## Marvel Comics Presents 'Guardians of the Galaxy'





By Courtney Omernick

Based on the comic book published by Marvel Comics, 'Guardians of the Galaxy" features an unlikely cast of characters that must team up in order to defeat a cosmic force. In the film, an American pilot ends up in space in the middle of a universal conflict and goes on the run with futuristic excons.

#### Should you see it:

You'll be itching to see this film if you're a big fan of Marvel Comics and Marvel's superhero franchise. With the casting lineup including Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, and more, it's sure to be good!

#### Who to take:

If you're boyfriend has spent the better portion of his life following Marvel Comics, he's the perfect person to ask to tag along with you. Also, if your brother or other family members love the series, ask them to join you at the theatre.

#### Should you date someone smarter than you?

#### Cupid's Advice:

In today's world, many people who like comic books, or follow a comic book series, are considered to be a bit nerdy. Some people are intimated by the thought of dating someone who is smarter than them, and others see it as an exciting, new experience. So, if you're considering dating someone who is smarter than you, Cupid has a few words of advice.

- 1. Don't be intimidated: It's natural for anyone to be a bit intimidated by someone who seems to know more than them, but if you're looking to date someone with more smarts, remain calm! Look at it this way; if you're dating someone smarter than you, chances are you're going to be learning a lot. Sure, you may never get on their level, but you'll have a greater knowledge bank.
- 2. See them as a person first: We all have more in common than we think. Just because the person you're dating is smarter than you, it doesn't mean that they won't or don't like some of the things you like to do. Don't be afraid to show them who you are.
- **3. Ask questions:** Everyone loves talking about themselves! And, even if the person you're out with is talking about

subjects' way over your head, don't be afraid to ask questions. This helps you look like you're interested in them and what they're interested in as well. And, they'll feel great passing on their knowledge and opinions about specific subjects.

Have you ever dated someone smarter than you? Share your stories in the comments!

### Look and Feel Beautiful This Summer in Plumeria Swimwear!





This post is

sponsored by Plumeria.

#### By Laura Seaman

If you want to channel your favorite celebrity on your next beach vacation or trip to the pool, look no further than Plumeria Swimwear! These artisan-crafted bikinis are sure to catch the eye of that gorgeous lifeguard on duty. With their sleek and stylish Italian and Turkish materials, it's hard to believe that these stunning pieces are available for less than 130 dollars.

Gabrielle Cimon, the creative director and designer of the bikinis, wanted to create swimwear that was unforgettably sexy and that perfectly embraced a woman's body. She crafted unique, exotic, and fashion-forward designs that are accessible to the everyday woman. Now you can look like a Sports Illustrated model without paying typical designer

prices! After all, every woman should have the chance to look like she just stepped out of the pool and into a photo shoot.

Let's start with the At the Copa bikini. This strappy, Brazilian style helps you show off that great summer body with pride. You'll look and feel beautiful, and your crush is sure to notice. This suit leaves just enough to the imagination that every man in eyeshot will be wondering how to turn your confident stride in their direction.

Next up is the Caliente bikini. This fashionable suit will make sure you're the apple of any guy's eye, especially your summer fling's. The high cut bottoms and spaghetti straps add a little more oomph to your legs and cleavage that won't go unnoticed. You'll have him begging you to stay with him even after the weather starts to cool down.

With their Mediterranean influences and high-quality materials, these suits are unlike anything else you've seen in stores or magazines. With a style of their own, you can be sure that no other woman at the beach will stand out quite as much you.

This week, CupidsPulse.com is giving one lucky reader the chance to win one of these two bikinis in any available color. With these bikinis, it's important to get the correct size, so before sending us your entry, make sure to check the size guide on each bikini's description page linked above!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Monday, July 14th. Make sure to also include your preference of bikini style (either Caliente or At the Copa), color, and size. In the subject line, please write "Plumeria Swimwear." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

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### From Bestseller to Film comes 'The Fault in Our Stars'





By Laura Seaman

Based on the best-selling novel by John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars* is a charming, emotional story about Hazel Grace Lancaster (Shailene Woodley), a girl dying of cancer. She meets the one-legged heartthrob Augustus Waters (Ansel Elgort) and, after a few close calls and an adventure that takes them across the world, falls in love with him. These star-crossed lovers must learn to live and love despite their illnesses and the oblivion that faces us all.

Who Should See It: This movie is an absolute must-see for anyone who has read the novel or is a fan of John Green's previous works. Anyone who is a fan of cute, romantic movies will enjoy this movie, but should probably read the book first. The movie will be much better for those who have read the book. Just have some tissues ready!

