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## Joe Grind

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My cousin knows Joe Grind He visits her all the time For when her husband is out Joe Grind is always about

My cousin utilizes Joe Grind In those most difficult times Like when she wants it hardcore She knows Joe will provide the cure

My cousin says Joe is a handy fellow Him know how to make her squirm and bellow Uttering words in foreign tongues Making her confess all of her wrongs

Joe Grind is very energetic, creative and optimistic Always willing to try new things Something original him always brings

Constantly aiming to please his clients
Joe keeps up to date with new inventions
Never using the same style twice
Adding spice to boring lives

Him is also quite athletic
Jumping fences
Squeezing through tight spaces
Never getting caught by unsuspecting husbands
My cousin says Joe is the right man.

## **Abstract**

*Joe Grind* is the Jamaican term for a man, other than the spouse, who provides a woman with sexual favours. Such a relationship is engaged in secretly and usually does not involve any emotional attachment. Joe Grind is usually used by women who lack sexual fulfilment in their relationships. This issue is not primarily Jamaican. In Trinidad and Tobago he is known as the *horna man*. The poem *Joe Grind*, explores such issues.