

## BEWARE THE STROKE OF GENIUS...(pun very much intended)

Women are attracted to different types of men for different reasons. Emphasis is placed on the word "attracted", because we are first attracted to each other before that whole love/commitment story rears its ugly head where character then comes under scrutiny. Unfortunately everything has a beginning, and attraction is where relationships start.

Some women are attracted to cute men, you know the head turners possibly because good looking men are just good look at plus everyone wants a cute baby...should the relationship progress to the level where the couple decides consciously or subconsciously to not put on a condom (*for some reason we figure three months into the relationship is a full proof testing tool for STIs*) or get married and decide to procreate. Others are drawn to men with gorgeous bodies, I'm assuming because to them this communicates a sense of self pride. We all appreciate a man who takes care of his body; I mean let's face it, these days they are far and few in between. Men now adorn themselves with pot bellies of different sizes and, heaven forbid, textures...a topic for another day.

The list of what attracts women to certain men is long and windy, considering that it's a woman's list \*hides\*, however this is all very normal. On the one hand we have the "ordinary" woman who is attracted to the "normal" man then on the other is the courageous woman who is attracted to the intellectually gifted man. These women deserve a medal of honour for taking the bull by the horn...confused? **IGMs** (Intellectually Gifted Men) are closet eccentrics; bear with me if you will and I will attempt to clarify.

We can all agree that creative people are a tad eccentric; they are special if you will. I have been in the company of very creative people in my very distant past and as much as I enjoyed the world in which they exist I found that theirs is the Bermuda triangle of sanity; although alluring you may lose yourself never to be heard of again. I therefore decided quietly to myself that I would rather be at the receiving end of their gift to humankind, which is either to buy their music or attend their concerts and so forth. The

comforting thing though about their eccentricity is that it is genuinely transparent, so you are clear from the word go of what you may encounter.

Which brings me to IGMs, as stated earlier these gifted souls are closet eccentrics and I doubt they themselves are aware of how special they are. Ladies and gentlemen nothing good has ever come out of the closet, even the great Robert Kelly can attest to this. Eccentricity is a wonderfully unsteady state of mind that only those who have no choice in the matter are obliged to live with and the rest of the human population warned of its impending arrival so that we can hold onto something deeply rooted.

Now IGMs are most intriguing and very disarming because they come in nerd like guises (it should be noted that there are gorgeous nerds so my reference to nerd like guise is not the typical snort-faced-thick-glasses-big-shoes look) and there are two main reasons why these “courageous” women go for IGMs;

- a) They (IGMs) project a safe like exterior and it gives off a false sense of I-make-him-look-good-so-he-will-forever-be-grateful notion. Remember the geek in high school or at tertiary that grows up to be very rich and now can have all the pretty girls who years ago wouldn't have given him a second glance? Let's face it most IGMs are highly successful so they hold two very important things that a lot of women are attracted to, money and the undeclared promise of fidelity.
- b) When some women reach a certain phase in their lives, there is nothing as sexy as a man who is smart or witty. A man who takes you on a whirlwind trip (his very extensive mind) of discoveries that you never dreamed ever existed. The comforting thing about an IGM is the promise of endless novel things to come because monotony is everyone's dreaded nemesis...well mine anyway.

As intriguing as IGMs are, they should come with a warning sign preferably in a very visible place and with bold font size thirty two letters... **WARNING! CLOSET ECCENTRIC! ENTERING MAY CAUSE PERPETUAL STATE OF DEMENTIA!** I think it's only fair that we be warned beforehand of the dangers that lie ahead. It is not implied in any way that eccentricity is all bad, however being in a relationship with it

(eccentricity) is a remarkably awesome occurrence that dictates you be as steady as a rock.

With everything in life survival is number one on the hierarchy of needs to every being, so you may ask yourself how these brave women survive in such challenging situations. I took it upon myself, call it my civil duty, to conduct a very biased and unacquainted study on some of my friends who insist on going for IGMs, bless their souls. I had figured that the “crouch, roll on the ground with your arms covering your head” technique was sufficient however I was soon to discover that there are various survival tactics when faced with an IGM.

These are some of my findings;

- If a need arises that there be an argument or debate about any issue, whether it be personal or general, have all the facts at your disposal.
- These men are governed by logic, they really can't help it, so being emotional about everything will not help your cause.
- Ideally mental sparing must be kept at a minimum. If you really feel compelled to engage in such then at least be smart enough to engage in topics where he is at his weakest...which ever they may be, if there's any.
- He is to be reminded from time to time that your relationship is not the boardroom and that he refrain from treating it as such.
- Brace yourself for argument after argument if, that is, you are the type that can't let laying dogs lie.

Now let it be said that IGMs are not all bad, in fact there are qualities about them that debilitate our defenses and against our better judgment we fall for them...I meant against *their* better judgment. They are grounded and simple creatures, with them even the most general topics are exciting because of the depth in which they approach anything.

Their ways may be somewhat obsessive, they may seem anti social to simple minds or even come across as intellectual snobs but the truth, and I hope it sets me free, is that I would take an IGM anytime over a simple man...there I said it.

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