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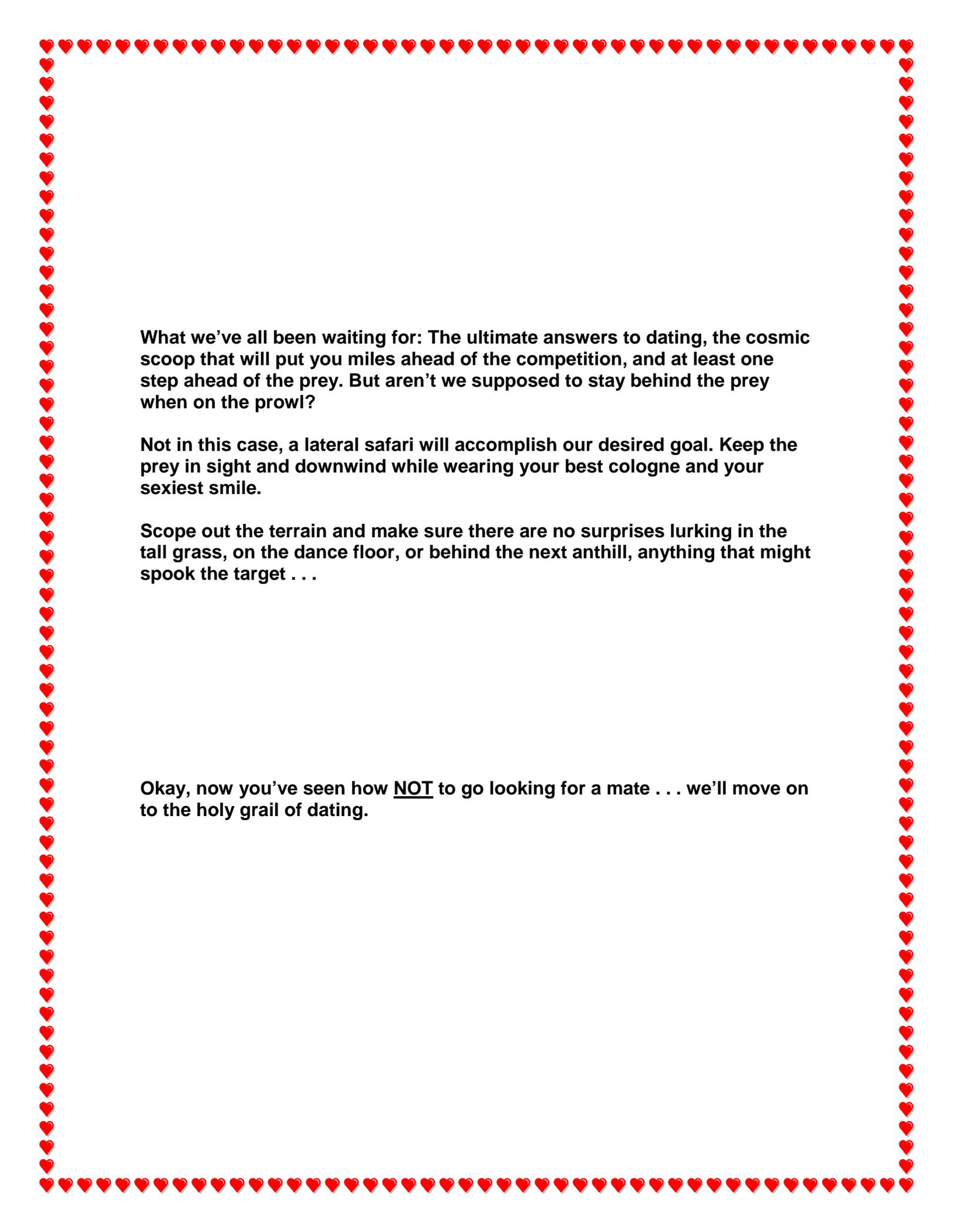
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What we've all been waiting for: The ultimate answers to dating, the cosmic scoop that will put you miles ahead of the competition, and at least one step ahead of the prey. But aren't we supposed to stay behind the prey when on the prowl?

Not in this case, a lateral safari will accomplish our desired goal. Keep the prey in sight and downwind while wearing your best cologne and your sexiest smile.

Scope out the terrain and make sure there are no surprises lurking in the tall grass, on the dance floor, or behind the next anthill, anything that might spook the target . . .

Okay, now you've seen how NOT to go looking for a mate . . . we'll move on to the holy grail of dating.

Top Ten Tips for Online Dating

Dating can be a serious full-time job. Casual dating is more fun if you can start out simply looking for a good friend. Don't expect to meet your life partner right away. Don't set false and unrealistic expectations for yourself.

