

Number one thing to not f*ck up with another guy

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Brothers and babes:

Whether you're approaching or were approached on the dance floor, are in a relationship or about to be in one, there's one thing you must do. It's not the only thing, but it's nonetheless important:

1. Figure out who the 'guy' is.
2. Don't fuck it up.

I was texting a plate the other day who's in the military. He's pretty stoic in his texts and I usually become a shameless bouncy ball of energy when I talk with him; he's the oak tree in the relationship.

He's the guy.

I'm often the guy in other relationships. The other night I accrued a plate at a club who danced with/around me the whole night and went out to eat with me and my friends right afterward. I was the stoic fucker who approached him dead on and he was the one singing songs by Mariah Something and letting his hypergamy send him into orbits around me and my crew.

But with me and Military Man, he was always the guy in the relationship.

One time MM texted me that he was sick. I found myself going into "poor baby" mode, not in a condescending way; I was being my man's little helper in text message form. I wanted my man to know his li'l boy angel was thinking of him. Then he said something that made my skin crawl.

"Well I have nothing to worry about, I have a big man who can protect me." (Referring to me.)

Talk about a sexual polarity killer.

Plenty of guys tell me stuff like that, but they're my twinkies, not my sexy daddies whose strength I subconsciously 'rely' on and whose displays of weakness give my reptilian brain the shivers.

Not to say it ended things. But that's probably because I can observe my romantic/sexual experiences, know where they're coming from, and once they happen, I can decide if the relationship's worth continuing.

Examples:

- a) "He hasn't texted me back. BUT I WANT HIM SO MUCH. Well, that's not how it works. Abundance mentality, unsubscribe from posts, don't Like his stuff even if he starts pelting me with Likes as a result of my disappearance, but be nice in person. NEXT."
- b) "What a turn-off, that thing he did!* Well, I have fun sleeping with him; you don't see pecs like that every day. I can overcome my momentary instincts in return for some sex that'll make my endorphins fly."

- Applies to beta moments your big boy has. Not him being an inexcusable dick. In that case, you cut contact.

You get the point.

But you might not be dating a cad as self-observant, game-aware, or who considers all options. Most humans are feeling-based, and even think that they're thinking when they're actually just feeling. Therefore, when dealing with the law of sexual polarity, tread with care.

Figure out (in your head, not in a conversation with him) who's the daddy and who's the son; figure out who's taking care of who; figure out who's the oak tree and who's the monkey. (Of course, an alpha in the pair can be high-energy; that sentence is mostly related to emotional volatility.) It's not always so black and white, but if you see a pattern, realize that the exchange of the relationship is very likely dependent on that dynamic continuing.

If you're the alpha male and he's your boy, realize that opening up too much about your feelings may put a damper on his attraction for you, even if he 'wouldn't do that.' (Remember it's not him doing it; it's generations of evolution that's done that to his brain.)

If you're the pretty boy princess and he's your bodybuilding stoic prince charming, there is less that you can do wrong in this sense, but if your occasional wound-licking for your man makes you out to be the caretaker or paternal/maternal figure, he might naturally exhibit some submissive/passive behavior that'll dry you up faster than dry ice sublimates. (And dry ice is a solid that turns into a gas, y'all!!!!11111 Skippin' being the element water and shit.)

At the same time, don't overdo your role; you were a person before getting to know this good-looking dude, remember? Just because you're the alpha doesn't mean you should be completely distant or a tyrannical asshole. Just because you're not the manly one in charge doesn't mean he wants to be dating a drag queen, or that he doesn't need consolation once in a while.

Ok, good learning today. Time to make a cold approach.

(This was the most recent post from [my blog](#).)

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Comments

GC0W30 • 2 points • 16 February, 2015 08:27 PM

Thank you very much. Helpful.

[deleted] • 1 point • 21 February, 2015 05:46 PM

See, I want to find a guy who is stoic and strong, while also being that guy. Is the idea here that somebody *has* to be the beta? As in, it's impossible for two alpha males to come together in a relationship?

should_[S] • 1 point • 26 February, 2015 05:53 AM

A guy can be beta-to-his-man while still maintaining his own, having good boundaries, being fairly hard to get, etc. That's different from just "beta," which we throw around in TRP to basically mean weak and clueless romantically. I think it's natural for guys similar in alphaness to seek relationship with one another, provided one hasn't been alpha widowed by some guy he deludedly thinks he's relationship material for, and is therefore not interested romantically in anyone in his 'demographic.' So, everything in degrees: alpha seeks alpha, but one will most likely be a bit more submissive to the other.

Jobby_jabber2 points 3 March, 2015 04:03 PM **[recovered]**

The terms alpha and beta do get thrown around a lot on TRP and are not always used in their exact proper context.

Alpha/beta refers to male sexual strategies. Best remembered by alpha-fucks beta-bucks, the two strategies are using raw sexual appeal to attract a mate and using material and provisional power to attract a mate. Beta does not necessarily mean being submissive or clueless as it's come to be known. It is true however that dominant men tend to get away with being alphas and submissive men have to *resort* to being beta providers.

Women do not follow the alpha beta dichotomy. The female sexual strategy is, while complex, singular. All women similarly seek sex from alpha males and seek provision from beta males.

In this regard labeling the roles in a gay relationship alpha/beta would be incorrect. Both alpha and beta describe male archetypes. Whereas the dynamic between two gay men is typically that of masculine/feminine. It would not make sense to say that the more submissive/feminine partner is engaging in a masculine beta-provider strategy. Instead we would say that the submissive is engaging in the female strategy. It is the dominant partner that decides whether to employ alpha or beta tactics.

/u/Should_, I'd say you put it best a while ago in your blog. A man who gives masculine feedback during sex desires feminine feedback from his partner. Dovetailing with the orientation of your partner is the surest way to build attraction. In my (surely limited) experience it's just the natural response for men to work out an unspoken dynamic.

Of course at the same time I can fully understand the desire to be with someone who is on the same level as yourself. On an intellectual level I'm not particularly a fan of effeminate or submissive men. I like my partners to be independent self-sufficient men. If a man gets too close to really acting like a woman I'm repulsed. Still the attraction seems strongest when these men give me feminine signals.

I suppose the Captain/first mate analogy is particularly effective here. A good first mate would be able to run the ship in absence of his captain. He would command the men below him and demand respect. Still, when addressing the captain he shows due respect. He's outwardly dominant but submissive to those

above him in the chain of command.

should_[S] • 1 point • 3 March, 2015 05:41 PM

Yeah that makes sense; masc/fem is what I meant; I'll be using your syntax from here on out. Except to extrapolate from that, I'd say masc/fem can better be worded dom/sub or captain/1st mate as you say, since a guy can be more on the submissive, you-lead-the-way side without being effeminate.

arcanehobb • 1 point • 28 February, 2015 08:39 PM

Can't two guys who are effeminate have a successful relationship?

should_[S] • 0 points • 3 March, 2015 07:33 PM

I guess my comment you responded to still applies. Gay guys will generally seek the hottest guy they can get, so it makes sense that some effeminate guys would go for each other. There are some really hot effeminate guys though, and then there are some guys who've adopted effeminacy to the point where it's hard to notice anything else about them. So yes, two effeminate gay guys can have a successful relationship, particularly provided that they are good enough for each other and either isn't getting too many whistles from the gay man's basketball team (hypergamy).