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Technique of the Month

Using Video Chat To Nail Down Dates With Reluctant Women

This is one of the few magic bullet techniques that I don't advertise too much, namely because a lot of guys would misunderstand its usage and waste a bunch of time with it.

This technique has direct applications to guys using online game and to older guys who are sarging much younger women.

As you already know, the entire goal of online game is to nail down first dates. To get first dates with women on the calendar with a where and a when with transportation and other logistics all figured out. If you're spending time online and not getting dates, you're blowing the entire point.

Many times online (or when sarging in real life) you will run into women who really are legitimately interested or attracted to you, but are nervous to actually meet you on a real-life meetup. Of course, *most* women who are reluctant to meet up with you just don't like you and aren't interested and are wasting your time, either because they're being nice and don't want to let you down or because

they're seeking some attention or validation.

This can especially be true for you older guys sarging much younger women, including Type 3 VYW. She *is* interested in you, but meeting you is outside of her comfort zone.

Over the last 12 months or so, I have begun using Skype video chats as a way to break the ice and get women comfortable with me pre-meet. It has been extremely successful. I have used it to lay at least two much younger women who were reluctant to meet me, plus a handful of others. In at least two of these cases, the video chat is what clinched the deal. I strongly doubt I would have ever been able to meet these women had it not been for the video chat.

One gal I'll call Sandy, who was 18 years younger than me (I'm 40 and she was 22) was VERY reluctant to meet up with me. I pitched the date several times, and while she wanted to talk to me, she did not want to meet up. When I suggested a Skype video chat, she was very excited. We had one video chat that lasted about 20 minutes.

I was relaxed and made her laugh a lot. When the chat was over, meeting up with me was no big deal. We had sex within three hours meet-to-lay (not including the video chat).

Here are the key points when using video chat as part of your sarging process.

1. I am NOT recommending or suggesting that you use video chat all the time, as part of your usual process. I suppose you could, but as always our goal is to get to *sex as quickly as possible*. Many men, particularly more extroverted men, are going to use a video chat as an excuse for more talk-time. Obviously that's not our goal here.

I am currently using video chat only for women who are reluctant to meet up with me but still demonstrate some real interest or attraction. Most women I meet online do *not* fall into that category. Either they hate me and stop talking to me, or they're interested and agree to a date fast.

Video chatting is an extremely valuable and powerful tool for seduction, but it's very important you don't use it as a time sink.

2. You should consider your initial video chat as equivalent to a mini-first date. That means you do all the exact same things on the video chat you would do if it was a real-life meet. Same topics, same frame, same outcome independence, same use of humor and comfort, same sex talk, same EVERYTHING.

This equally applies to your physical appearance. About 15 minutes before I have a video chat with a gal I'm working on, I will dress and groom myself just as if I was getting ready for a real-life first date. I do my hair (if it needs it), change into a nice shirt with

a complimentary color that makes me look good (for me that's blue, for you it may be something else), brush my teeth, etc. You want to look damn good for this video chat.

You'll be on video, so you need to address those logistics as well. Lighting is something you should address if it's a problem. Using the little preview window in Skype (the one that shows you instead of the other person), make sure the lighting is decent. When you sit and look into your webcam, make sure that whatever is right behind you looks okay. If you've got some big picture of a girl in a bikini, or some massive poster of Che Guevara, those are probably not things you want in the frame. Take them down temporarily or re-adjust the camera angle. It's also best if the overall color behind you is complementary to your skin tone. I'm very white, so I don't want a big white wall behind me, nor do I want a jet black huge flat screen TV behind me. You get the point.

3. While you're video chatting with her, be sure to use the small preview video of yourself to watch and see how you look as you talk to her. To me, this is the greatest technical strength of video chatting. You can constantly check to see how YOU look as you talk to her...something that's impossible in a real-life date.

