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**Dating a Divorced Guy**

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Has this happened to you?

**SCENARIO NUMBER 1**

Linda was visiting friends in Seattle and they fixed her up with Robert for a date. He suggested they have lunch and then he wanted to show her the tourist district. Of course it was one shop after another.

Assuming that if she appeared interested in something, he would buy it for her, Linda kept it low key as they browsed through the beautiful shops. Then something caught her eye and she couldn't conceal it: a silly toy she knew her grandson would like. She picked it up, laughed, they played with it, and then she put it back.

"Oh, go ahead and get it!" Robert said, and his hand reached automatically for his back pocket, but then he turned away.

Linda went ahead and picked up the toy and they headed for the checkout counter. Suddenly Robert looked confused and fell back behind her, making sure she approached the counter first and alone. In other words, he made it clear he was NOT going to buy this \$6 toy for her. You could almost see him fighting with himself!

**SCENARIO NUMBER 2**

A couple of dates into a new relationship and Ted and Shannon were discussing what they liked.

"Attention," said Shannon.

"What kind of attention?" Ted asked, warming to the occasion.

"Oh, different things. Sweet looks, little remembrances, time with you," Shannon said. "It varies. But I

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like attention from you." (He had mentioned earlier, and she knew from friends that his former wife ignored him, worked all the time, and ultimately had an affair and left him.) Shannon smiled, wanting him to know how much she liked him, and he smiled back.

Then there was a pause.

A crestfallen face (remembering) was followed by a mask (hurting) as Ted delivered this door–slammer: "Sometimes you don't get what you like."

What's going on here? It happens to all of us! **DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU!**

Men know what women like and they're naturally inclined to do it. It's kind of natural with guys to want

to give. But what's happened is, this guy has done all this before and it didn't work out. Now when he has the impulse to do something nice, he's thinking, "I did that before and what I got was divorced. I'm not falling for that one again!" or "If I buy her something, she'll walk all over me like my ex–wife did."

Robert was really happy when he was thinking about buying the toy for Linda. It showed all over his face. Then he remembered something, and he stopped himself.

BTW, this isn't about the "buying," it's about giving. Needless to say Linda has \$6 to buy the toy; she'd gotten herself to Seattle after all! It's Linda's pleasure to receive gifts when they're given to her. It's part of the give–and–take of relationships. She might offer to buy coffee and dessert later. It starts the "we" thing going.

Ted is a loving man who had been starved for affection. Remembering the former rebuffs, he retreated in steely resignation - "Well, I didn't get what I wanted (in the former relationship), so I'm not going to give YOU, what YOU want" - when he and Shannon had already spent many hours together getting along well, and he had been very attentive! Until he thought about it, that is. **TURN OFF THE TALKING–HEAD! STOP THE CEREBRAL SABOTEUR! DE–ACTIVATE THE DOUBLE–THINKOVER!**

It's really sad to deny who you are because of your self–talk about previous relationships. You start to reach out for the other person and then up pipes that voice saying you'll get hurt, or taken advantage of, it won't work, or it's all in vain. You tried it before and it didn't work.

Well this is a new person and a new beginning. This new person may respond differently. In fact I can almost guarantee you they will.

What I'm talking about here is being yourself, separating out the past from the present, and treating each man as an individual who will not necessarily behave or respond the way the last one did. (Of course if you keep picking losers and think it's a pattern, please get help.)

The Chinese say you never step twice in the same river. It wasn't giving him back rubs, or being considerate or generous to him that broke up your previous relationship. We throw out a whole set of behaviors because they're associated with bad outcomes in the past. Yes you **DO** know how to do

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things and how to make a relationship work; you just were with the wrong person, or the timing was wrong, or the place was wrong. Did you ever consider that?

One of the fun things about dating is when you find out that Modigliani print in the living room your ex hated, just thrills your new guy, and this applies to qualities, traits and behaviours as well.

We have to separate out what caused what, and who is who in the after-divorce scenario. As I say in my book, "Midlife Dating Manual for Women," until you can, you aren't ready to date. You'll trip all over yourself wanting to do something quite natural, and then slap yourself on the wrist. You aren't emotionally available.

Marriages end because the people are no longer being nice to each other. But it wasn't BEING NICE that got you there. It was other things. You were breathing, weren't you, when you were with your ex. You still intend to keep doing that, don't you? Don't throw the baby out with the bath water!

Of COURSE find out what the guy likes, and then give it with all your heart if you like him. Just because the last guy didn't like you, want your attention, appreciate you, or respond to your kindness,

doesn't mean this one won't. It's about BEING WHO YOU ARE not worrying about WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

It's only fun when you can be relaxed and be yourself, including lots of nice little gestures and kindnesses to the other person, and being able to enjoy giving, receiving, and sharing.

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### **Dating Advice For Men!!**

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We recently discovered a great book called "Double Your Dating" by David DeAngelo. In our opinion, it's the best place for a guy to start who wants to become more successful with women and dating.

We're really excited about it, because these days it's definitely not easy for a guy to find dating advice that works.

So what makes this book different than everything else out there?

Well, mainly David DeAngelo himself.

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You see, David D. is a smart, educated regular guy. A regular guy who for the longest time, like so many others, couldn't figure out why he didn't have the success with women he wanted.

Several years ago, he made the decision in his life to do whatever it takes to get this whole "dating" thing down, no matter what the cost.

David read everything he could find about women and dating, and was disappointed to discover that for the most part, there was no quality information available for guys like him who wanted to learn.

Frustrated but determined, David decided to go straight to the source. Not to the women themselves? After hearing so many women say they wanted a "nice guy", then turn around and complain about their jerk boyfriends (who they had obviously chosen over many nice guys like him), he was convinced that even women themselves weren't exactly sure of what they wanted in a man.

David sought out the few guys he knew who were unbelievably successful with women. You know, the guys in high school that you never stopped hearing about. He asked around and found more and more of these naturals, and sat down and picked their brains for every last piece of information he could dig up.

He was surprised to find that many of these guys weren't rich or handsome. In fact, several of them were down right broke and ugly! But they definitely had some kind of "power" that other guys didn't, and after hanging out with these guys for a while, David started to figure out exactly what it was.

It took some time, but before long David himself was getting women like crazy. His friends begged him to let them in on his secret? And sure enough? It worked for them too! David had put together a complete system for meeting and dating women that any guy could use. They convinced him that he had to write a book, and soon "Double Your Dating" was born.

In his book, David explains his step-by-step process for meeting and attracting women. Once you know it and master it, you can attract any woman you want, any time you want. And you don't have to be rich or handsome to do it.

David has finally unraveled the "bad boy" mystery and explains exactly why some guys "get all the chicks". More importantly, he explains how to develop the traits in yourself that drive women wild, and why you don't have to be a bad boy or a jerk to be successful with women.

There are simple things that you can do to separate yourself from 99% of the other guys out there, and David spells them out for you in plain English. He covers specific strategies and techniques for starting conversations with women, getting their phone numbers and email addresses, inexpensive and cheap date ideas, and how to take things to a "physical" level smoothly and easily.

The techniques in the book are practical and easy to use. There is nothing you will have to memorize or study. You can start using what you learn right away.

We really cannot recommend this book enough. "Double Your Dating" is an absolute must read for

any man, no matter where you're at in the dating game.

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