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Kiss Tales: Gene Simmons Party at Cindy Adams' House

JUICY GOSSIP Cindy Adams has lent a sympathetic ear to Hollywood celebrities, troubled Wall Street titans, downsized dictators, and embattled public officials. On Thursday, the consummate hostess opened her home to a raucous rock-and-roll legend, **Gene Simmons**, vocalist and bass guitarist of Kiss. The party celebrated Mr. Simmons' book "Sex Money Kiss" (New Millennium Press), containing his views on life, love, and other provocative subjects.

One guest asked Mr. Simmons, who was wearing a carnation, "Do you know Steve Tyler?" He replied: "Does Steve

Tyler know me?"

The publisher of Hampton Sheet, **Joan Jedell**, told Mr. Simmons she had dressed for him, since the invitation read, "Dress in whatever you would wear...to meet Gene Simmons." Mr. Simmons replied: "If a woman dresses for me, she takes her clothes off."

Fred Ciporen, president of Reed Press, was talking with **Kay Hymowitz**, author of "Liberation's Children" (Ivan R. Dee). Praising **Michael Viner** of New Millennium Press, Mr. Ciporen said Mr. Simmons' book "will do well, because it's been published well."

Others in the crowd were **Col Allen**, editor of the New York Post, and Fox News senior correspondent **Rita Cosby**.

The middle word of Mr. Simmons' book title is "money," which Mr. Simmons is poised to make a lot more of in the Far East. For, sitting on a sofa near the door was **Richard Davimos**, who is working on sports television projects in China with Mr. Simmons. Mr. Davimos described Mr. Simmons as "the smartest guy I've met" in business. **Mary Aarons**, vice president of New Millennium Entertainment, stood nearby holding a Gene Simmons lunch box that contained compact disks.

Seated in the room with the bar was **Paul Shaffer**, who recalled the time members of Kiss appeared on "Late Night with David Letterman" to play alongside a Kiss tribute band. Near Mr. Shaffer was **Allen Tuller**, co-founder of "Gene Simmons Tongue" magazine, the next issue of which will feature **Snoop Dogg**. It goes on sale July 29. Mr. Tuller described the magazine as "Maxim meets Playboy meets Rolling Stone."



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KISSER Gene Simmons' book 'Sex Money Kiss' was the cause for celebration.

Also at the party was **Richard Curt** who described himself "the leading literary agent on East 74 Street between Lexington and Third."

One attendee, standing a corridor whose walls and ceiling are adorned with fragments of the New York Post, asked Ms. Adams if any of her stories had appeared on the page of the paper. Her eyes widened. "All of these," she said, joking that he would get any food that evening.

Foxnews.com writer **Robert Friedman** sat in the living room talking with **Matth Modine**, who appears in the new Merchant and Ivory film "Le Divorce," and the actress wife **Cari**. Mr. Friedman pointed to a nearby chair and asked Ms. Adams if that was where her dog **Jazzy** sits. "Usually sits on journalists," Ms. Adams responded.



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PRIZED PET Cindy Adams holds her Jazzy.