When I started doing this, I noticed two things as I watched myself while talking to women over video chat. The first was that when I smile, I actually look pretty good. All my life when I look at photos of myself, I hated how I smiled. At a relatively young age I had trained myself to not smile when I look into a camera. Probably not a great idea, but

regardless, the habit was formed. I DO smile, often, when I talk to someone; I'm a happy guy. I'm just talking about photos here.

However over video chat, I noticed that for some reason, when I smiled I looked pretty damn good. So I made sure to smile more. Smiling also helps when a woman you're talking to is nervous or intimidated. Not only did I smile more, I could see exactly which types of smiles looked the best, so I did more of them. It was a big discovery for me!

The second thing I used the self-cam for was to do my best to hide my double chin. Although it's been getting smaller and smaller over the last few months, I have a double chin. It sucks and I hate it. Using Skype, I'm able to pivot my face to certain angles when I talk so that my little double chin is either downplayed or completely invisible.

Do this. Use the camera to determine your best angles as you talk to a woman, and keep those angles as much as you can. Of course, don't be a robot about it. You'll look weird. Just be aware of the angles that make you look best. It's easy with Skype.

By the way, this is a proven technique in Hollywood and it does work. Go to this web site (make sure your computer speakers are turned DOWN first!):

<http://parisfacial.ytmnd.com/>

and you'll see something very interesting. Whenever Paris Hilton gets photographed, she assumes a very specific facial angle and makes sure that's what gets captured. Why? Because Paris, whose whole life revolves around image and being

famous, has learned her best angle and uses it to her best advantage.

4. KEEP THE CONVERSATION VERY SHORT. Just like with initial phone calls or IM conversations during Comfort Bombardment, you need to get in, establish comfort and attraction, and GET OUT. Always keep your Skype chats to 20 minutes or less.

Remember, you're not here to "talk to girls" you're here to get laid, and you can't get laid over video chatting. (And don't get me started on cybersex. Phone sex and cybersex is an enhanced form of masturbation, not sex. I'm not saying you shouldn't do it. If you like it, go ahead. I'm saying it's not *sex*, nor should you consider it such.) As always, if you're not careful, women are going to want to keep you "on the line" for as long as possible, since women's primary need is *attention*. Nope. Showering her with attention is not the goal here. The only goal at this point is to get her comfortable enough so that she'll agree to meet you. THAT'S IT. That only takes 20 minutes or less. And that's been successfully field-tested on several women.

5. Always be moving towards nailing down a date. Never forget that's your goal. After talking to her for a little while, you should move the conversation to nailing down a meet.

What I usually do is after she's been laughing and having fun for a bit, while she's laughing I'll just say "Let's hang out Thursday night. I have that night free." I do not try to segue into it; I just say it.

I can tell you from experience that women are far more likely to be receptive to a date pitch over video chat than they will be over email or even texting. This works.

So next time you've got a gal who seems interested but is too scared to agree to a date, tell her to add you on Skype, and start talking to her over

there. Try it out. Let me know how it goes. I think you'll like the results. I certainly have.

Secret Cheaters, and When Women One-Night-Stand You

Unlike most player dudes, I hate one night stands. Hate them. I simply don't see the point of having sex with a hot babe just one time. If I have sex with an attractive woman, I want to have sex with her over and over again, theoretically forever. While I understand and acknowledge the male need for sexual variety more so than most men, the entire concept of the ONS baffles me. I just don't see the point of fucking some hottie then dumping her and starting all over the next day to find someone else.

Therefore, in my entire life I've never had an ONS...of my choosing. A sad reality is that approximately 22% of the women I close escrow with don't come back for seconds. In other words, they "one night stand" *me*.

There are various possible reasons for this, but the biggest one is one that will be the most obvious to you guys who are a little more woman experienced. That is, that she's cheating on someone.

Once you get to the point where you've slept with a larger number of women, you're going to discover that a percentage of these women had

boyfriends (or even husbands!) that you never knew about. It's just part of the deal. I'll describe a recent example. I'm talking about it *because* it was so unusual, and a strong "exception to the Blackdragon rules" for several different reasons as you'll soon see.

