

MISS ABIGAIL SIDE #1

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

Ah, yes, here it is . . . *Everyday Living* by Adelaide Van Duzer, published in 1936. Ms. Duzer's quiz, "How Well Are You Groomed" is still the bible for determining if one is ready to step into the bright and unapologetic sunlight. Shall we see if we pass Ms. Duzer's test? It's not as easy as you think.

PACO

It's a "duzer."

They share a laugh.

MISS ABIGAIL

Oh, Paco. Show of hands . . . *(back to the show)* "Do you take a bath or shower everyday?"

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1. Do you take a bath or shower everyday?

She continues.

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

(reading)

"Number two. If perfume or cologne is used, is it fresh, faint, and not cheap?"

SLIDE:

2. If perfume or cologne is used, is it fresh, faint and not cheap?

PACO

This means nothing in the J. Lo line.

She continues.

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

(reading)

"Number three. Is your hair shiny, healthy, and kept neatly trimmed?"

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3. Is your hair shiny, healthy and kept neatly trimmed?

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

And Ms. Duzer was not just talking about the hair on your head. *(beat)* Men, this is for you, too. The Chewbacca look is way out. I used to wax Robert's back on a weekly basis for years.

PACO

You always say those were the best Saturday afternoons of your life.

MISS ABIGAIL

And we didn't have store bought waxing kits back then, or places that could do it for you on every block. I used a surprisingly effective homemade paste of honey, baking soda and ground turkey. And what was left over, we had for dinner!

PACO finishes the line with her.

PACO

. . . we had for dinner!

MISS ABIGAIL

Well, money was tight back then.

PACO

On the contrary, I think it sounds delicious.

MISS ABIGAIL

Well. Thank you, Paco.

Awkward pause. He smiles at her.

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

(reading)

"Number four. Are your undergarments clean? That is, do you change them at least three times a week?"

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4. Are your undergarments clean? That is, do you change them at least 3 times a week?

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

"Number five. Are your clothes well dressed? Do they fit appropriately?"

SLIDE:

5. Are your clothes well dressed? Do they fit appropriately?

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

Oh, now this one is crucial. Appropriate and well fitting attire is one of the most important choices you can make to attract a mate. Paco and I have been here in INSERT CITY for only two days, and we have been a little surprised by some of the choices made by your fellow citizens. I had Paco snap a few surreptitious photos so we can show you what we mean. Let's see if these people would pass Ms. Duzer's test. In this first slide, you're going to see what Paco tells me is commonly referred to as a cima de panecillo, or as we would say in this country . . .

Paco clicks a button on a remote control. SOUND of a click.

SLIDE:

Photo of woman with huge "muffin top".

PACO

A muffin top.

MISS A gets out her pointer and uses it to point to the "top."

MISS ABIGAIL

Notice the excess skin that protrudes from the pants that are much too tight, creating the appearance of a scrumptious pastry comprised entirely of flab. Let's take a look at the next slide.

PACO clicks the remote again. SOUND of a click.

SLIDE:

Photo of woman obviously not wearing a bra.

PACO

Turkey's done.

MISS ABIGAIL

Now ladies, does this say, "I'm looking for a meaningful relationship?"

PACO is mesmerized by the nipples.

MISS ABIGAIL

(moving)

Oh, and finally, and this is my biggest fashion pet peeve of all. Paco shot this one right on MAIN STREET IN CITY. Right Paco?

PACO snaps out of it.

PACO

Si.

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

So please, for the love of all that is holy, unless you are at the beach, do not bare your midriff!

PACO clicks the remote again. SOUND of a click.

SLIDE:

Photo of super fat MAN in a belly shirt.

PACO

But Miss Abigail?

MISS ABIGAIL

Yes, Paco?

PACO

What happens if you work very hard to make yourself attractive, you ask looking glass, and looking glass says you are one hot tamale, and yet the person you want to notice, still does not notice?

He looks at MISS ABIGAIL.

MISS ABIGAIL

Well, Paco, being presentable *is* important, but the most attractive part of a person is on the inside, muffin top or not. In 1967, Dr. Jeremiah Harriston took a survey of over 1000 women and asked what they were most attracted to in men? Do you know what they said?

PACO

Biceps?

MISS ABIGAIL

No.

PACO

Buttocks?

MISS ABIGAIL

No.

PACO

Remembering to put the seat down?

MISS ABIGAIL

Close. But no. *(To audience)* Any of you know?

She waits for a few responses.

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

Confidence. Carrying yourself with confidence is the most dateable quality a man or woman can possess. Be proud of who you are! The more self-assured you are, the more other people will be drawn to you. If someone you're attracted to isn't noticing you, then make them notice. Grab them and tell them how you feel . . .

*PACO makes a small move towards MISS A.
And then stops.*

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

Thanks for that question, Paco.

MISS ABIGAIL SIDE #2

MISS ABIGAIL

Now, I can tell by the look on your faces, that you've got a lot of questions about sex, and all the other facets of dating, mating and marriage. So, I'd like to take some time and answer the questions you submitted at the beginning of the show!

PACO gets the question cards.

MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

Now, you don't have to worry. These are totally anonymous. Go ahead, Paco.

PACO reads the first one.

PACO

(reading)

Dear Miss Abigail, what is the best sexual position for a man and a woman?

MISS ABIGAIL

That's an excellent question, Paco.

PACO

It's not mine. *(pointing)* It's that lady's.

MISS ABIGAIL

Well, ma'am, there are so many sexual positions available to the modern couple, not including the 17 that are illegal in Arkansas. But what is the perfect one for a couple? Let's consult C.B.S. Evans' 1931 book *Man and Woman in Marriage*" Evans said . . . *(reading)* . . . "A man can buy a ready-made suit; a woman, a ready-made dress. How many can buy a ready-made garment, for instance, pajamas, that will fit them both?" I hope that helps.

PACO

(to the same LADY)

That answer your question?

MISS ABIGAIL

Ok, next question.

PACO hands her more questions and she improvises the answers.

After two questions . . .

MISS ABIGAIL

Ok, we've got time for one more question from the audience.
Paco?

PACO

(reading)

"Dear Miss Abigail, After eight and a half years together, my husband and I are thinking about splitting up. It's just not working anymore, and I'm afraid that we're no longer in love. I'm petrified at the thought of being single again and am willing to try anything to make it work, but how far should I go?"

MISS ABIGAIL

Oh, this is hard. In a perfect world, everyone would live happily ever after. But life is not a fairy tale, which I for one am fine with, because seven whistling little people carrying rock picks would push me over the edge. The truth is sometimes love fades. But I'll tell you what I tell so many of my clients: before doing anything drastic, remember, that no marriage is perfect. And if you're willing to work at it, I'd suggest trying my trademarked Miss Abigail DLDOW approach.

SLIDE:

*THE MISS ABIGAIL
DLDOW
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MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

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Don't be critical.
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MISS ABIGAIL (CONT'D)

Now, if you've used my DLDOW and it's still not working, it may be best to part ways. I know, I know, you didn't think Ol' Miss Abigail would say that, but it's true. Sometimes, relationships end, and as hard as it is, you have to put your faith in the big-matchmaker-in-the-sky and trust that he or she is looking out for you.