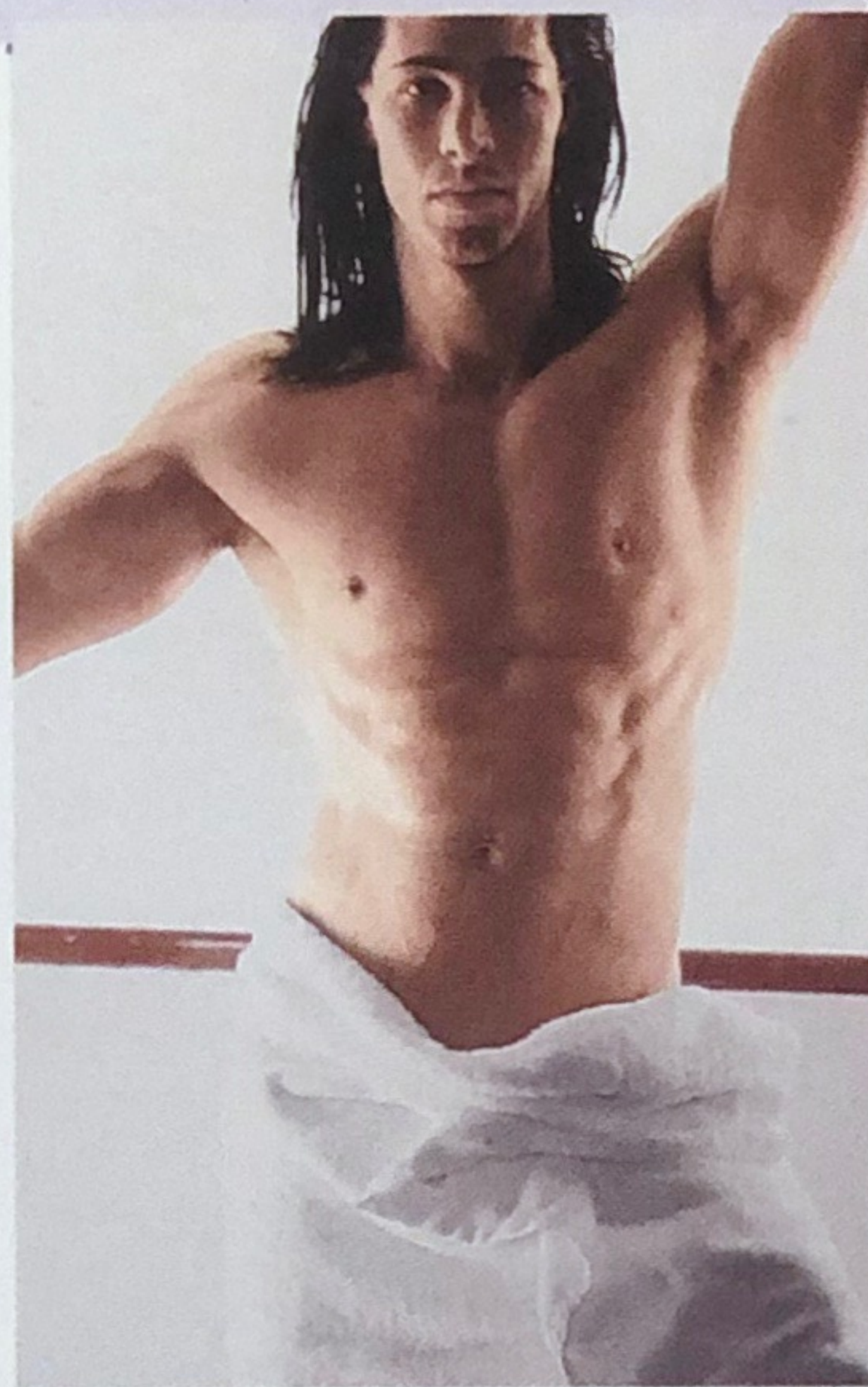
MARTY AMIOTT

Age: 30

Favorite body part: "My abs."

How he got into stripping: "I had an ex-girlfriend who said I

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should join the show. I've been here eight years and am the longest-running member."