Who to Take: This is a great movie to see with your

girlfriends, but only those who have no problem with crying or getting emotional at the movies. This might not be the best date movie, as men may not enjoy it quite as much. It could also be a good mother-daughter movie, as long as your daughter is old enough to understand the movie's message.

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What are some tips for dating someone who is extremely sick?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Dating someone with a severe illness like cancer can be difficult. Your partner might have limitations, and sometimes the illness can take its toll on someone emotionally. But despite these challenges, an illness doesn't change the fact that they're the person you've fallen for. Here are some of Cupid's tips for dating someone with a severe illness.

- 1. You need to know that they are not their illness. Sometimes a person's disease can take up a lot of their time with hospital trips, treatment, or just resting. However, this doesn't mean their life has become their disease. Talk to them just as you would with someone who's healthy. Check out their hobbies and interests so you can really talk to them about things they like.
- 2. You should enjoy the time you have with them. This is something everyone should do regardless of their partner's health. People pass away or become sick all the time, and there's no way of knowing when that will happen. Maybe your partner has a better idea of when that time will be, but that shouldn't stop you from getting the most out of your time together.

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3. You need to plan dates accordingly. Sometimes sickness can bring a lot of limitations with it, including mobility, diet,

and stamina. If your partner has any of these limitations, it's important to plan dates that can accommodate these limitations. Just because they might not be able to do everything, doesn't mean they can't do anything. Don't let disease keep you from going out and having fun. Show you care by being extra creative with your ideas!

What are some other ways to support a partner who is dealing with disease? Let us know in the comments!

# Dazzle On Your Next Date Night with Cate and Chloe VIP Jewelry!





This post is sponsored by Cate and Chloe.

#### By Laura Seaman

Make sure you shine this summer with some amazing new jewelry from Cate and Chloe! Sometimes, you need a little extra sparkle to brighten up that little black dress or to add some variety to an outfit you've worn so many times before. With the <u>Cate and Chloe</u> VIP package, it's not just a one-time deal. You get 2 new styles, valued at 200 dollars, delivered right to your doorstep every 15 days! Whether you're at the bar with your beau or dancing at the club with your girlfriends, you'll be the most radiant woman there.

Of course, the fun doesn't stop there. Each month, one of the pieces sent to you will be a pre-release item, available only to VIP members. And if you don't love your new jewelry, you can exchange it, no questions asked. Thanks to something dazzling catching his eye every time you walk through the

door, your man won't be able to take his eyes off you.

If you love what you see and want to get more, the VIP package also comes with 20 percent off all featured items from Cate & Chloe — perfect for that online shopaholic or jewelry fanatic. Plus, there are free giveaways and prizes for all members. No doubt you'll find that perfect accessory for your jewelry box!

Every girl deserves to feel like a princess, and with this VIP package, you'll feel like one on a daily basis. Lucky for you, CupidsPulse.com readers can get an extra 20 percent their first month as a member! That's a lot of bling for a little ca-ching. So if you want the chance to find a new treasure in your mailbox from Cate and Chloe twice a month, check out their VIP package today!

For 20 percent off on your first month as a VIP member to CateandChloe.com, enter discount code CUPIDSPULSE20 at checkout\*. We hope you enjoy your beautiful new jewelry!

\*Since the prepaid sign-up options already offer significant discounts to new members, this code will only be valid for the standard month-to-month sign-up of \$39.99/month.

## Enhances Skin's Radiance With New Jergens Shea Beauty Oil





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sponsored by Jergens.

#### By April Littleton

With the heat of the summer quickly approaching, our skin is preparing to go to war. The harsh sunlight and the extended hours baking in the sun aren't exactly promoting healthy skincare. So what happens when you have a big date coming up, and your skin resembles a dried out jellyfish? Don't fear, we have found a true summer treasure for you!

A deeply-hydrating beauty oil for lustrous and visibly radiant skin is the answer to all of your dry-skin worries. The latest addition to the Jergens® Shea Butter Collection, new <u>Jergens Shea Beauty Oil</u> is guaranteed to indulge your skin in the sweetest of treats. Delivering an amplified radiance visibly noticeable moisturizing strength and coveted sheen, giving you younger-looking and better feeling skin.

This unique body luminizer quenches your skin's thirst with six times more radiance, sheen, and hydration. Thus giving your skin an irresistibly touchable feel that your man won't be able to keep his hands off of.

