



ASK DEANNA!
*Real People,
Real Advice*

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Dear Deanna!

I'm in a situation where my boyfriend thinks I'm stupid. He has started spending a lot of time with one of his ex-girlfriends. He claims they were best friends before and after they began their relationship. I can go along with that but he always goes to her house alone. I feel if everything was as innocent as he claims, then I should be invited to a few dinner dates, movies and overnight DVD and popcorn sessions. Am I paranoid or should I be more trusting?

Tanya
Charlotte, NC

Dear Tanya:

It's true that men can have females as best friends but the dynamic changes when sex enters the picture. Your boyfriend is disrespecting you if he's going on dates with her too. There is something going on if he's at her house overnight. This isn't normal for a man with a woman at home. He's seeing his girlfriend directly in your face. You need to address this and seek a solution so that your relationship is the priority and the friendship gets put in its place.

Dear Deanna!

My new girlfriend is a great person, wonderful cook and a well-rounded lady. The only flaw I have deals with her hygiene. I'm not used to a woman wearing her clothes two days in a row, putting on the same socks and not bathing every day. I like her a lot but I find myself being turned off when it comes to intimacy. I'm not the world's cleanest person but I have some standards. How do I address this issue without hurting her feelings?

Anonymous
Online Reader

Dear Anonymous:

You need to let your girlfriend know that you're not feeling the recycled dirt on her body and her clothes. This makes no sense and as a grown woman, she shouldn't walk around like Pig Pen from the Charlie Brown cartoon. There's no nice way around this issue other than giving her a bar of soap. You must be direct and let her know you're having a hard time dealing with this, tell her why and if she wants the relationship, she needs to change.

Dear Deanna!

My neighbor broke her leg and I've been going back and forth helping her out and running daily errands. Since I've been around her so much, I developed interest in her. She has a boyfriend who doesn't treat her well and hasn't been there for her during this time. I've stayed with her a few nights and done things like brush her hair, run her bath water and serve her food. How do I let her know my feelings and let her know that I've fallen in love and want to date her?

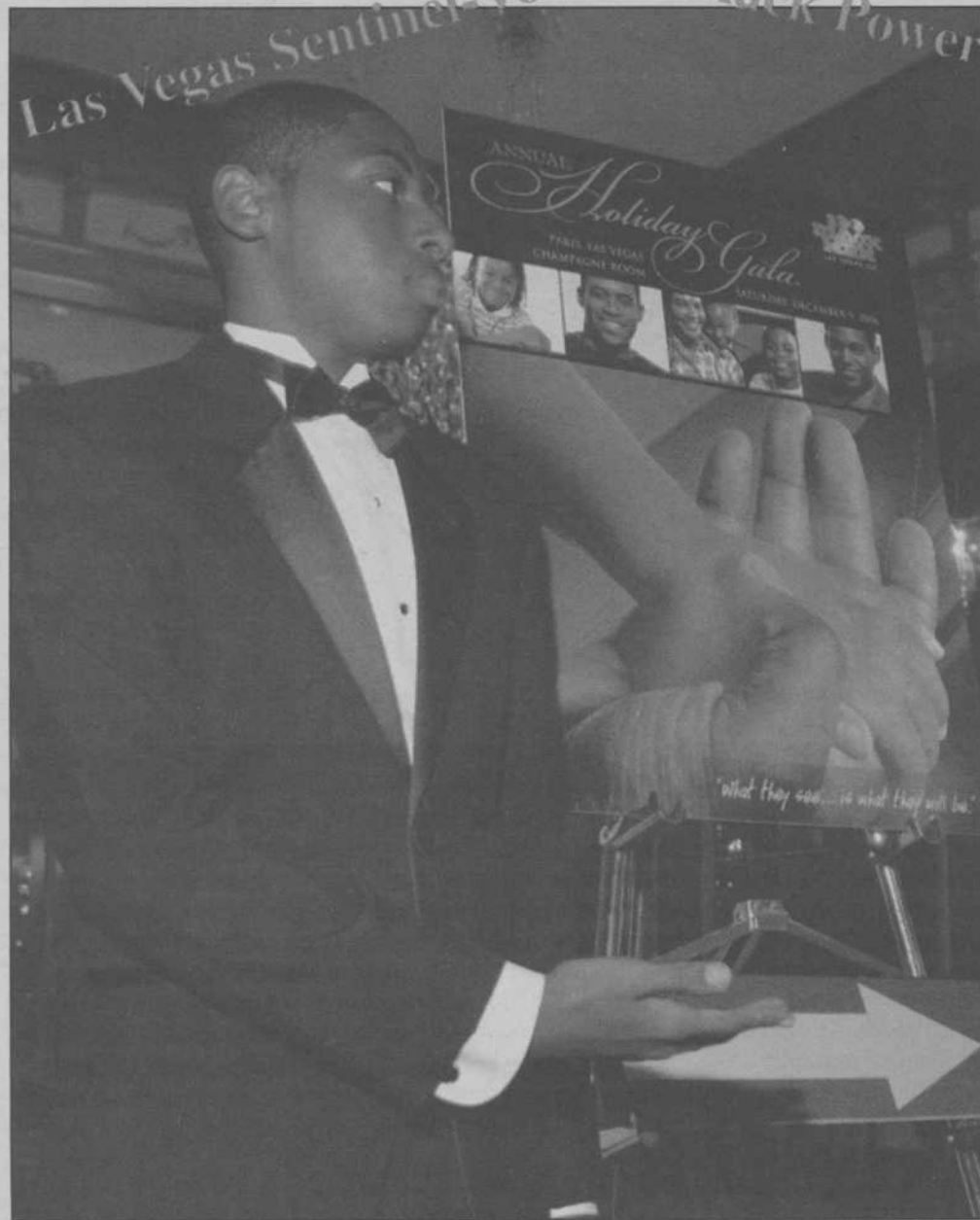
Anthony
Lawton, OK

Dear Anthony:

The first thing you need to address is the situation with her boyfriend. Inquire and find out about this relationship, where they stand and how serious they are. Once you have those answers and if they're in your favor, share your feelings and make your intentions known. You must be careful because your neighbor may be sensitive, and you don't want to appear as if you're taking advantage of her. Again, get answers, share your feelings and keep it moving.

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the 100**

The 100 Black Men of Las Vegas held their annual gala recently at the Paris Hotel and Casino. A who's who of Las Vegas came out to celebrate the organization's community activities. They recognized supporters, volunteers and members who helped make their programs successful.

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