

= Louise Glover =

Louise Helena Glover (born 8 February 1983) is an English model . She is well known for her work as a glamour model , with appearances in British lad mags , including FHM , Bizarre , Maxim , Loaded , and tabloids such as the News of the World , The Sun and Daily Star . She is the first British model to be named " Model of the Year " in Playboy Special Editions .

= = Early life = =

Glover was born on 8 February 1983 in St Helens , Merseyside , England . She had a troubled childhood . She grew up partly in St Helens with her father 's family , partly in Great Yarmouth with her mother 's , and partly in foster care , which , she says , led to her being bullied and made her a very shy and quiet child . She changed homes and schools many times . At age 15 , she was released from foster care , and got her own apartment .

Glover had started her modelling career early , when at the age of 9 , a photographer noticed her on a shopping trip with her mother , and compared her to a young version of Lorraine Chase from the British TV show Emmerdale . Glover found she enjoyed being photographed , and planned to become a professional model from the age of 12 . She began entering modelling contests at the age of 14 , and beauty pageants , to get noticed as a model . She was a regional finalist for the beauty title Miss Great Britain at the age of 17 , and traveled to London to be a national finalist at the age of 18 , while studying Holistic Therapy at St Helens College .

At age 17 , in 2000 , Glover travelled to Belize with a Raleigh International project . The ten weeks in Belize had a great impact on her motivation . " It was the best thing I could have ever done at that point in my life " , she said . At age 19 , she represented Great Britain in the Miss Earth contest in the Philippines . Soon after , her modelling offers increased tenfold .

= = Career = =

= = = 2002 ? 2005 : modelling work for British newspapers and magazines = = =

Glover began getting paid modelling work in 2002 . She became known as a glamour model , appearing topless in British lad mags , including FHM , Bizarre , Maxim , Loaded , and tabloids News Of The World , The Sun and Daily Star . She was featured in TV shows and documentaries including Dream Team , National IQ Test , and Blaggers . She has also appeared as a clothing model , for Ed Hardy clothing , Sex Symbol denim wear , Austin Reed ladies wear , and on front covers , photo shoots and interviews for magazines in South America , USA , Canada , Spain , Sweden , Germany , Russia , South Africa , and Australia .

Glover continued to support Raleigh International after her modelling success , raising funds for the group , and traveling to Malaysia in 2004 to help build a footbridge and teach English to residents of a remote village . She climbed Mount Kinabalu , the highest mountain in Malaysia , to help Raleigh International raise funds .

In August 2005 , Glover was sentenced to 240 hours community service by St Helens magistrates after admitting claiming £ 14 @, @ 831 in welfare benefits between August 2002 and November 2004 while posing for newspapers and magazines . She stated that she did not know the small and irregular earnings would make a difference to her benefits , and that she had been sometimes too depressed to leave her flat . While performing the community service in 2006 , she was assaulted twice by a group of girls , one attack leaving her with a broken nose . This cost her a month of modelling work , and contributed to her depression , but also to her taking kickboxing classes to learn to defend herself .

= = = 2005 ? : Playboy , Penthouse , photography , and career diversification = = =

Glover says appearing in Playboy magazine was an important goal for her ever since becoming a glamour model . She met publisher Hugh Hefner during a photo shoot in Los Angeles , when she was 21 . He offered her a test shoot , and she visited the Playboy Mansion . Glover appeared on the cover of Playboy Vixens magazine in January 2006 , in the " Top 100 Sexiest Playboy Models " 2006 pictorial special edition , and won Playboy Special Editions Model of the Year 2006 ; she was the first British winner . To celebrate her success , she was portrayed on the cover and inside a special edition of Playboy Lingerie , which she calls possibly her favourite magazine cover .

Glover became the UK 's Penthouse " Pet of the Month " for March 2007 after posing for a celebrity cover and 10 page feature . She has appeared in the American edition of Playboy magazine for September 2007 , and on the cover of Playboy France . Her beauty pageants also continued , and after three tries , she won Miss Hawaiian Tropic UK 2007 , and competed in the international finals in Las Vegas , Nevada .

Besides modelling , Glover has attempted to expand her career into other areas , as a fall @-@ back if she cannot make it as a model . As of 2007 , she has maintained a web site as a professional photographer since 2004 . In 2006 Glover co @-@ launched an adult lingerie online store called Female Bliss , and signed a contract with a Swedish record label as an aspiring singer . In 2007 , she appeared in her first music video acting role , for Scouting for Girls ' single " She 's So Lovely " . In 2007 , Glover was interested in expanding from glamour modeling into fitness modelling , and was in talks with WWE to become a professional wrestler , which were put on hold due to her lack of US citizenship .

= = Personal life = =

As of 2007 , Glover lives in London . She has loved to travel since her early days working for the charity Raleigh International in Malaysia and Belize . She spends so much time in the United States that she says she should have been born in America .

Glover 's favourite sports pastime is scuba diving in her travels , and her favourite diving location is the Red Sea . She passed her open water certification in Malta , and an advanced scuba diving course in Borneo .

In addition to another conviction for assaulting a police constable in 2001 and a caution for assault occasioning actual bodily harm in 2005 ; Glover was , in December 2009 , found guilty of physically attacking DJ Maxine Hardcastle in the Oceana Club in Brighton . After accusing Glover of showing " complete absence of any sign of remorse " and having perpetrated a " vicious and unprovoked attack , " the judge sentenced her to a 30 @-@ week suspended prison term for two years and community service .