The best part is this lightweight, fast absorbing beauty oil for the body harnesses the nourishing and sheen enhancing ingredient, Argan Oil, and combining it with the conditioning and illuminating ingredient, Shea Butter. This dynamic duo is bound to keep your man's eyes locked on you all night long.

This summer's survival secret is available in all major retail and grocery stores nationwide, with skin's best defense again dry summer skin bottled up for a mere price of \$9.99.



### Giveaway: Get a Fabulous Tan This Summer with Fake Bake





This post is

sponsored by Fake Bake.

#### By Louisa Gonzales

If you're worried about looking fabulous enough this summer to catch the attention of your dream guy, look no further than Fake Bake! With the help of these products, you won't have to dread showing some skin in those cut-off shorts and new bikini. The line's main goal is to give you the richest looking tan without the sun.

Each of its products are crafted to work for all skin types with no streaking. Not only do their self-tanning lotions and sprays have botanically-extracted ingredients and absolutely no preservatives, they also moisturize, hydrate, and protect the body without clogging the pores or irritating the most sensitive skin. So, don't let negativity about your appearance prevent you from asking out your crush! Instead, invest in Fake Bake to look and feel your best.

First, protect yourself against the suns harmful UVA & UVB rays with the non-greasy, fast setting, SOL Survivor SPF-30 "Sun Block" — perfect for a beach date. The Gelee Daily Body Wash is a full body cleanser designed to balance the skin's PH and maintain your tan for longer than ever. The Bamboo Buffing Polish, which can be used daily or only once a week and still be effective, renews your skin while getting rid of impurities to leave it smooth.

Additionally, the Flawless & Platinum Face and Application Mitt can be used together to help create a perfectly even tan, formulated with Fake Bake's very own triple fan formula for a better and longer tan. The Tanning Body Butter is designed with shea butter to "Butter-Your-Body-Bronze" and moisturize dry skin. Lastly, the Airbush Self-Tanning Spray is made with ingredients to bond with your skin's pigment so it can result in a tan that is more luxurious and natural-looking than you and your beau can imagine.

Lucky for you, one reader will have the chance to win a complete beach bundle from Fake Bake. Together, these products will ensure that your sweetheart can't look away!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Monday, June 16th. In the subject line, please write "Fake Bake." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed.

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### What's Your Sign? Get Gel Nails With NaiLuv At-Home Professional Gel Kit & Zodiac Collection





This post is

sponsored by NaiLuv.

By Liz Kim

Think that you can get fabulous gel nails only at the salon? Think again! CupidsPulse.com and NaiLuv have teamed up to

bring you the ultimate gel nail giveaway. With their easy-to-use Gel Nail Polish 9-Piece Complete Kit and their Zodiac Collection of 12 colors, you'll have fabulous and long-lasting gel nails all year-round.

Gel polish has been a beauty buzzword for quite some time now — and for good reason. It's a safer alternative to acrylics because, even when the gel polish is removed, your nails are left stronger and harder than with acrylics, which can leave nails feeling thin and brittle. Gel polishes are created to stay on longer and don't wear off or dent as easily as regular manicures. You're also left with a shiny and smoother looking manicure.

But gel nails can be on the pricey end, especially if you regularly go to the salon. With NaiLuv's kit, you'll save money without having to sacrifice beautiful nails. If you're the type that loves to have a new nail color with every outfit, these products give you the polished look of painted nails without the commitment to a color.

The Gel Nails Starter Kit includes all of the essentials to achieve a perfect manicure at home, including: a four-watt Battery Powered LED lamp, NaiLuv gel polish "Homebody Not" (15 mL), dual purpose base/top coat (15 mL), bonder (15 mL), cleanser (60 mL), remover (60 mL), cuticle stick, and nail file. The directions couldn't be simpler! Prep your nails with the cuticle stick and buffer. Then, apply a thin layer of the bonder, followed by the "Homebody Not" polish. Place your nails under the LED light. Add the topcoat and place your nails under the LED light again. You'll have a salon-worthy manicure that won't smudge or dull in just about 10 minutes.

If you're into astrology, you can share your sign with your nails! Along with the at-home gel kit, NaiLuv is also giving away their Zodiac Collection polish set. The 12 shades are heavily pigmented and guaranteed to satisfy even the most stubborn of Tauruses. NaiLuv's polishes last for up to two

weeks, and with such smooth application, you won't have to worry about bubbling, inconsistent drying, or runniness.