How do American women differ from Australian women?

"Women in America see what they want and they just go straight for it. Women in Australia don't make such a fuss over you."

What type of woman do you date?

"I just look for someone to click with."

Tell us about stripping...

"The biggest comment we get is that the show is completely different from what folks thought it would be."

How do your female fans react?
"When we used to travel we had fans who would follow us around the world."

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"As much as we like to not admit it or admit it, the first place audiences look is the package!"

DAVID HUGHES

Age: 22

Favorite body part: "My shoulders."

How he got into stripping: "My brother did it once, and I went when I was a young boy and was like, 'These guys are cool, man.'"

How do American women differ from Australian women?

"American women like our accent

and are also more outgoing. Australian women aren't as impressed by the accent!"

What type of woman do you date?

"I hate judgmental women—I don't like to date them!"

Tell us about stripping...

"We get down to a thong, and in Australia, we wear thongs on the beach, so it's not a big deal."

How do your female fans react?

"They come from all over, but they're always good!"

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"Energy. All the boys put 100 percent in all the time."

DAVID ASTONE

Age: 28

Favorite body part: "My head and calves."

How he got into stripping: "I was kind of tricked. I joined a dance troupe back in Australia, and when we got to this club for a show, there were a bunch of girls there."

How do American women differ from Australian women?

"American women are very strong in the head. That's a good thing."

What type of woman do you date?

"She would have to have a good heart. I don't like a girl who thinks she's too good for anyone."

Tell us about stripping...

"We can't go naked! It'd be disgusting to be running around and have this *thing* hanging down every second. We'd be in a lot of pain—we do a lot of flipping."

How do your female fans react?

"You get a lot of women coming on to you, but most of the crowd are just here to have a good time."

What's the thunder in The Thunder From Down Under?

"I'd have to say good-looking, funny, happy, down-to-earth guys having the time of their life on stage!"

DONOVAN LEWIS

Age: 27

Favorite body part: "My feet."

How he got into stripping: "They approached me to strip and I was like 'No, I couldn't do that'—but once I came to see the show, I realized it was a cabaret-type performance."

How do American women differ from Australian women?

"The thing is, in America, dating is when you are seeing a lot of people—in Australia, when you're dating, you're going out with one person. So basically, in America, dating is cheating! It's great!"

What type of woman do you date?

"The best is just a woman who is herself. And a good cook!"

Tell us about stripping...

"I feel really uncomfortable with pelvis thrusting."

How do your female fans react?

"We have a lot of people who come twice a week or a month, and we've bought *them* birthday cakes."

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"That would be the individual personalities and talents that come together as a group."

CRAIG STOTT

Age: 25

Favorite body part: "My back."

How he got into stripping: "I was coaching gymnastics and a lot of the guys from the show came down for private lessons. I thought, gee, I would like to get up and do that one day."

How do American women differ from Australian women?

"American women are probably a bit more conservative."

What type of woman do you date?

"Every single night you're dancing in front of 400 or 500 women, and to meet someone who can understand that you're doing it for a job would have to be a very special person."

Tell us about stripping...

"I'd never go nude. Girls like to leave a little to the imagination."

How do your female fans react?

