

Wilderness House Literary Review 7/2

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THE FIRST DATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name and Age: _____ Blood Type: _____

Number of Ex-Girlfriends (Start from high school): _____ Number of Ex-Wives: _____

Length of Longest Relationship: _____

INSTRUCTIONS: WITH VERACITY, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ANSWER YES OR NO EASILY AND/OR YOUR ANSWER REQUIRES AN EXPLANATION IN EXCESS OF THE ALLOTTED TEN WORDS, THEN YOUR PROBLEMS ARE GREATER THAN I AM WILLING TO TAKE ON. IN SUCH CASE, PLEASE EXIT OUR LOCATION IMMEDIATELY. ADDITIONALLY, IF *VERACITY* IS A WORD UNFAMILIAR TO YOU, PLEASE EXIT AS ABOVE. FAMILIAL BACKGROUND, LOOKS AND/OR FINANCIAL STATUS ARE NOT GROUNDS FOR REPRIEVE.

I. GENERAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS

1. Do you prefer to speak in full paragraphs, or in single sentences employing a flat tone that insures the death of the conversational thread? (Circle P for paragraphs, S for single sentences).
2. Can you actually (and truthfully) respond to the question, "Tell me about yourself?"
3. Do you consider "you know," "umm," "whatever," "huh," "xoxo," valid forms of speech, conversation, or communication?
4. Do you think Twitter and/or Facebook provide sufficient news of the outside world?
5. Do you conduct romantic overtures, date-planning, late-night lovey-dovey interludes, and/or serious discussions *solely* by email or text?
6. Aside from requiring a live (and, hopefully, willing) body for human fucking, would you prefer your romantic relationship unfold entirely in cyberspace?
7. List five current world events about which you possess more than a smattering of knowledge. (Exclude from the definition of 'world events': (a) living in Manhattan (as in, "Great, huh!"); (b) nightclub/restaurant/sex club/bar openings; (c) who you hung with at the Tribeca Film Festival; or (d) the physical attributes of any *Maxim* cover girl).
8. Are you aware that Canada has both English and French speakers?
9. Are you aware that in Iceland most people do not have last names?
10. True or False: Reading novels is a waste of time because (a) a novel is just a bunch of made-up hooey written by blowhards who couldn't trade a stock option if their life depended on it; (b) novels never have really hot scenes of lesbians being "turned" by a real man's cock; and/or (c) you should spend your meager free time reading about how to get rich quick.
11. Identify the title of the last novel you finished and your date of completion. (In ten words or less, write a synopsis of said novel).

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12. Estimate the number of books you have at home. (Exclude books loaned to you by exes, those you never read and never returned, and reading materials related solely to your career).
13. If a woman bought you a novel, and said, "This book was wonderful, and it would mean a lot to me if you would read it," would you read it?
14. Would you read it while the two of you were still romantically involved?

II. ROMANCE

1. Once you have determined the woman sitting across from you over a first drink is pretty/hot/sexy/fuckable, do you have any interest in learning about her? (Exclude wanting information regarding: cup-size, whether the breasts you've been staring at all night are natural or man-made, whether she's hair-free like a baby, down there, would agree to the introduction of a dildo in her nether regions, and/or the number of sex toys, or erotica, currently shoved into her goody drawer).
2. Do you think that asking, at 5 pm on a Saturday, "Wanna see a movie later?" (via phone, text, email, or tweet), constitutes proper advance planning of a date?
3. Would you plan a vacation for the two of you? (For purposes hereof, 'planning' means at some point the talking stops and the airplane, with both of you aboard, takes off).
4. Do you think that men who write love letters and/or love poems to women are men with small dicks who can't get a woman into bed any other way?
5. Are you open to love? (Examples of being 'open to love' include: exchanging house keys, leaving clothing/toiletries at each other's places (in drawers and on hangars, not in brown paper bags marked with her name and shoved into the back of your closet), sleepovers that include actual sleep not just raunchy bare-back sex).
6. Do you consider the cross-town trip from your place to hers akin to taking a flight to China?
7. Do you hate any of your exes? (If yes, in ten words or less describe the basis for your hatred).
8. Do you wish you were still with any of your exes? (If so, which one, and why? Ten words or less, please).
9. Do you consider yourself a romantic? (For purposes hereof, 'romantic' does not include the use of flavored lubricants).
10. Do you tell your mother everything about everything, including your favorite sexual positions?