After a long winter of gloves and hands stuffed into coat pockets, it's time for you to show off your nails and welcome summer with bright, beautiful gel manicures. With NaiLuv, achieving a professional look is as easy as 1-2-3!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win the NaiLuv AtHome Professional Kit and Zodiac Collection, go to
our Facebook page and click
"like." Then, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name,
address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on
Monday, June 9th. In the subject line, please write "NaiLuv
and Zodiac Collection." You can enter the contest only once.
Good luck!

#### Congratulations to our winner Elisabeth Bender!!!

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# Giveaway: Lipo-Lotion and Measurable Difference Will Get You Ready for Summer!





This post is

sponsored by Measurable Difference.

#### By Liz Kim

If you aren't one of the lucky few who seem to have gorgeous tank top weather year-round, the prospect of summer can be a little intimidating. After a long hibernation, it's normal to feel self-conscious about the lumps and bumps Old Man Winter seems to bring with him each year. Worry no more! Thanks to Lipo-Lotion's Tummy Toning & Cellulite Smoothing System, you'll be able to get rid of those perky problem areas.

No matter how many lunges, squats, or dumbbell curls you do, cellulite always seems to rear its ugly head. With Lipo-Lotion's amazingly effective formula of amino acids, vitamins, natural marine extracts, and caffeine, in as little as two to four weeks, the look of dimpling will not only be reduced, but stretch marks will also be moisturized and smoothed. Most importantly, this body toning cream energizes the skin and

helps to improve overall elasticity, texture, and tone. A massaging applicator is also included to enhance the cream's benefits.

Now that we've smoothed and firmed that body, let's move on to the windows to the soul: the eyes. Make-up artists and aficionados alike say that healthy thick brows and lashes not only frame the face but can also help you appear more youthful. This mega giveaway also includes four lash products and two brow products from Measurable Difference. With the complete line of brow and lash enhancing products, you'll be beach-date ready in no time!

The changing of seasons is the perfect time to revamp your beauty routine, so don't be afraid to try some new looks! To bring attention to your lashes, consider using the Lash & Brow Amplifying Serum, the Instant Lash Extensions, the Lash Enhancing Mascara & Primer, and Lash Amplifying Liquid Eyeliner —all with Regenalash. For bolder brows, use Brow Amplifying Tint & Lift, also with Regenalash. So what exactly is Regenelash? It's a peptide complex designed to nourish and condition lashes and brows for healthier, longer-looking lashes and fuller-looking brows in just four to six weeks.

This summer, Lipo-Lotion and Measurable Difference have got you covered from head to toe!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win the Lipo-Lotion and Measurable Difference beauty bundle, go to our Facebook page and click "like." Then, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Monday, June 2nd. In the subject line, please write "Lipo-Lotion/Measurable Differene." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed. Thank you to all who entered!

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## Be Fun, Flirty, and Confident with Juicy Couture Malibu Collection!





This post is sponsored by Juicy Couture.

Give everyone around you a taste of your free spirit with Juicy Couture's Malibu Collection fragrances. With your fresh and fruity smell, there'll be no doubt that you're a fun-loving girl ready to go out and seize the day. That's exactly who single guys are looking for this summer: someone who's flirty and ready for anything!

Be the confident star you always knew you could be with these two scents that will take you back to the California coast — even if you're in a tiny East Coast bar trying to catch that cutie's attention. Let his mind wander past the smell of beer and over the sound of the baseball game and into the image of you two sitting on a sunny Los Angeles beach with strawberry daiquiris in your hands.

Put on a spritz of Juicy Couture Malibu before you leave for your first date. He might be expecting to see you all dolled up, but what he *isn't* expecting is a blast of watermelon, pink passion fruit, and jasmine flowers to announce your presence. When you walk over to greet him, he probably won't know how to react, so just be ready to pick his jaw up off the floor.

When he asks to see you again (which we know he will), keep him guessing with a completely new scent. Spray a little Couture La La Malibu to entice him with the smell of red currant, orange blossom, and pink sugar crystals. Don't be surprised when he sticks to your side all night — he just can't get enough of you!

Now, for the best part: CupidsPulse.com is giving away both of these fragrances, Juicy Couture Malibu and Couture La La Malibu, to one lucky reader! These perfumes are sure to bring out that confident and sexy California girl in anyone, and no man can resist that. Let yourself stand out and shine this summer!

email <u>cupid@cupidspulse.com</u> with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Tuesday, May 27th. In the subject line, please write "Juicy Couture Malibu Collection." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

Congratulations to Cherie Montorio!!

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### MatchMade Scholarship: Connecting the Children of Match Couples to an Education





This post is

sponsored by <u>Match.com</u>.