I've been through the Love Boot Camp. I'm the master sergeant in a tuxedo - I've paid my dues. The following tips have been written from a man's perspective, and may prove insightful to women. This brief excerpt will save you from having to pay your dues. Let the countdown begin . . .

Tip #10

Long Distance: Never get into the long distance dating rut. I did and the rut just got deeper and deeper. I think it caused my sciatic nerve to act up when I was trying to climb out.

Expectations are almost never met when you're trying to date via long distance. When you're ready for sex, she/he's not there. When there's a great movie playing, you can't simply pick up the phone and say, "Meet ya at the movies in 30 minutes." When the telephone and the email are both silent, your imagination soars: "She's out with another man. She's having sex right now and isn't answering the phone. She's avoiding me."

Tip #9

Taboo Topics: When meeting for the first time, no matter how nervous you are or what a bad day you're having, do not talk about topics that are downers or negative.

Talk about topics that are fun. Women always ask me how long I've been using online services to meet women, how many women I've met, what kind of luck I've had (sexually and in general), what's the worst dating experience I've had, and how many of the women lie about their age, their looks and their weight?

Above all, keep the conversation light and airy. Sometimes you can indirectly learn more about people from these types of conversations than in direct questioning.

Tip #8

Who Pays The Tab: The toughest moment of the first encounter of a lunch or dinner – if the chemistry is NOT there – is when the check arrives and neither of you really wants to pay for the very unpleasant experience.

There are variables to consider. If one of you had to drive a lot, then the other pays the tab, while the other might at least pay the tip. If she is a real fox, you're going to want to impress her and pay the tab as well as the movie that might happen later. You just want to rack up lots of brownie points right now if you're smitten.

Also, if one of you has a very nice income and the other obviously just gets by (the vehicle they arrive in will be a clue), then you let your conscience be your guide. There are no set rules, but from conversations I've had, women usually expect the guy to buy – not always – but it's the gentlemanly thing to do.

I've had many women complain about men being cheap on first dates. This was a common complaint, so this is pretty good clue as to expectations concerning the male role in the dating system. This is not the place to get on a philosophical role about this.

Tip # 7

Do You Ask For Another Date During The First Date: This can be a really tough call. I've been on dates where the chemistry was flowing big time, and I felt like this was my future wife, but when I mentioned a movie later on or asked for a second date she was suddenly busy or not as interested as I first thought.

Let's face it: we're dealing with strangers – people we really know nothing about. So reading body language and or verbal clues is not an innate skill. If you're bold and ask (nothing ventured, nothing gained), you might open more doors and see more opportunities than if you assume she's not interested.

I've also had some experiences where I thought my date was not happy with the encounter, and yet she mentioned going to a movie later. Go figure.

Tip #6

Do You Walk Her To Her Car: If the experience has not been pleasant, then both parties usually are glad to shake hands at the front door of the restaurant and escape toward their respective vehicles.

If one or both of you are enamored, then you probably will walk her to her car and . . . use your own judgment whether to shake hands, hug, and/or kiss before saying "Goodbye."

Tip #5

Shake Hands, Hug, And Or Kiss: This can be a difficult decision at times, but usually spontaneity will take over and with a good outcome. If the chemistry is mutually exciting, then both will want to, at least, hug at the beginning of the first

encounter and possibly give a little peck on the cheek or lips if the chemistry is really hot.

Otherwise, it's appropriate to hug depending on the comfort level of both parties. I usually like to hug or kiss a woman upon first introduction. That's the cosmic way. Use your own judgment, but body language will usually let you know if she wants a hug. If she approaches you with arms wide open, lots of eye contact, and a big smile, then you're in for a hug.

Tip # 4

Never Meet At His Or Her House On The First Date: I broke this rule on several occasions because I had great email and phone chemistry with the person I was dating. I even told these women later that they were very brave.

We laugh about these nuances later – we bring up the first date idiosyncrasies even during the first date if we're really having a great time. Dating can be fun and you can go home feeling like tomorrow will hold even greater surprises.

By now we've all seen the horrible headlines about women who have been murdered after meeting some guy even in a busy parking lot. The trick is not only to meet in a busy place, but to also remain in a busy place on the first date.

Don't let your guard down after meeting in the parking lot. Don't be drawn in when the guy is a hunk and has a great line. He might be planning on how he's going to take advantage of you later.

Stand your ground and suggest you go to the restaurant just a few feet away or the one just down the street, BUT do it in separate cars. I would say use your own judgment, but the best judgment is safe judgment.

One tip: If you're determined to trust this guy, call a friend on the cell phone and give her your new friend's name and address if he's willing to go along with this. Then if something happens to you, he will be the first suspect.

