## **Pakistan Pleasure boys** KHYBER PASSES

Carrying On Up the Khyber in Search of the Pleasure Boys of Pakistan's Northwest Frontier

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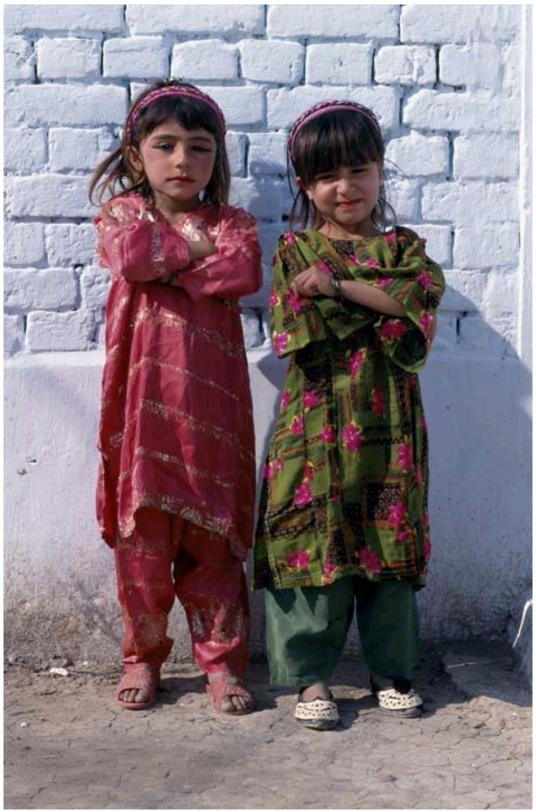
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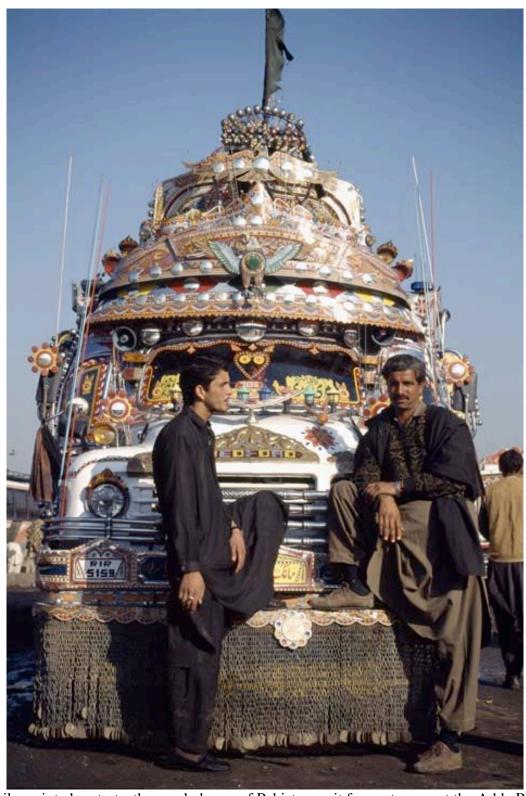
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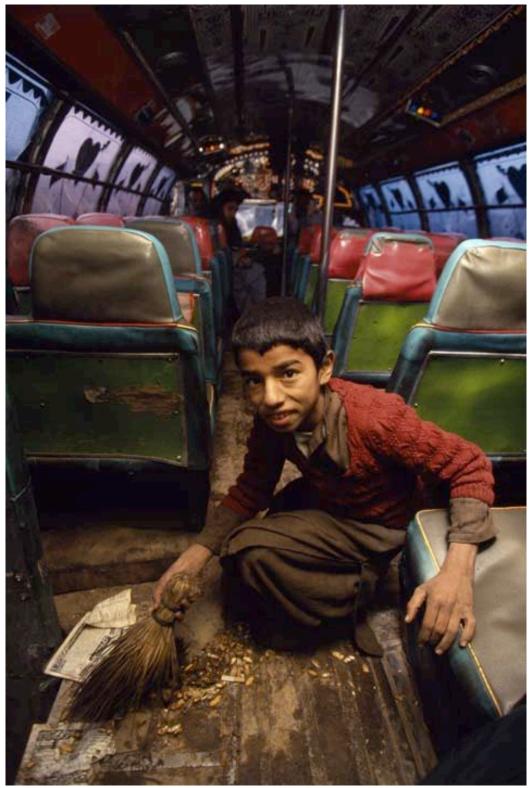


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Among the many things that came from Afghanistan and Central Asia through the legendary Khyber Pass was the institution of pleasure boys who are still admired and kept in Pakistan especially along the Northwest Frontier.