#### By Lori Bizzoco and Liz Kim

First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes the — well, you know the rest. Match.com was launched in 1995, and since then, it has become one of the largest online dating sites in the world. With all those success stories, can you guess how many babies have been "made" through Match.com connections? Over 1 million! With this thought in mind, Match.com is excited to launch their annual scholarship program, MatchMade Scholarships. One lucky winner will receive \$50,000 towards their first year of college, and their parents will win \$5,000 towards a MatchMade Getaway.

For me, MatchMade hits particularly close to home. I met my husband Drew on Match.com in 2003. He didn't fit my "type," and after our first date, I never called him back — but if at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Drew messaged me for

the second time in 2006, and I decided to give him another chance. Nine weeks later, during a whirlwind Valentine's Day trip to Mexico, Drew proposed to me on the beach. After nearly seven years, we are still happily married and have two beautiful daughters, ages 3 and 5.

As parents, Drew and I understand that it's never too early to start thinking about your child's future. College tuitions are more expensive than ever, and Match.com is here to help. For nearly 20 years, happy couples have been sharing their Match.com stories, and now the site wants to hear from your kids. The rules are simple: Children between the ages of 13-20 are asked to creatively tell their parents' love story (who met on Match.com, of course) in a 1-2 minute video.

Need some inspiration? Check out MatchMade's Launch <u>video</u> on what happens when you ask kids about life and love. These children aren't afraid to tell it like it is, and that's exactly what Match.com wants from the contest entries. Beginning May 5th through June 30th, kids can submit their video creations via MatchMade's website. Whether sidesplittingly hilarious or grab-the-tissues moving, only the most creative video will win.

Up to 10 finalists will be chosen in July, and on August 18th, their fate will be in the public's hands. On September 1st, the video with the highest number of shares will be announced, and the winner will receive a grand prize of \$50,000 towards their first year of college. Of course, Match.com hasn't forgotten about the parents: They will receive \$5,000 towards a MatchMade getaway!

From first emails to walking down the aisle, Match.com wants to hear every heartfelt love story of couples who met on the site. Once you make the video, share it using #MatchMade — the more shares you get, the greater your chance of taking home the grand prize. Now, go grab your camera and get creative!

Please visit <u>MatchMade</u> for all of the rules and to enter the contest. Good luck!

### Get Fit While You Work, Thanks to Gaiam's Balance Ball Chair





This post is

#### By Louisa Gonzales

Now that summer is almost here, being stuck at your desk during the week might feel like torture. Gaiam understands that it can be hard to find the time or space to exercise, so their fitness tools are all designed to work not just at the gym but at your own home or office too. To help you focus and get more out of your day, it's time to invest in their <a href="Balance Ball Chair">Balance</a> Ball Chair, which will easily allow you to incorporate fitness into your everyday routine and help you get ready for those weekends spent in your bathing suit.

It's no secret that Americans spend a lot of time — eight to ten hours, to be exact — sitting at their desks, but thanks to the Balance Ball Chair, you can improve your body while you answer those e-mails, participate in conference calls, and meet your never-ending deadlines. The chair features a patented design that combines comfort and ergonomic back support. It's also effective in strengthening your core muscles as well as improving your spinal alignment. So not only will this core workout improve your overall appearance (helping you feel even sexier for your man!), but it'll make it easier for you to get through and perform everyday activities.

This workout tool comes with the amazing feature of a removable 52-centimeter Balance Ball that can be used for exercises on or off the chair. If you're hoping to brighten up your office, the chair comes in different colors, including black, green, white, red, or purple.

You'll soon notice a difference in your posture and abdominal muscles — and we bet your partner will too. The Balance Ball Chair is the perfect way to exercise while you work, and it'll help you get bikini-ready this summer. As you continue your journey to a better body, think of each day as a new challenge for yourself to get stronger and healthier. Maybe you'll even inspire your beau to get fit too!

## Giveaway: Get Your Best Skin with Savane Organic Skincare





This post is

sponsored by Savane Organic Skincare.

#### By Louisa Gonzales

It's no secret that you spend a lot of time outdoors in the summertime and are thus exposed to the harsh rays of the sun, which can be damaging to your skin. That's not what you want

when you're hoping to get that sun-kissed tan that will have you looking hot for your beau. But don't worry! Savane Organic Skincare will rejuvenate your skin and give you a fresh look that's perfect for the warmer season.

The Savane Range collection blends together ancient and traditional knowledge with modern green science to give you Africa's unique botanicals in their most natural form. The products work hard to penetrate the skin to help restructure, regenerate, and revitalize it. The main goals of these items are to protect your skin, to help in the fight against premature aging, and to restore the skin to its natural balance.