Tip # 3

When Do You Give Out Your Phone Number: This is mentioned in Tip# 1, but giving out the phone number depends on your comfort level. You might want to use an office number or a cell number. If you give out a number, it means you're really interested in this person. If you have any doubts, don't. My rule is, When in doubt, leave it out.

You give out your phone number after a couple of nice emails, and when you can't wait to hear the sound of his voice.

Tip # 2

When Do You Decide To Meet: Another tip mentioned in Tip# 1, but worthy of elaboration. Meeting is a big step. You're taking a big chance with your emotions. Just don't take a big chance with your life. Meet in public. Always.

Meet only when you feel an attraction to the other person, preferably on more than one level, and only after you've chatted on the phone and heard the man's voice.

If you feel comfortable chatting with him over email, and you love the sound of his voice, begin to pay close attention to the voice pattern. You can usually tell if a man is playing games, or if he's sincere. We're very transparent, ladies. If he makes you laugh and you're comfortable chatting with him on the phone then it's time to meet.

Tip #1

How Many Emails Before Meeting: This is my biggest complaint. So many women wanted to do email for days, weeks, even months, so they could "get to know me . . ."

I politely and patiently explained to many of the ladies I met on the dating services that doing more than two or three emails was a waste of time. You're learning about a stranger, someone who, chances are, you will NOT want to see again for the rest of your life.

Let's say you do email and chat on the phone with a guy for days, maybe even a couple of weeks. By now you know all about him, his family, that he has a dog named Boo. And believe it or not, he's still a complete stranger. He could be making everything up.

He might have a wonderful voice, snappy patter, wit that would put Billy Crystal or Robin Williams to shame, and a great job. You are smitten, your hopes are up, your expectations are pegging the scale and you're ready to meet.

I can almost guarantee you that you will never realize your expectations when you meet someone you're crazy about but that you've never met. The pen is truly mightier than the sword. When this guy wrote his profile, he put his best foot forward and you're reading his best effort. If you're naïve, you believe every word he says. If you're seasoned, you smile and say, "We'll see!" and keep your expectations in check.

If you're smart – you run into each other on the dating service, you feel a chemistry from the profile, you email your personal email address (use a free web-based email account if you have one) -- and finally when you've established

personal email and shared a couple of exciting notes, send him your phone number, or if he's sent his, call him.

Try to chat on the phone on the same day you meet on the dating system. And if it's a Saturday or Sunday, try to meet that same afternoon. Do NOT procrastinate. After you've met this man in person, you will know immediately if you want another email and or phone call from him, and you definitely will know if you ever want to see him again.

If you do like what you see, NOW YOU CAN LEARN ALL ABOUT HIM, because now he's not a complete stranger. You saw body language, you had eye contact, you heard a sexy voice, you received a business card, and you know he's social material that you can introduce to your family and friends (or if he might embarrass you in public).

If you walk away feeling good, and you can't wait to hear from him again or to see him or cook dinner for him, then you've beaten the odds. Congratulations!

About The Author



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Love With An Improper Stranger is the result of his experiences including more than five years of dating, three of those years using classified ads, several dating services, and shared numerous emails with more women than he will ever remember.

Buy The Book



Everything you should know about contemporary dating; i.e., computer dating and e-mail (the dangers!).

Love With An Improper Stranger – it'll take the work out of dating. You'll be armed and dangerous because you'll know things in one reading that it took me years to pick up. It will make dating fun because you'll be one step ahead of everyone else.

Love With An Improper Stranger is the Holy Grail of dating secrets and tips.

Relationship expert, John Gray, wrote **Women are from Venus, Men are from Mars**. It is a very successful and popular book. **Love With An Improper Stranger** offers new perspectives of dating not covered in Gray's book that you probably haven't learned about yet. Dating isn't what it used to be with the advent of the computer and online dating clubs.

And have you ever heard of life with cyborgs? For real – they are exact replicas of humans in every detail, including working orifices - I include an article about life with a cyborg!

Don't let sport e-mail frustrate you anymore. Don't let dating clubs scare you. Learn the rules they didn't teach you in school in **Love With An Improper Stranger**.

It's a fact: dating etiquettes are spontaneous now – rules are -- well, they're not what you may think. And there's an enemy lurking in the mix of things that you should know about. And surprise! The enemy is **NOT** the opposite sex! This enemy turns dating into a second job more often than not. The enemy is so obvious, too. You walk into a room, a bar, a party, or a first date to meet a woman and you have a close encounter, but it doesn't turn out the way you thought it would. And the enemy is smirking.

Stop the noise, stop the dating confusion. My close encounters will ease the pain of your close encounters. Anything you can think of in the dating world, I've been there, done that. If you're thinking about joining a computer dating service, do yourself a favor and read **Love With An Improper Stranger**. You'll be so glad you did!