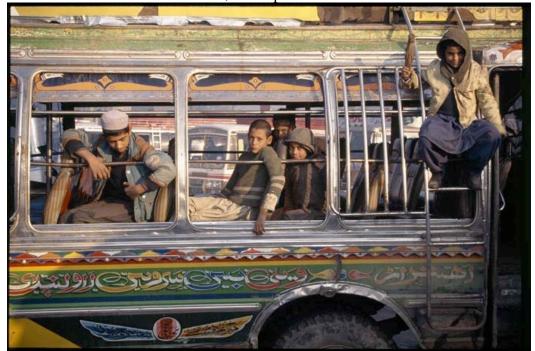
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**16.** Young boys, many of who are Afghan refugees, clean buses and perform other services for the drivers who take them on as assistants. Some boys, as young as 8 complain of sexual harassment.



**17.**Teenage Afgan boys pass by traditionally deocrated auto-rickshwas. Boys who sleep in the bus terminal complain of overwork and sexual abuse (sometimes by the police) and sometimes mysteriously disappear. One cop said, ,These bastards deserve it. Adda Pir Wadhai Terminal, Rawalpindi.



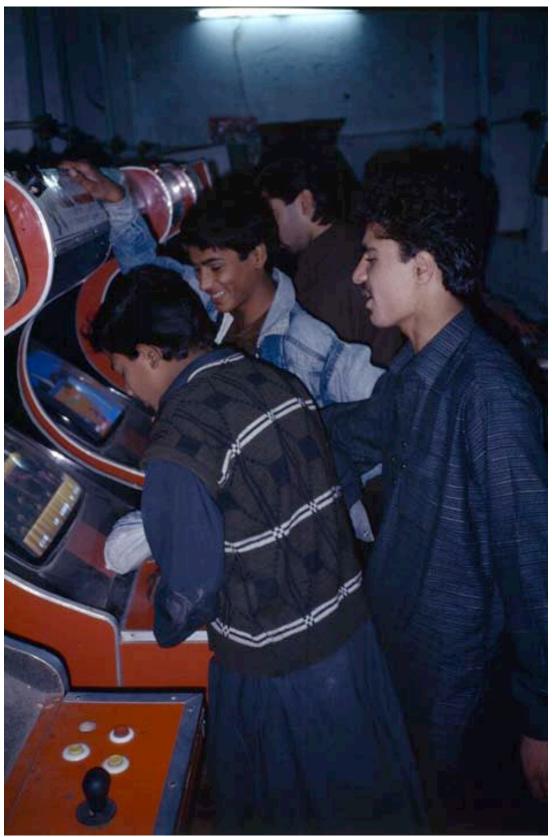
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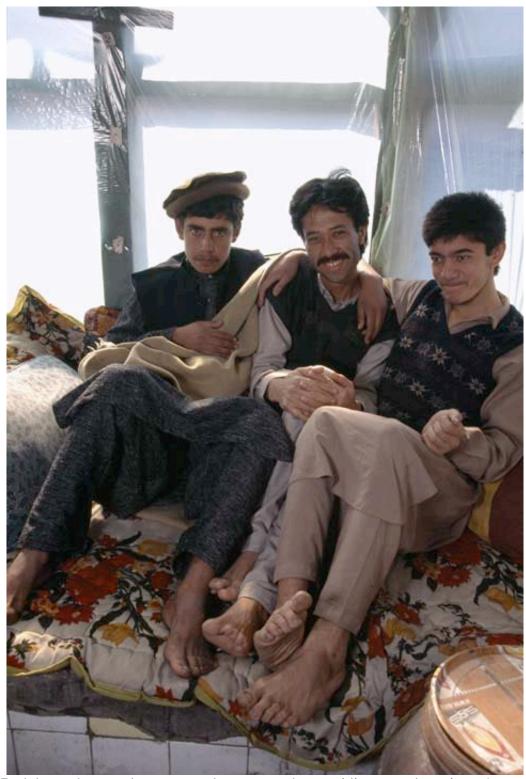
19. Teen-aged automobile mechanics service more than just cars. Lahore.



