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Surly Girl Saloon – Columbus, OH

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You're Having: "Sass"parilla (bourbon and root beer)

Outfitted with a tin ceiling, a baroque chandelier, and walls crawling with painted scorpions, the Surly Girl is a midwestern take on an Old West bordello. The fairer sex rules at this female-owned saloon, but rest assured: The womanly wiles are dispensed with Mae Westian sass, not post-riot grrl angst. Pigtailed roller derby queens sit elbow to elbow with middle-management types, everybody digging into down-home grub such as Frito Pie and Cherry Cola-Glazed Ribs. The superb draught selection runs from Brasserie de Rocs Grand Cru to PBR, with a special nod to high-gravity and woman-brewed beers that'll put a boot in yer ass. In the unlikely event that the suds fail you, order up their "Surly Temple," a vodka and red pop, three bucks all the time.