A little while back, I met a gal from one of my usual dating sites. She was in her late twenties, blonde, trim, and very pretty. Beautiful hair, beautiful eyes. She was hot and she knew it.

She was very picky about where we met on our first date, which is unusual. Usually women don't care, especially if you're decisive and already have a specific location in mind (which, by the way, you always should). She told me what part of town she lived in and I immediately suggested a cool bar in her area. She shot that down, as well as my second suggestion. She hinted that "people she knew" might be at the two locations I suggested. She suggested a third bar, one I had never visited. (Which is not surprising, considering I don't drink.)

While I tend to push for nicer bars, I really don't care. The important thing is getting a woman off the damn

dating site and getting her to a real-life first date, so I agreed.

In the interim she sent me a bunch of pictures of herself on my phone, all of which were very hot (no nudes though...she was very appropriate). She also added me on Facebook at my prompting, with the proviso that I didn't put anything on her wall because she was "currently going through some ex drama" and didn't want the possibility of any "misunderstandings".

Again, I didn't care. All I cared about was getting her on Facebook to establish comfort, but really so I can resurrect her later after her first LSFNTE. (I always plan several steps ahead, and women are very predicable.)

None of her behaviors stood out as red flags for me. Sometimes women really do want to be discreet for all kinds of possible reasons. I just proceeded as normal.

We met up on the first date at her bar, which was a typical shitty karaoke-on-Thursday-nights dive joint. After talking for a bit the rapport was very good between us and I could sense victory. She had a history of drama in her life, both with men and family, had two kids, and was going through another in a long line of breakups. It seemed her pattern was very serial monogamist, which is typical of women in their late twenties.

Though she didn't look it, there was a little white-trash vibe to her, but I didn't care. She was fun and beautiful and exactly my physical type, i.e. hot blonde.

Per my usual system, we chatted for about an hour, I kinoed her heavily (*great* hair), sex talked heavily, all the usual, then got the hell out of there. She had to leave also to get back to her

kids because apparently her parents were babysitting for her while she was out.

The second date was a little unusual. The only night she was available to actually stay out late (which is something I qualify on second dates, since I always assume sex on the second date) was on a day where I had four family members visiting me and spending the night at my house. I tried hard to push for another night, but that was the only night she had available for at least another week. Before you've had sex with a woman, time is of the essence, and if you allow too much time to go by, you'll lose her. Fast.

My family members didn't need me to entertain them, since there were enough of them to entertain each other, so I reluctantly agreed to meet up with her on her one free evening.

Always planning logistics well in advance, I knew that since I was not able to take her home, I'd have to close the deal at either her place or a hotel. Her place had kids and family of her own, so that was not an option.

I hate paying for hotels. It screws up my crucial minimal-money-spent dating goals, but on rare occasions it's necessary to bring new women into your sex life. I thought back and realized it had been over three years since I last had to spend money on a hotel to lay a chick, so I allowed it this time as a rare exception to the rule. I also know of all the nearby suburban hotels in my area that are very inexpensive while still being clean and decent. Plus I could always use my frequent-stayer hotel points for a free stay. (Always sign up for those programs guys!) Again, I always plan ahead.

We met up at a 24-hour pancake place. Not kidding. I had a milkshake and she ordered a tiny side salad. We talked for a bit and I started to push her to “get some air outside”. She’s a smoker so this was an easy sell.

Once outside on her little smoke break, we made out and I ended up slamming her into her own car during the fun.

In less than 15 minutes we were at the hotel. On the way over as she’s following me in her car, she texts me about how “nervous” she is. Once out in the hotel parking lot I see it’s not an act or an ASD excuse. She really was nervous.

I told her it would be fine, and worst case we could just “hang out” and “watch TV” in the hotel room. I guess she wasn’t *that* nervous, because that calmed her down immediately, though like all women she knew damn well what was about to happen.

As soon as we entered the hotel room I leapt on her, and there was no resistance. We had sex twice, over a period of about an hour. It was fantastic. She was fantastic. She even said she came three times, though I strongly suspect this was untrue since I didn’t see or feel any of the usual physical reactions during a woman’s orgasm. I guess it was possible.