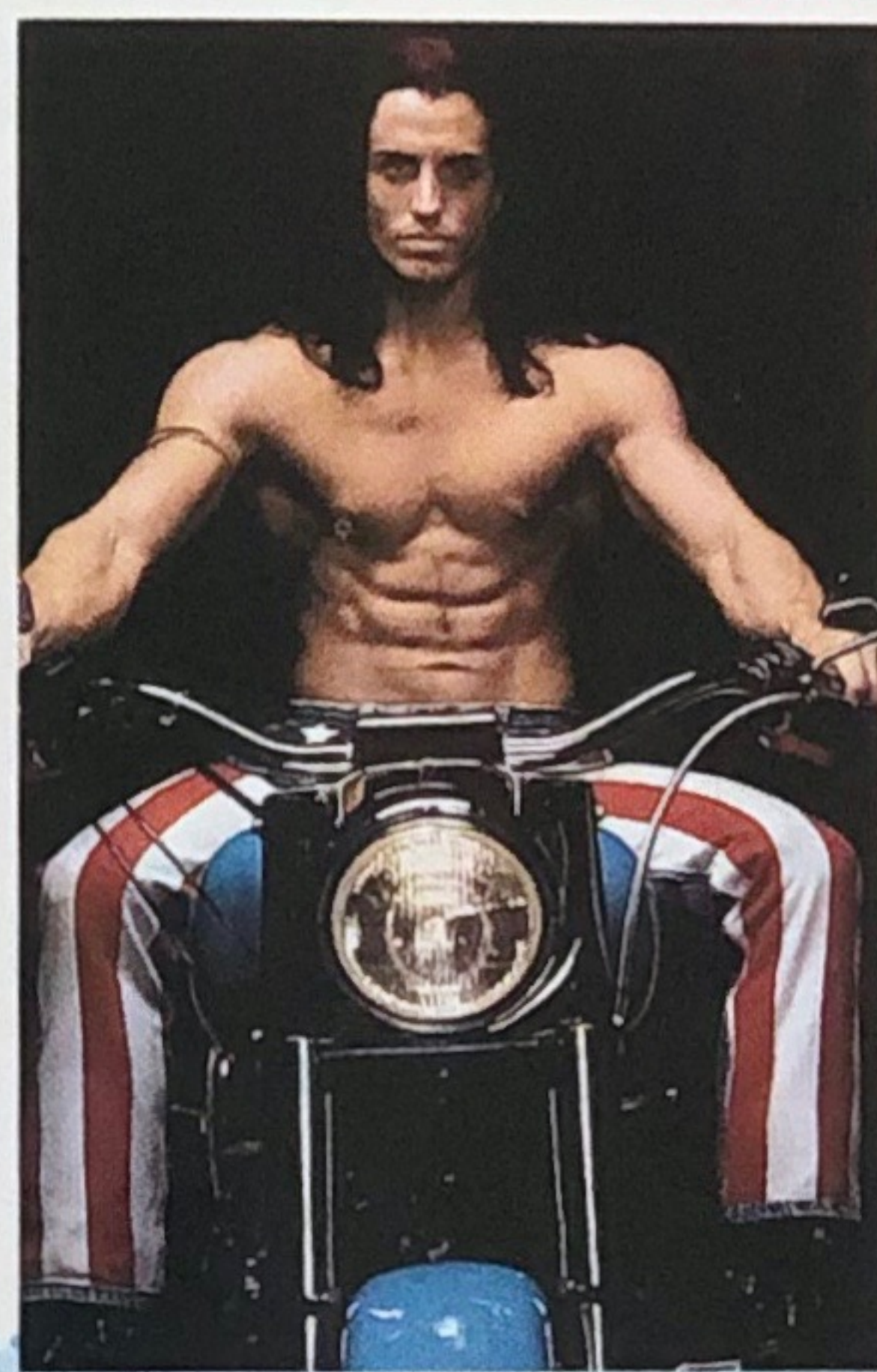
"A group of ladies comes once a month and brings us these biscuits from Australia."

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"Putting everyone's different abilities and talents together."



If you thought *Crocodile Dundee* was the best import Australia has to offer, check out these hotties—members of the Las Vegas Thunder From Down Under review and the national touring troupe. Clockwise, from left to right: David Rylan, Craig Stott, Shaun Donaghy, Donovan Lewis, Adam West, Marcus Deegan, Matthew Fardell, Marty Amriott and Menno Van Kampen.



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GRANT PRESTWIDGE

Age: 24

Favorite body part: "My eyes."

