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THE PICKUP GAME

A few easy steps to landing a date with the hottie across the bar.

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Start

Preparation
If you want to pick up a hunny, you have to dress the part. Take a shower and put on something nice.

Location
Match your type with your place. Looking for a hipster? Hit up Thumbs. Looking for someone athletic? Head to Welch Ave Station.

Arrive
Did it just get hot in here? Yes. Because you showed up and brought your A-game.

Select
Browse the crowd and when you see the one who takes your breath away, make eye contact to establish a connection.

Flirt
Take a note from our story on nonverbal communication at ethosmagazine.org: make eye contact and focus your attention on the person.

Wind up
Start conversation. Avoid bragging about how many shots you can pound or how much your outfit cost.

Introduce
Self explanatory. Just don’t lead with anything too personal like your digestive problems when you drink milk.

Approach
Confidence is dominance. Approaching the one you have an eye on may help peak his or her interest.

Turn it up
Now you have to lay down your best moves, and no it isn’t a pickup line involving a reference to heaven.

Seal the deal
Time to seal the deal or ditch. You either need to swap numbers, “get out of here” together or part ways.

Follow up
If you managed to nab the number and are looking for more than a one-night-stand, pick up the phone. Just wait a day or two.

Finish

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