Since both of us had to get back to family at home, we wrapped it up quickly once we were all done and headed back to our respective homes.

A day or two later we were texting and I was scheduling our third meet. As always, once I have sex with a new woman my goal is to have sex with her one more time as fast as possible, two lays on two separate occasions is Lock-In, where you become a woman’s regular sexual

partner, making it “okay” in her mind to keep having sex with you. It’s only the first two times you have sex with a woman when you have to deal with reluctance or ASD.

She said she wasn’t sure about it but early the next week would probably work and that she’d have to confirm over the weekend.

Over the weekend I heard nothing from her. I waited a few more days before texting back. The following week I texted her. No response. A few days later I texted her again. No response. So I marked her down for a 60 day follow-up on my spreadsheet, forgot about her, and focused on other women.

At about 60 days later I texted her again, bringing up an inside joke we had shared. No response. I deleted her name off my list and forgot about her.

A little while later, when I checked to see who had unfriended me off Facebook ([a technique I’ve talked about before](#)), I saw she had removed me from her friends. I clicked her name and saw her proudly arm-in-arm with her “ex” and it was apparent they were now engaged.

A light bulb went on in my head and I thought “Of course! God I’m dumb!” Suddenly all of her reluctance, nervousness, and lack of scheduling availability made sense. Either she was cheating on this dude the entire time or she was going through some kind of minor breakup or argument with him and wanted to get a little cock on the side before returning to him, which she was intending on doing all along.

My money is on the cheating scenario. Her behavior was textbook cheater stuff, even though at the time I

did not recognize it as such. (I must have been too horny.)

This shit happens. Since I hate being “one night stander” for *any* reason, I don’t like it, but it’s par for the course sometimes.

The good news, I guess, is that looking back most of the women who ONS-ed me did so because they were either cheating on a guy or had just broken up with a guy, though more of a temporary angry spurning than an actual breakup, and quickly went back to him after me. Sometimes when a woman actually fucks another man it jolts some guilt and ASD and drives her back to her “original” man.

When this happens, and if you sleep with enough women it will eventually happen, just relax and let it play out. Respect her desire for discretion (which you should be doing anyway). Play along. Even if you know what she’s doing, play dumb if you have to. Just get laid. It’s what she wants.

When she suddenly vanishes out of your life to go back to her hubby, be a man and let her go get on with her life. Enjoy and appreciate the sex you did get, and go lay some other hotties. Hey, you never know...little Miss Cheater may eventually dump her guy and come back to you someday. It’s certainly been known to happen.

Personal Effectiveness

A Smattering Of Techniques

Five Different Techniques In Different Areas Of Your Life

Special Fund

Hopefully you have a card that pays you cash back on your purchases. I have a debit card that pays me 1% cash back per month, but I know that some *credit* cards pay more, including American Express. You might have a card that pays you back in other ways, like frequent flyer miles. That's dumb. Chuck it and get a card that pays you CASH. I've run through the calculations and you get the same or more as cash, but cash can buy anything.

The challenge is that you probably just spend this cash back every month like it's some little bonus. No. Instead, set up a fund for something cool you want. In my case, it's a travel fund.

Once a month when I get cash back from my cards, I note the specific amounts, then take cash out of my checking account in that exact amount, and throw it in my locked, fireproof safe in my house. It goes in an envelope marked "Travel Fund". This way, I never spend that money. It actually accumulates. Then once every

year or two I crack open that envelope, smile at all my cashola, and go to the Bahamas. Or wherever.

"Dude why don't you put it in the bank and earn interest on it?"

Two answers to that question:

1. I'd be tempted to use it for some "emergency", and probably would.
2. Um, have you checked interest rates lately? Ha! Trust me, putting it in a safe is not going to cause you any significant amount of lost money, assuming you pull the cash out within a year or two. The fact the money is not easily accessible on your debit card is well worth it. Out of sight, out of mind.