**20.** Cinema billboard, the picture of the ideal woman. Peshawar.



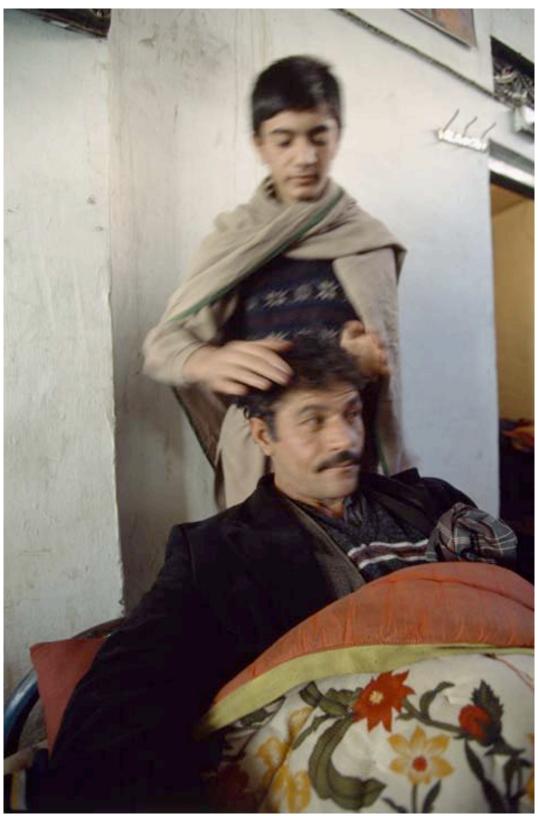
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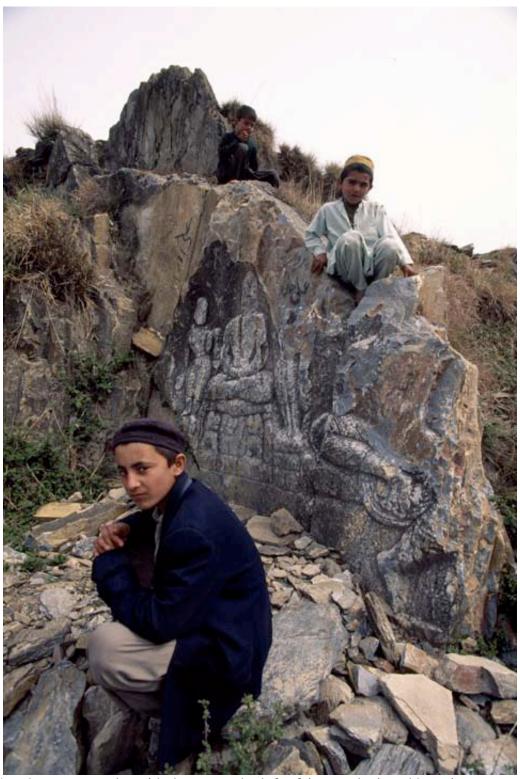
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**23.** Barber shops in Pakistan also serve as bath houses, hammams, and often employ attractive boys to attend the customers. These barber shop boys wait for customers in one of Peshawar, larger establishments in Qissa Khawani or the Bazaar of the Storytellers.



**24.** Hotels also employ young attractive boys to cater to their customers needs. Here a young boy gives a client a head massage.



**25.** Another area popular with the men to look for fair complexioned boys is at some of the Buddhist historic sites. The under ground meditation rooms originally used by the monks now suite other purposes.

Afgan boy sits on the ruined stone image of Padmasambava, Guru Rimpoche in Swat Valley.



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**29.** Greasy bus cleaning boys watch TV and smoke cigarettes in a terminal hotel while passing time between jobs.



**30.** Adolescent boys are much admired objects of beauty in Bannu, a small town in the Northwest Frontier Province where the majority of men are said to be pedophiles. The empurpled pleasure boys of Bannu loiter in the streets before joining a wedding party where they are treated as special guests admired for their youth and beauty.



