

## Reader Questions And Comments

### Profiles In Obscurity

*Quote: "About him? He will hear my call a mile away. He will whistle my favorite song. He can ride a pony backwards. He can flip pancakes in the air. He'll be marvelously kind. His favorite shape will be a star. And he'll have one green eye and one blue."*

Hey, did you notice on that last quote she was actually quoting lines from a movie? I believe it was 'Practical Magic.' I think I'll go do some spell check on my profile!! LOL

J—TN

*OK, well that explains it. Nonetheless, I doubt many of us out there get the reference from such a relatively obscure movie. Maybe we shouldn't "bother"! LOL*

### Going To Cali

Scot,

How are you doing? Well i need a little advise "go figure", Well i am expecting and having a little problem, my man and i have been together for awhile and he is originally from California and he is wanting to move there so he can get a better job and we could be really happy but i am a little scared to move because my family is here and my job is here. He has been distant from me because he is not doing as well as he wants. What should i do i am trying to be very supportive but it kind of hard. I love him and i would do anything but it is just so sudden for me to pick up and move. Well i better be going. Talk to you soon

B—TX

*Well, logistically speaking, you have to consider that a "better job" in most parts of CA brings with it an IMMENSE increase in living expenses. People are LEAVING California in large numbers to come to places like Texas (where you live) because the opportunity for a better lifestyle is much greater here than there. So i'm not sure the "better job" theory holds.*

*In fact, caveat emptor, because many times a man's true motive in seeking to move away from his woman's family base so that he can literally entrap her in an abusive relationship in which she has nobody to turn to in a time of crisis. He is typically a lot more likely to get away with bad behavior towards you if he has you far away from others who care most about you. Yes—some IJs literally*

*premeditate this sort of thing. Oh by the way, getting a woman pregnant ASAP in a relationship is often part of the "master plan" here. So be careful.*

*If this is legitimately all about him wanting to be where his family is, though, he needs to remember that his future family is right in front of him. When the baby is born, he is going to be hella glad that the support system of your family is here for him--believe me.*

*Regardless, I'd encourage waiting a while to move.*

## **Good Advice About Bad Advice**

I caught myself on a couple of those. # 4 **"Stop trying so hard. Love comes around when you least expect it."** I used to say that. BUT, you do have to work at it. Because like you said, about education and educating your kids, you have to educate yourself on your partner all the time. Times and people do change. So, if you don't either change or adapt to your partner you are either left behind or looked over for something or someone else. You get out what you put into the relationship. If you want something you have to give something. # 10 **"Everyone makes a mistake...you have to let that [major] one go."**....that is why I have been divorced twice. I just would not let them treat me like that. I am no door mat.

C--TX

*As always, you just gotta DESERVE what you WANT out of a relationship. Thanks for your letter...and "way to go" for not accepting unacceptable behavior.*

## **Keeping Guys Around Long Term...Myself Included**

This was awesome Scot. Is this what you wrote to get the gal you have now? Awesome. Too bad people don't take this as an application (sort of) for dating into reality.

*Well, to answer your question, having written that newsletter I do know exactly what it is that keeps me around for a long time, and since that is what I am looking for out of life I also know how to choose carefully and wisely! LOL*

## **Baggage Check**

Hey Scot,

Well you hit on a touchy subject for me. As you know, I have 4 boys and I am recently divorced. I jumped into a relationship after separating from my ex. The funny thing about how it all came into play is that. This guy who I knew from the beginning had no intentions of sticking around became someone very important to me. He was the only person I gave myself completely to. His goal was to find someone that has not been married and had no kids. Knowing that, we remained exclusive for 10 months. I never pushed my kids on him and it seemed that he became okay with my baggage. On his own terms, he introduced himself to my kids. He made so many plans with them and was constantly around.

What I am perplexed about is after he left me for someone with no kids and has never been married, he left me saying that nothing was wrong...that everything was perfect.

What is a girl suppose to do with that. He is still so much a part of me that, I cry at times. I was left believing that I didn't do anything wrong, but if it was so perfect and nothing was wrong, then why was it hard for him to admit how he feels to himself.

Till this day, I am still here for him. All he has to do is call. I still prepare his lunch, buy him what he needs, etc...all with just a phone call.

Am I crazy? Crazy to hang on to how I feel in my heart? Somehow, we are still connected and I can feel it deep inside of me.

Am I doomed... Doomed to grow old alone because I told myself that I am not going to let go?

Let me know

J--CA

*OK, three keys here:*

- 1) He told you up front that he would not commit to you.*
- 2) He has a new girlfriend, yet he still "owns" you since you'll do things for him.*
- 3) You are still committed to him, despite the reality that he never was.*

*No, there is nothing wrong with you personally. There doesn't have to be in this situation. He wants a woman with no kids who has never been married, and that's his prerogative. Yet, you allowed yourself to get emotionally attached to an extreme degree KNOWING there was no future. As women often have to learn the hard way, men will typically NOT be changed by women, even though they will happily keep a woman around who satisfies them at a certain level until they find who it is they truly want. Happens all the time. BTW, bear in mind that NOT ALL MEN feel the way he does regarding your kids and your divorced status--far from it. Realize how much more quality you deserve than what you have been getting, and go for it—elsewhere.*

## **Jumping Into Conversation**

hello Scott. How r u? Hope everything is going great in TX! I was wondering if your newsletter, in the past, has addressed the issue of social talking or small talk. I seem to be quite deficient in this area. Strangers, men & women, will start a conversation with me, but I don't seem to respond. I look at them blankly and smile. But that's it. I think I am afraid or something. Or my mouth has glue that shuts it up on hearing a stranger's voice. Have you come across such an issue before? Please share some of your insight on this matter when u have time. Thank you and have a great day!

A--NY

*Wow, great question. It's funny...a lot of the guys out there who have programs designed to teach men how to pick up women address this exact issue VERY often. It's important to realize that both men and women experience this sort of social trepidation, even if men are generally considered to be the ones who "approach" women. So first off, guys, here's evidence of the reality that plenty of women are just as shy about being approached as you are about approaching them! Keep that one in mind...*

*But back to the specific item at hand. I think this is about figuring out which of several issues may be causing the symptom of clamming up when addressed by strangers.*

*The symptom could be due to a variety of things. Is it really as simple as just getting nervous? Do you have something to say, or do you draw a blank? ...Or do you often just feel it's not the place/time for conversations when such things happen?*

*Well, here's what I'd recommend. Think about how typical situations go when this happens, and plan out a response for each potential situation so you have it ready. My guess is that if you would just start talking, you would continue. It's like jumping out of a plane. The greatest fear is experienced at the moment before jumping.*

*I think that this exercise will pay big dividends in all aspects of your life, and lead to a change in habits for you socially. And I'd be ready to bet you'll find just about everyone is friendly in return. Even in New York City! Haha.*

Be good,

Scot

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