Taking Notes From Audiobooks

I'm always listening to an audiobook in my car as well as reading one. My formula, and this is nothing new, is to always be reading one fiction book for relaxation and life richness and one nonfiction book to better my

life. When the fiction book is the audiobook and the nonfiction one is a paper book, this works out just fine. I can mark up the nonfiction book with any key highlights or notes as I read, then I transcribe them later into my business plans. I don't need to highlight a fiction book, so I can just listen and enjoy it.

However when the nonfiction book is the audiobook, I've got a problem. How can I take notes on a key passage I just read (or more accurately, heard) if I'm in my car driving?

No prob. Download a voice recorder app for your smartphone. I use Tape-a-Talk for my Android. When you hear something important from your nonfiction book you want to make a note of and take action on later, pause it, and just repeat it into your smartphone. Then once a week, go through your voice notes and transcribe them to a Word doc or spreadsheet.

If you don't have a smartphone, buy a cheap pocket dictator. Same principle. (But seriously...why don't you have a smartphone? Smartphones are critical for personal effectiveness and productivity.)

Rule Number One of Investing: Don't Lose Money

Yeah, you read that and say "duh!", but for some reason just about every man I know has lost money in their investments at some point in their lives, often a lot of money, and yet I've never lost a single penny in any investment in my entire life (assuming you look at my investments from one year to the next). I *have* lost money in *business*. Oh yes. But never in an *investment*. Ever.

The reason guys lose money in investments is because they ignore Rule Number One. Instead of "Don't Lose Money", they follow other rules like "Invest In Something Exciting" or "Try To Make A Lot Of Money" or "Do What My Dad/Friends/Investment Advisor Tells Me". While all these rules may be fun and interesting, they will all lead to you losing money. Eventually.

I invest in very boring, low-risk, conservative, old-lady investments. Why? Because I don't want to lose money. I have plans for every dollar I invest, so I need that money to be there in the future when I need it. If that means some years I only make 5% on my money while other guys are making 14%, then so be it. A few years later those same guys are going to be in panic mode when they lose an entire third or fourth of their net worth, while I'll still be making 5%.

Very shortly I'll be switching things up where for the first time I'll be trying some speculative investments where I may actually lose money. The reasons for this are long and complicated, and perhaps I'll discuss it in a future issue of Sovereign Man.

Even though I'll be more speculative, I'm following the classic Harry Browne advice of splitting any money I invest into two categories:

- 1.Never-lose-it money
- 2.Okay-if-I-lose-it money

My never-lose-it-money I'll still keep in boring investments. My okay-if-I-lose it money I'll be riskier with. If I lose that money, I'll be pissed, but I'll still be okay.

Most guys do the exact opposite. They put ALL of their money (which to them is all never-lose-it money they really need) and put it in investments where they could lose big chunks of it, like the stock market. Some years they're happy. Other years they're near-suicidal.

As always, the goal of the 21st century Alpha is consistent happiness. That means you keep your money in conservative investments, and make money, even if it's just a little money, *every year*.

"Okay great," you say, "But what exactly do you invest in?"

That's personal financial information and I don't like to disclose that stuff publicly (nor should you for that matter). When I say "boring" investments, you can probably guess. I lean more towards things like bonds and stay away from things like stocks. If I use anything like a mutual fund, I only use ones that are really, really diversified, and even then I don't plant my money there forever. Several years yes, but not forever.

Hell, I'm not qualified to give investment advice anyway. I'm just giving you an overall principle that I know works: Don't Lose Money.

Keep Food In Your Car

I learned this from Scooby, that weightlifter guy with the funny voice on YouTube. It's made a huge difference since I started doing it. If you're trying to lose weight, this is critical.

In the back seat of my car, I always keep a huge batch of Dasani bottled water, a big bag of raw almonds, and a small box of plastic forks and spoons. That way, no matter what the

eating situation I have on the road, I'm covered. If I get some food from friends or clients or whatever, I have forks and spoons ready to go. If I'm starving and need to eat, I've got my almonds. And I always have water to drink...there's never a reason to stop somewhere and grab a Coke or a milkshake or whatever.

