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Breaking with Arkady: Soviet defector **Arkady Shevchenko** is getting rich with his best-selling memoir, *Breaking with Moscow*, but whatever became of **Judy Chavez**, the woman who blew his cover?

Shevchenko, the former high-ranking Soviet diplomat to the United Nations, lived under FBI protection near the Shoreham Hotel while the CIA debriefed him in the late 1970s. To keep Shevchenko company, one of his G-men suggested he call an escort service listed in the Yellow Pages. The result: Judy Chavez, a specialist in leather and whips.

Shevchenko became obsessed with Chavez, showering her with money and demanding more and more of her time. But, wary of growing FBI and CIA interest in her, Chavez pulled a defection of her own.

She told an NBC reporter about her interesting client, then invited Shevchenko to a lunch where television cameras were waiting. The Soviet defector appeared that night on network news, and for the CIA and Shevchenko, the jig was up.

Today Chavez is a New Yorker, living in a SoHo loft bought with earnings from her paperback, *The Defector's Mistress*, published after her brush with notoriety. Two years ago she married a Yugoslavian artist.

Has she read her ex-lover's book? No, says Chavez, but she does admit to having looked for her name in the index. She's there—Shevchenko devotes five paragraphs to her.