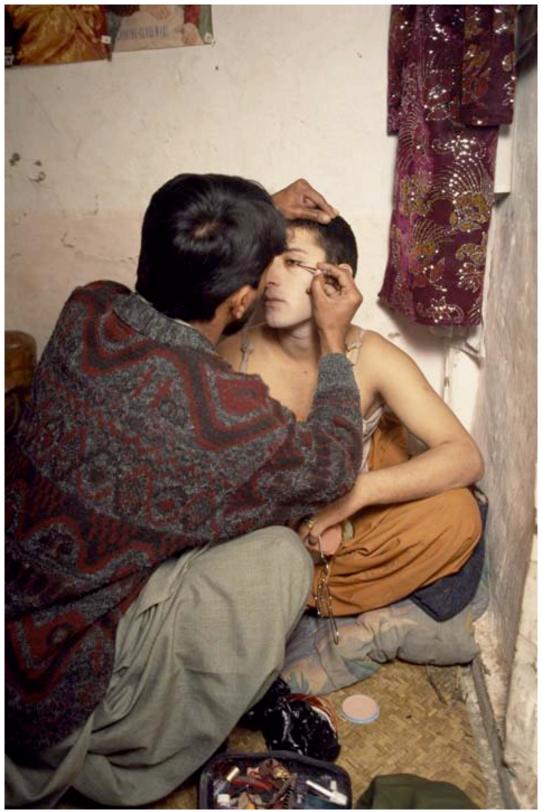
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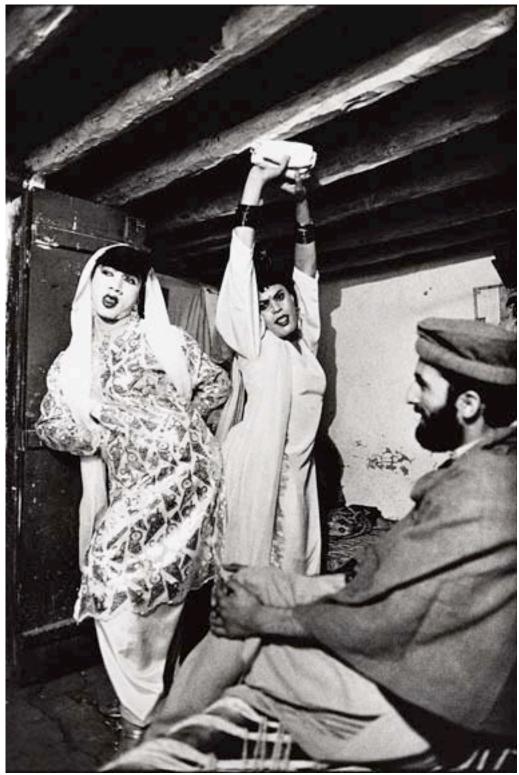
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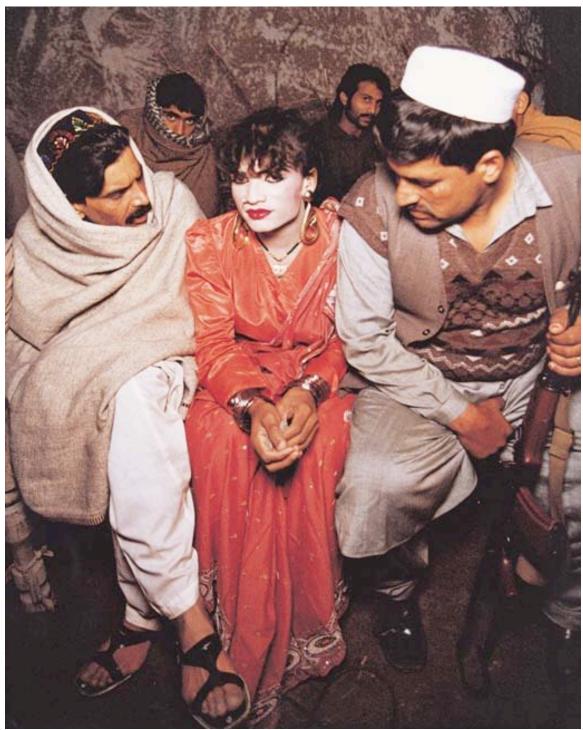
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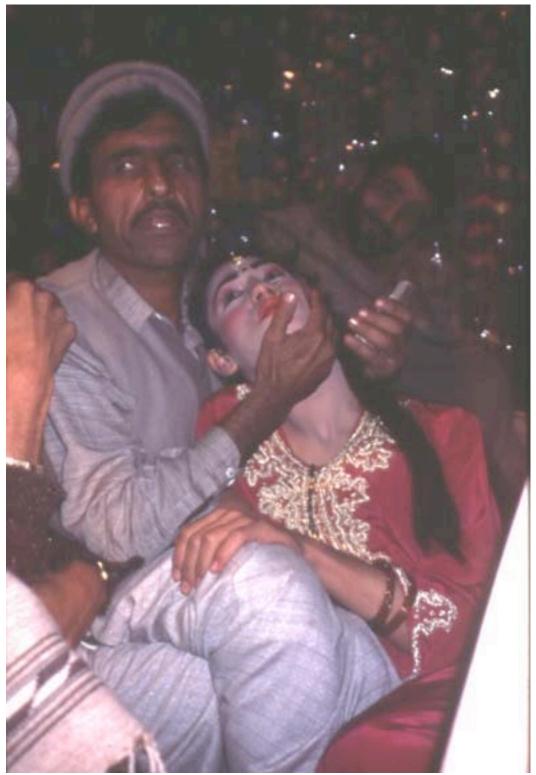
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**36.** A Hijra (transvestite) relaxes from entertaining at a wedding party. Two Pathan men, one holding gun vie for the hijras attention. The mores of the Pathans of northern Pakistan are so strict that men can never mix socially with women other than their wives or other family members. **North West Frontier Province (NWFP), Pakistan.** 



**37.** Called "minstrels of the night", the hijras are South Asia's ridiculed and ostracized third gender-eunuchs and trans-sexuals-who are deemed auspicious at wedding parties and birth ceremonies- but otherwise outcast as nature's freaks. **NWFP**, **Pakistan**.