There are all kinds of other nonperishable food items you could keep in the back seat or trunk of your car, and a case of 24 bottles of water is less than \$5 at your local big box store.

Use the TRAF System For Managing Paperwork and Email

There are many methods to maintain productivity in terms of managing paper flow (which includes incoming communication such as email). One could write an entire book about them, and some people have. Vast novel-sized books and arcane flowcharts have been developed to do just that. (Some of them are valid. Some of them are crap.)

However the easiest, fastest, simplest way to manage paperwork and email is the TRAF system. TRAF is simply a handy acronym representing four possible actions:

T – Trash

R – Refer (as in refer to someone else to handle)

A – Action

F – File

All you need to do with every piece of paper or incoming email is simply pick one of the four TRAF

actions. Do I trash it, give it to someone else, take action on it (now later is a separate conversation), or file/archive it? Keep the word “TRAF” in your brain whenever you handle

paperwork or email, and that alone will make a huge difference.

We’ll discuss more detailed personal effectiveness techniques in future issues.

The Dark Hand Of Disney Strikes Again

I heard it again the other day.
I've heard it many times from many people, usually women.

What makes it worse is that often the person saying it is very intelligent and educated. Yet they say it and believe it anyway.

It's a statement you've probably heard before:

"Once you truly love someone, you won't ever want to have sex with anyone else."

I have many simultaneous thoughts when I hear this, some of them conflicting:

1. You're a moron.
2. Disney's takeover of your brain is complete.
3. Clearly you've never been married.
4. Clearly you've never been in a long-term relationship (longer than two or three years).

5. You're not dumb enough to believe that, but you're trying to convince yourself of it anyway.
6. Please stop bullshitting yourself.

One of my over-arching concepts, though a concept I don't spell out very often, is that the emotion of love has nothing to do with your biological desire for sexual variety. Absolutely nothing. Nothing! I'm not a psychologist, but I would bet ten bucks that those two things are in completely different parts of the brain.

I'm sure you've been in love with one person and had a strong desire to fuck someone else. Did this make you love that person less? Of course not.

It's also very likely that you've been in love with girl A and then had sex with girl B. Whether you were actually dating or married to girl A is another story. Maybe you were, maybe you weren't. I'm saying there was very likely a time in your life where you loved one woman but had sex with another.

Again, did having sex with girl B cause you to love girl A any less? Of course it didn't. Love has nothing to do

with sex with other people. Society, which has a huge vested interest in promoting monogamous relationships, tries to make it that way.

That's why people, usually women, try to bullshit ourselves into thinking that once we find The One™, we won't want to fuck anyone else, forever. We try to link sex and love, when in fact sex usually has nothing to do with love. Sure, I've had sex with a woman I've loved, but I've had a hell of a lot of sex with women I didn't love at all. Though my numbers are much higher than the average guy, the general condition is the same for most modern day men (and women).

Just think through the list of women you've had sex with over your life. How many of these women did you actually LOVE? Very few of them, right?

Did you enjoy the sex any less with the women you didn't love? Hell no! I can tell you that the BEST sex I've EVER had were not only from women I didn't love, but women who I didn't even like.

I'm musing now through the very short list of best lays I've ever had in my entire life. One was with a gal who was dumb as a rock, and I mean *dumb*. Another was one who was a total bitch; someone I started out with okay but had some problems with later. Another one was a hardcore religious Christian woman who pretty much demanded I marry her. I was as far from love with those three gals as possible, but the sex ranks as the best sex of my life. And that's saying something.

Now that I think about it, none of the women I have loved "ranked" as the "best" lays of my life. These women were sexually fantastic, oh yes, but they were not the *best*.