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III. ADDICTIONS

1. Do you drink?
2. If you do not drink, why not? (Ten words or less, please).
3. If you do drink, and drink to excess, do you think you should be in A.A.?
4. Have you ever been in A.A.? (Include NA, OA, and every other “-A”, in your answer. Remember, if you are in one of those programs, you are no longer permitted to lie).
5. Do you watch porn? (If yes, circle your preferred viewing arena: internet, DVD, live sex shows, sex booths (if any still exist in Manhattan)).
6. If yes, please circle as appropriate, based on a per week hourly average: less than 2; less than 5; between 5-10; more than 10; uncountable.
7. Do you believe the porn you watch is real?
8. Do you believe women should look like porn stars?
9. Do you believe “real” women give blowjobs for hours at a time?
10. Do you compare the size and girth of your member to the male porn stars?
11. Does the size and girth of your member *actually* compare to male porn stars? (Please answer truthfully — this is easy to check).
12. Have you named your member?
13. Do you engage, or wish to engage, in any of the following? Please circle all that apply: Golden showers, bestiality, serious S/M (faceless black masks, whips, true pain), wearing a diaper, pretending you're fucking a family member or an underage schoolgirl.
14. Are you, or have you ever been, a cross-dresser? (It is understood that cross-dressers are fully-fledged men who enjoy heterosexual sex).
15. Are you a sports fanatic? (If so, identify the sport of affliction, and briefly describe the level of your fanaticism. This includes being unable to engage in a relationship throughout, for example, the entire baseball season).

IV. SEX

1. Are you a sloppy, slobbery kisser? (Please answer truthfully — this is easy to verify).
2. Do you understand the concept of foreplay? (See note immediately above).
3. Do you put the concept of foreplay into action? (See note immediately above).
4. Do you consider yourself a talented sex partner? (See note immediately above).
5. Do you consider it your lover's responsibility “to get hers?”

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6. Do you like giving oral sex? (See note to Section IV, question #1)
7. Do you think your lover ought to want to swallow?
8. Do you think your sex partner is a whore if she swallows?
9. Do you have problems with ED or PE?
10. Do you regularly take any kind of "blue pill"? (This includes all such medication currently being advertised in whatever media, on a worldwide basis, that exists now or hereafter may be created. No judgment will be attached if you answer affirmatively. Depending on your age, the use of said pills is not necessarily a negative.)

V. FINANCES

1. Are you a cheapskate? (The term 'cheapskate' is to be defined broadly as including anything under the sun for which you are loath to part with a buck. However, the definition excludes ridiculous requests made by past girlfriends and/or ex-wives intended to suck you dry (and not in the way you may want)).
2. Do you live on the financial edge? (Examples include: perennially maxed-out credit cards; use of a Ponzi scheme to repay obligations, believing that savings accounts, IRAs, or other retirement plans, are for suckers who won't win the lottery like you intend to any day now?)
3. Are you on the IRS' top twenty list for tax scofflaws?
4. Are you hoping to land a hottie with a trust fund?
5. If less financially successful than the woman, would you consider her request for a pre-nup as proof of a lack of true love?
6. If more financially successful than the woman, would you consider it "getting one over" (with high fives, etc.) if you managed to contractually protect yourself from child-support requirements (in the event of a baby and subsequent divorce) despite state law prohibition against same?
7. True or False: In the event that your wife died a single day after your exchange of legal wedding vows, would you be entitled to inherit the Manhattan apartment your new, now-dead, wife, owned for ten years, and in which she built up a hell of a lot of equity?

VI. GROOMING AND PERSONAL PRESENTATION

1. Do you shop at Costco for your clothing?
2. Do you believe Dockers constitute the height of men's fashion?
3. Do you own shoes beyond ratty tennis shoes or ugly, old black lace-ups that need shining?
4. Do you consider yourself well groomed if you show up on a date wearing jeans and an old tee-shirt (rip around the collar optional)?
5. When you look in the mirror, what do you see? Really, what do you see? (Ten words or less, please.)

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6. Do you *really* wash everything in the shower?
7. Do you wipe well? (This question has nothing to do with drying off after a shower).
8. Do you take care to leave no traces of yourself on the toilet seat?

VII. DRIVE AND AMBITION

1. Is it even remotely possible that one day you will decide to chuck all you have worked for (including the further use of any and all graduate degrees) in order to, for example, become a potter, live off the land and start a commune, self-train to become an astronaut or extreme martial arts fighter, or decide that you were meant to be a screenwriter although you have never written anything, ever, in your life? (The foregoing is merely a sample list. When answering, consider any future endeavor you have considered or may consider. (The term 'endeavor' is defined herein as desiring to do, or be, and, supposedly, earn a living from, any activity for which you have never demonstrated the merest whiff of aptitude or competence)).
2. If you are a hyphenate, such as waiter/writer, lawyer/poet, sales clerk/self-help guru, copywriter/President of the United States, what is the deadline you have given yourself to achieve said hyphenate hope? (Please circle as appropriate). Six months or less, one year, three years, ten years, never.

CONGRATULATIONS!

IF YOU ARE STILL GAME, AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT ME, THEN PLEASE ORDER ME A DIRTY MARTINI, STRAIGHT-UP, EXTRA ONIONS ON THE SIDE. WHILE I SIP I WILL REVIEW YOUR ANSWERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE OUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD.

GOD SPEED AND ALL GOOD WISHES!