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Relationship Dealbreakers

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First dates. Aren't they awesome? There's the dinner, the movie, the dinner and a movie, the long walks on the beach and the ones where you just, like, hang out or something. First dates can be so overwhelmingly cliche, that they make every movie Katherine Heigl has ever been in seem like a new and exciting concept. So guys, if you're going to go cliché, go all out.

So he asks you to dinner. If he asks you where you want to go, there's a good chance he's indecisive and definitely won't be wearing the pants in the relationship. As cheesy and romantic as the scene in *Lady and the Tramp* with the spaghetti and candlelight, Italian is probably not a good choice. It's too messy. Nobody is cute with pasta sauce dribbling down their outfit. And what if he cooks you dinner? Then he's probably a keeper, as long as it's completely delish and he brings a ton of candles and roses.

Then there's the movie date. This is the ultimate cop-out for a first date. The hardest aspect of the whole night is deciding what size popcorn you can get away with buying without looking like a total fatass. I mean really, how can the only way to do a cliché date right is to go all out. Candles, roses, champagne, strawberries and all of the other absurd necessities to make a romantic statement. I'd also suggest keeping the romantic clichés to the date. The big, romantic ask should be saved for a proposal. Trust me, I've been there. It's not a fun place to be. What you really need to consider on a first date is how much effort the guy puts forth. That's the best way to decide if he's worth a second.

Just because a guy is totally lame on the first date doesn't mean he's not worth dating or hanging out with again. He might just need a little coaching. If he doesn't always say the perfect thing, do the perfect thing, or have the perfect answer, he's probably not a player (no promises on that though). So to all those guys who have the continued use of jeggings that send them tantalizing no-no's from your peers. And remember, chivalry is never cliché. If all else fails, watch "The Notebook" and imitate Noah's every move. Girls eat that shit up.

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Let's face it, no one wants to get tangled in the sheets of a chronic liar or fall for the master of infidelity, but we don't want just anybody either. While we all want to pretend like we can compare our relationships to Jay-Z and Beyoncé, unfortunately for us, Photoshop isn't readily available for free, on the go use. Sometimes you get lucky, but for others, not so much. It makes love messy, and like Darwinism, only the strong survive. We're young, and we can be so judgmental as to warrant twenty-something-year-old hearts desires. So, we hit the streets to see what deal-breakers caused students to throw in the towel on young love. From the repetetive fashion faux pas, to hanging out in a fart cloud with a girl that oddly resembles a creature, here are some tainting no-no's from your peers.

For guys, it's as simple as a butch haircut or the continued use of leggings that send them running and judging. However, for Anderson McPhaul, junior in mechanical engineering, it's much simpler than that. "Girls who leave the seat down." Well stated, Anderson. Women who display a lack of bathroom manners are always grounds for dismissal, but it isn't the most common deal-breaker.

"I once broke it off with a girl because she wore the same pair of gray sweatpants when she came over," says Mike Goodsell, senior in criminal justice. Attire is where the most common no-no's exist. Cameron Knights, senior in mechanical engineering, believes firmly that you can judge a book by its cover, if the cover is UGGS. However, like most dudess, Cameron thinks bad breath and UGG boots are justifications for throwing in the towel, but he also looks past the physical stuff and considers "bad morals and no life goals" a relationship deal-breaker.

Sure, men may not wear their favorite pair of sweatpants with their ridiculous boots, but they do violate the acceptable boyfriend standards. Nicole Wiegand, senior in journalism and mass communication, likes her men verbally intelligent. "Bad grammar, especially in text messages, is an automatic "no." So, it's one thing to mistake the difference between "you're" and "your" on occasion, but it's time to wrap up the "Ah lingo. -Smart/Colin isn't around anymore to put up with your shit.

You could be the most intelligent and attractive dude on the ISO market, just don't be a little bitch. Becky Bowshoo, senior in marketing, tells pass on a guy if "he's more emotional than I am," she says. Women rarely like to put up with their own shit, let alone yours.