One of society's greatest blunders was to make a hard-as-iron connection between sex and love. It's fucked people up so badly, almost beyond repair. Other than the fact that you can have sex with a woman you also love, one has literally nothing to do with the other, in that:

- You can, and will, truly love one person while still wanting to have sex with another.
- Sex with that "other" person will likely not reduce the love you feel for your primary person.
- Sex with people you don't love can be, and usually is, fantastic.
- Sex with the person you love is often not nearly as good as sex with someone you don't love.

Be very aware of when you or someone you know tries to bullshit you into thinking that love somehow attaches to sexual variety. It doesn't. It's one of those dark things we all know but don't want to admit.

Online Dating Questions

S.L. writes:

What is a decent response rate off the opener for online? 10%? 20%?

Giving exact numbers is difficult because a “decent” online response rate depends on many factors, including:

- How good looking you are.
- Your race.
- The type of women you’re opening.
- The age of women you’re opening.
- The closeness of age to you of the women you’re opening
- Your city (and sometimes, country).

You’ll notice that none of the above factors have anything to do with your online game skill, and many of them are partially or completely out of

your control. Yet they can and often will affect your response rate.

Given all of that, to make a wildly general statement, if you’re getting a response rate of 20% or more, you’re doing “well”. That doesn’t mean you should pat yourself on the back and just accept 20%. If that’s what you’re getting, you should still work to increase it (within the realities of the above list).

If your response rate is below 10% or so, again speaking very generally, I would say that’s “not good” and you should go to work on your profile and photos to improve it.

I personally get around 8%, and I get laid plenty with that small percentage. My response rates are low because I’m usually opening women who could be as much as 20 years younger than me, so that’s going to knock my response rate way down no matter how good I am at anything else online. The reason I manage to get laid with such a small percentage is that I’m able to date-close on much of that 8%, and my first-date-to-lay ratios are extremely high. My real-life game is very strong.

Let that be a lesson. Response rates don't matter very much if you're able to schedule dates and your real-life game is rock solid. I've talked about this on my blog in detail more than once.

Lastly, if you look around the internet, you'll see dudes brag about insanely high response rates, like 70-80% or more. I've seen one guy claim 100%. These yahoos are either lying or they're using some kind of BS gimmick to get responses *but they're not getting laid*. Whenever I question these guys and ask them how many women they're actually having sex with from these ridiculous response rates, the answer is crickets.

S.M. writes:

When it comes to pitching the meet online, you said in one of your ebooks that for beginners like me, venue changing is the way to go. Does this mean that on the 3rd exchange, I should propose a venue change instead of pitching a meet, or should I pitch the meet and then a venue change afterwards, regardless of how she responds? If we end up venue changing without having a meet scheduled, does the "time is your enemy" rule still apply?

(Note that S.M. is talking about *online* venue changes, not real-life ones.)

If you're really new to online game and still getting your feet wet, suggesting an online venue change on the 3rd exchange is fine, especially if she agrees and you pick up the conversation with her in the new online location *immediately*. If she emails you

right back but says something like "Oh yeah we can chat on Yahoo Messenger tomorrow!", that's not ideal. If that happens, default back to using the chat feature on the dating site (OKCupid's chat is great, POF's chat is a piece of shit but it does work).

Once you get more comfortable with online game and you've had a few first dates under your belt, you can go right to the date pitch on the third exchange. No venue change needed (unless the situation is unusual, like when my 40 year-old ass is talking to a 19 year-old gal).

If she agrees to your date pitch, schedule the date right then and there, exchange contact information (give your cell phone number to her **FIRST**, don't ask for hers), then terminate the conversation and get the hell out of there. You don't need to spend any more time on her (unless you really want to). Then a few days later, at a halfway point between when you scheduled the date and when it's actually supposed to happen, call her or text her or IM her and do a 30 minute Comfort Bombardment session.

Suggestions?

Do you have any specific topics that you'd like to see me cover in this newsletter?

Do you have an idea for a regular section to this newsletter that you think would be valuable to you and the other guys?

Let me know. Email me any time at theonlyblackdragon@gmail.com. This newsletter is for you. If you have any ideas for it, fire away.

~Blackdragon

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