

A CONSULTANT'S GUIDE: TYPECASTING AND THE FEMALE PERSONA

Stereotyping – I hate it. Growing up as a Filipino American in the United States has afforded me many opportunities to be typecasted in one way or another. I've been labeled many things: good at math and science (I tell people I'm a consultant and the first thing out of a person's mouth is: oh, computers?), bad at sports, poor at english (or should I say engrish?). . . the list goes on. Most of the assumptions are false, but not all (I am pretty darn good at math and science). That being said, I'm probably walking on thin ice writing about what I'm gonna write about, the female persona, as this is probably one of the most subjective topics out there. If anything, you can read merely for entertainment value, if at all.

I'm a nice guy, or so I've led a lot of women to believe. And as such, I always used to wonder why, especially in high school, that all of the a-hole jocks always seemed to get the hottest girls. That was in high school; some eight to ten years ago. I went to college, graduated, and am now living in the Really–Real World. I now know that a guy's success with women isn't necessarily based on what sports he plays, but more dependent on his being able to cater to her particular personality type. I must say that the chameleon–tactic really works wonders for a successful sex life with women. And without further edue, let the stereotyping begin . . .

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If the girl is a more shy, reserved type, but seems to open up when talked to . . . I'll come across as more of an outgoing, but not imposing personality. I'll throw random topics at her . . . whichever topic she seems to talk more about, I'll keep up with, making sure there's always some sort of conversation going. I'll throw in some off–the–wall comments, totally out there, just to make things a little more interesting.

If the girl is shy, and doesn't really respond to the conversation too much . . . I'll try and get her to dance more (or do something else in addition to talking). At this point she doesn't have to worry about trying to fish for something to say. I'll still throw some random conversation topics at her, depending on what she seems to be into. I might make some gestures that give off the impression that I'm shy as well, such as looking down at the ground, or making eye contact with her until she looks at me . . . and then look away. If she's with a group of people, I might say something like, "your boyfriend and you make a good couple," even though I know that she's not with the guy. Kinda throws them off that I'm not actually after them for well . . . you know. It makes me seem like even less of an imposing person.

If the girl is talkative . . . I'll take on a more outgoing personality while still trying not to be imposing, yet still control the conversation subtly. I'll let her have her say every now and then, opening the conversation to what she wants to talk about, but for the most part, I'll be leading it. Confidence is the key. I might say some kinda sexual comment (keeping it VERY low key) and see how comfortable she is about herself.

If the girl is really aggressive . . . there are actually two methods I use:

1. If she is really outgoing, and more into the cocky type of guy . . . Then I'll make a concerted effort to control every aspect of the conversation. These types of women tend to want a guy who's very confident in himself. I'll sometimes cut into her conversation, and suggest something like, "you wanna drink or somethin?" and give the impression that I'm not as interested in what she has to say. I might look away from her every now and then while she's talking to me and point out something in the crowd . . . or I'll even tell her, "are you gonna be here for a while? I'll be back, and then leave and come back an hour later . . . whatever it takes to break up her conversation and let her know that I'm in control of the situation. It takes some getting used to, but the goal is let her know that she's really not that important to me. And for some strange reason, it works!!

2. If she's really outgoing, but not interested in the cocky personality type . . . I'll play a more reserved, but not shy type (there is a difference) . . . and let her guide the conversation. Don't get me wrong, I'll still throw in my random conversation topics every now and then, but for the most part, I'll let her take control of the conversation. I'll keep eye contact with this person and make it seem like I'm really interested in what she has to say. I'll react to her comments with a question to make her expand on her previous thought. It just lets her know that I'm on the same wavelength as well as very interested in her conversation (this can be hard, at times).

Above all, with all of these girls . . . I first and foremost make sure to leave an impression on the girl (as long as it's a good one). Most of the time it means saying something unexpected or doing something a little crazy . . . whatever. It doesn't really matter as long as it's something that she'll remember you by . . . when you call her back a couple days later.

Now I'm not condoning the idea of playing the game, but all I can say is that in my past experiences, these methods seem to work.

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Aren't generalizations a bitch!!

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