There's no need to let unhealthy skin get in the way of your summer romance. Instead, invest in the Gentle Exfoliant, Purifying Toner, and Protective Moisturizer from the Savane Range collection. First, the exfoliant, made with Rooibos flakes and sugar, will gently polish your skin without damaging it. It'll also stimulate cell rejuvenation and soften your skin, thanks to the Marula and Jojoba oils.

The toner, which is one hundred percent natural, will brighten up tired and dull skin. It's job is to refresh and even out your complexion. The product's powerful antioxidants — aspalathin and super-oxide dismutase — will help prevent premature aging and fight to protect your skin against all of the hazardous things that we face daily, like pollution, smoke, sun exposure, and stress.

Finally, lather up with the moisturizer. It will give your skin the deep hydration it needs to look radiant. The antioxidants from Rooibos and Baobab protect the skin against damaging free radicals, while the Manketti and Yangu oil protect it from the sun. Plus, the Kigelia tightens your skin and can repair the damages caused by the sun.

CupidsPulse.com will be giving away these three Savane

products to one lucky reader. Before you know it, you'll have healthier and smoother skin. You'll also have the confidence you need to attract the attention of your crush and to feel comfortable in your own skin!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Monday, May 19th. In the subject line, please write "Savane." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed.

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### Will You Witness 'The Walk of Shame'?





By April Littleton

Directed by Steven Bill, *The Walk of Shame* tells the tale of a reporter whose one-night stand with a stranger leaves her stranded the next morning. Unable to find her phone, ID or car, she must think fast in order to make it in time for the most important interview of her life.

#### Should you see it:

If you're into comedies, *The Walk of Shame* will be a refreshing movie to see. Elizabeth Banks and James Marsden star in the lead roles, so expect to be entertained.

#### Who to take:

This rom-com will be great to see with just about anyone. Take a group of friends, or save this film for a special date night. If you're flying solo over the weekend, treat yourself

to a dinner and a movie.

How do you know when your hookup is turning into something more serious?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Flings can be fun to have every now and then, but sometimes the person you hook up with may end up being someone you can truly have a relationship with. How do you know when lust is turning into love? Cupid is here to help:

1. Friends: If your friends have met the person you're fooling around with, that may be a sign your hookup is actually turning into a relationship. You're no longer keeping your crush hidden behind closed doors, and he/she is actually interested in getting to know you and more about your life outside of the bedroom.

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2. Communicate: The two of you clearly have chemistry, but you might be turning your fling into a little something more if you're having meaningful discussions with each other. Does your hookup ask about your day? Do you talk about important matters with each other? If you do, you're on the right track to starting a real romance.

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**3. Dates:** Lets face it, flings don't normally result in a date. If the two of you are going out together (day or night), you have something more serious going on. If you're ready for a relationship, continue on the path you're on. If not, slow down and keep things more casual.

How did you know when your hookup was turning into something more serious? Share your experience below.

# Surprise Your Mom With a Teleflora Bouquet for Mother's Day!





This post is

sponsored by Teleflora.

By Louisa Gonzales

If you're still scrambling to find the perfect present for

your mom on Mother's Day, look no further than Teleflora, a company that specializes in creating colorful floral bouquets. In honor of this special holiday, they're partnering up with SpaFinder Wellness to create unique gift options for this special occasion. So listen up!

With Teleflora's three-in-one gift bundles, you can get your mother a stunning bouquet in a keepsake vase as well as a SpaFinder Wellness gift card in increments of \$25, \$50 or \$100. That way, Mom can pick from a number of spa services and beauty treatments at SpaFinder partner locations worldwide. As a bonus, online shoppers who purchase any of the featured Mother's Day bouquets between now and May 11th will be entered to win a luxurious SpaFinder vacation package as well as daily spa prizes.

To name a few of these expertly-crafted bouquets, the Teleflora Pink Bliss Bouquet is a beautifully arranged assortment of pink florals in a hand-blown glass vase, also in a pretty shade of pink. For a more vibrant and bright bouquet, there is the Butterfly Serenity Bouquet. This sweet flower bundle includes a variety of roses and daisy spray chrysanthemums that are freshly placed in a hand-paintedceramic mug. Another option is the Everything Rosy Gift Set, which includes a selection of spa products in citrus-rose scent and lush pink roses in a vintage-style jardiniere.