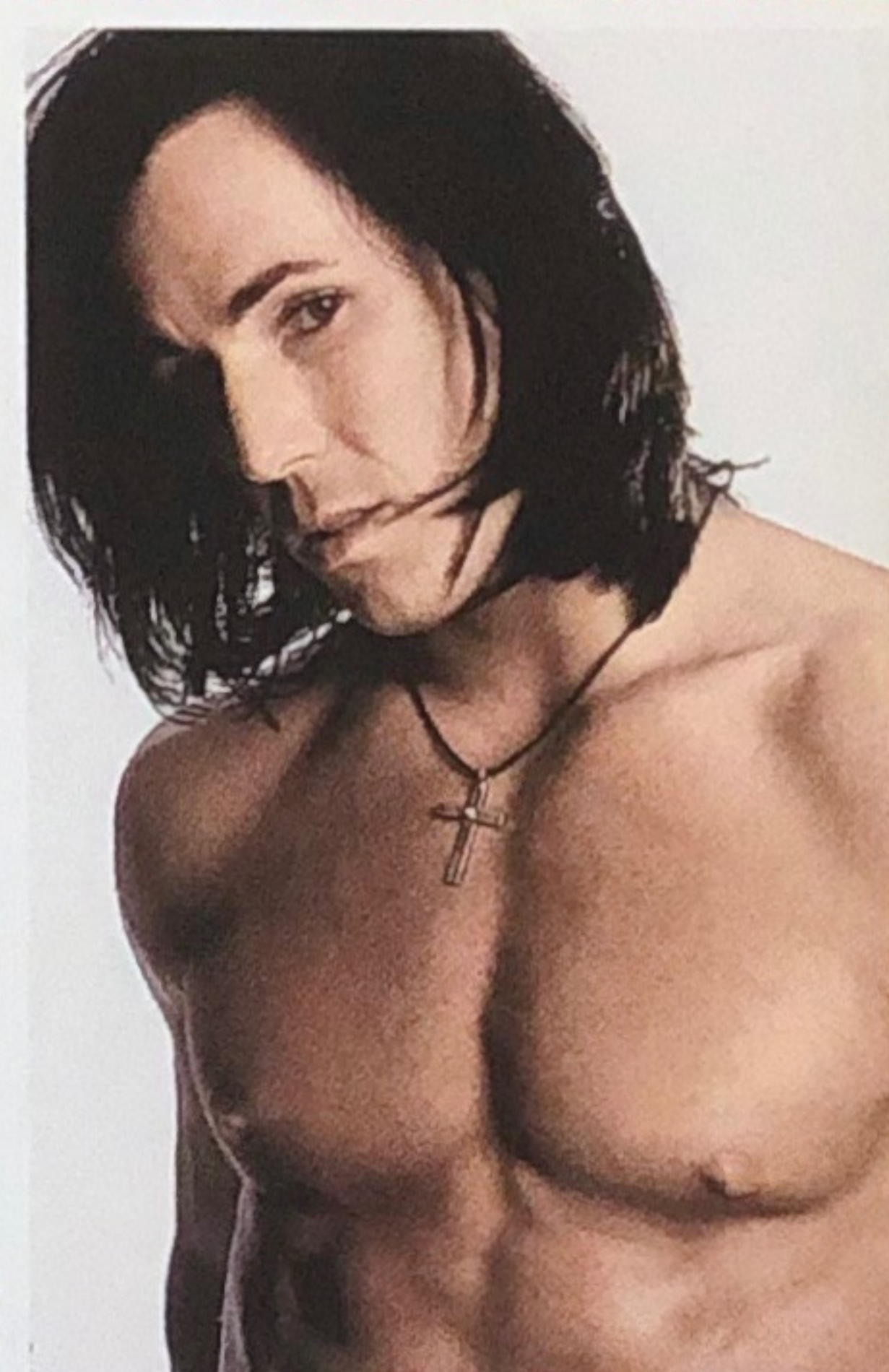
How he got into stripping: "I flew down to Vegas for a weekend to party, saw all my mates on a billboard—I knew them from years ago—and it was the luck of the draw that they were looking for a new guy."

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"American women are forward. They know what they want."

What type of woman do you date?

"Someone who is just outgoing



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and can have a conversation with me."

Tell us about stripping...

"Since we don't strip down to nothing, our audience can think, 'Oh, I wonder what's under that.'"

How do your female fans react?

"We get gifts from women all the time—dinners and cakes."

What's the thunder in Thunder From Down Under?

"We just have a lot of *oomph*."