Here at CupidsPulse.com, our favorite Mother's Day gift is the Enchanted Garden Bouquet. This magnificent floral arrangement includes a sweet blend of pink and purple blooms. Placed in cube vase with a vintage-inspired botanical print that your mom can treasure for years to come, these flowers are sure to bring a smile to her face!

Lucky for you, CupidsPulse.com will be giving away one of these beautiful Teleflora bouquets to one lucky reader! These flowers will be the perfect gift to remind your mother of just how special she is to you. GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5pm EST on Monday, May 5th. In the subject line, please write "Teleflora Mother's Day." The winner will be e-mailed a promo code to use online (expires on May 12th). You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed.

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## Giveaway: Smell Great with Clique by Roblé Perfume





This post is sponsored by Clique by Roblé.

#### By Louisa Gonzales

Looking for the right scent that will show off just how amazing you are? Accentuate your style with Clique by Roblé, the sweet perfume created by Chef Roblé. It's no surprise that the celebrity chef, caterer, and reality star added fragrance maker to his resume. His background makes him more than qualified to produce an alluring scent. So grab a bottle of this new scent and catch the attention of your crush!

Roblé, who partnered with a top perfumer to create the fragrance, was heavily involved in the process and made sure that he had the perfect balance of scents from his favorite culinary creations. In fact, many of the ingredients in Clique by Roblé can also be found in his kitchen: citrus, herbs, spices and even flowers, to name a few.

The chef strove to develop an insatiable fragrance that has the freshness of a citrus cocktail with a captivating and sensual dessert base. This brilliant idea was derived from one of his favorite signature dessert recipes: French Toast Crunch. To finalize this winning combination, he didn't rely on so-called experts; instead, he invited over 100 female fans of all ages and lifestyles to preview the product before picking out the clear winner, Clique by Roblé. With this gourmet scent, you'll smell delicious to anyone you walk by and leave a lasting impression on the object of your affection.

Lucky for you, one reader will have the chance to win a bottle of Clique by Roblé. The intoxicating scent will ignite your senses as well as your beau's, no matter what your date night holds!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Monday, May 5th. In the subject line, please write "Clique by Roblé." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

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## Giveaway: Dress Up Your Nails for Date Night with OPI's Brazil Collection!





This post is sponsored by OPI.

### By Louisa Gonzales

Winter is coming to a close, and spring is almost here. Soon, it will be time to put away those scarves and coats and bust out your tank tops and cut-off shorts. Your choice of clothes doesn't have to be the only thing that changes: Try spicing up your manicures and pedicures too! OPI's new Brazil collection will help brighten up your style and make your nails and toes stand out in a crowd. Best of all, CupidsPules.com is giving away this amazing collection to one lucky reader.

OPI is the renowned world leader in professional nail care and provides only the best quality of products for their customers. Along with being affordable, the nail colors are luxuriously rich, chip resistant, and long-lasting. Once you try these polishes, you'll never go back to plain and dull nails again!

The OPI Brazil collection brings together a pallatte that reminds you of the colorful, tropical rain forests and sunny, sandy beaches of paradise. The box set includes 12 nail lacquers with fashionable colors ranging from bright hues of red, pink, coral, orange, and yellow to earthy tones of taupe, sienna, mocha, and jungle green. With so many choices, you'll be sure to find a polish that can work for any outfit and occasion.

When it comes to impressing your man on date night, this collection will add the extra pop of color to your little black dress or dark skinny jeans. Show your confident side with colors such as *Toucan Do It If You Try*, a bright orange that will grab your beau's attention. Or light up the room by using *Just Can't Cope-acabana*, a bright yellow that's fun and will make you shine. With these polishes, you'll look cute for whatever adventure comes your way.

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## Giveaway: Achieve Flawless Hair with Dear Clark





This post is

sponsored by Dear Clark.

By Louisa Gonzales and Kristin Mattern

Looking to revive your hair after a cold and snowy winter? Look no further because your miracle cure is here: These rejuvenating products will tame your winter mane into a gorgeous, beachy do just in time for those summer dates. Dear Clark, otherwise known as hair care salvation from Dallas, Texas, specializes in using pure and natural essential oils,

including organic aloe, sunflower seed oil, and Rose of Jericho. Keep him guessing ladies — we won't reveal that the secret it Dear Clark's luxurious products!

By investing in these gluten-free, cruelty-free, and silicon-free products, your locks will soon be dazzling. Their hand-crafted products include the Resurrecting Wash and Resurrecting Rinse, Thickening Balm, Smoothing Elixir, and Finishing Salve. Dear Clark's hair line is so effective that the official style team of the TV show *Dallas* uses their Smoothing Elixir to ensure that the stars' locks remain fresh and fly away free.

If the cast of *Dallas* can have perfect hair after 10 to 14 grueling hours on set with Dear Clark, imagine what this incredible hair care line can do for you! All eyes will be on you as you on your next date as you sport the silkiest, smoothest hair possible. When your hair looks this good, there's nothing stopping you from getting the man of your dreams.

These amazing restorative products work together to recondition your hair, and keep it looking its best. First, the Resurrecting Wash and Rinse restore and rehydrate overstressed hair, making it healthy and shiny again. The Thickening Balm wraps around each individual strand of hair for an all around coif that is fuller and thicker than ever before. Next, the Smoothing Elixir works to calm and control even the most unmanageable and frizziest hair. And finally, the Finishing Salve not only heals and protects your hair from heat and humidity, but it also saves your style.

Lucky for you, one CupidsPulse.com reader will have the chance to win this miraculous bundle of Dear Clark hair care products! With the confidence boost you get from reviving your hair to all its luscious glory, there will be nothing holding you back from having your best summer ever, whether it's finally having the courage to ask out your crush or going on the dream vacation with your sweetheart.

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Wednesday, April 23rd. In the subject line, please write "Dear Clark." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

Congratulations to Sherry BonDurant!!

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# Find Out Who 'The Other Woman' Is in Theaters April 25





By April Littleton

After a woman discovers her boyfriend is married, she struggles to put her life back together. While in the process, she accidentally meets her boyfriend's wife (played by Leslie Mann), and the two end up becoming friends. They discover the man of their dreams has been unfaithful to both of them with a third woman, and work on a plan to get their revenge.

### Should you see it:

Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann and Kate Upton star in this film. If you think you'd enjoy seeing them on the big screen, you might want to give this movie a chance. Also, *The Other Woman* would be a nice break from the thrillers, horror and action films that have been released recently.

#### Who to take:

Guys might not be a fan of this movie except for the fact that there are plenty of beauties to view. *The Other Woman* will be more enjoyable with a group of girlfriends, or some family members.

#### How do you deal with a cheating partner?

### Cupid's Advice:

The idea of a cheating significant other is hard to deal with. How can someone you love be unfaithful to you after you put in so much work in a relationship with them? Should you stay with your partner or call it quits? Cupid is here to help:

1. Process the information: When you first hear the news about your partner being unfaithful to you, your first thought might be to end the relationship without asking any questions first. However, you don't want to make any drastic decisions you'll end up regretting later. Give yourself some time to fully process the information you received. Then, after awhile, move forward with what you want to do next.

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2. Confrontation: You need to ask your significant other about the cheating allegations. However, asking is unnecessary if you already know firsthand that the information is true. You still will need to confront your partner about what you know. Get their side of the story, and see what they have to say for themselves.

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**3. End the relationship:** You can choose to stay, but your partner obviously doesn't feel the need to stay faithful to you. You don't need to be in a relationship with someone who doesn't understand the concept of loyalty. You deserve better,

and you'll find exactly what you need after you decide to leave the jerk behind.

How did you deal with a cheating partner? Share your experience below.

### Restore Yourself This Spring with Gaiam





This post is

sponsored by Gaiam.

### By Louisa Gonzales

Now that spring is (finally) here, it's time to get rid of those winter blues and restore your body and mind. Luckily, Gaiam is here to help! The company, known for its ergonomical and earth-friendly products that encourage you to get healthy and work out in style, offers yoga equipment, workout wear, exercise DVDs, and more. To make things a bit easier for you, we picked our three favorite items from their spring catalog—all essential in your quest for a healthier life.

The Calorie Killer Yoga DVD features five exercises that strengthen both your body and your mind. You'll see notable results in strength, flexibility, balance, and focus; plus, you'll notice an increase in your metabolism. This series will bring your workout to a whole new level, helping you to get physically in shape and emotionally stable. The best part? You

can easily complete it in the comfort of your own home, eliminating the need for a pricey gym membership.

If you find yourself slipping on your mat during your workout, it's time to invest in the Grippy Yoga Towel. This mositure-absorbing towel has a nonslip backing, making it a key ingredient for your successful yoga practice. To add a burst of color to your routine, we recommend the towel in Watercress, a vibrant teal that is sure to brighten your mood.

After you finish exercising for the day, unwind with the 36-inch Muscle Therapy Foam Roller, which will stimulate your muscles and massage your pain away. With these fabulous products from Gaiam, rejuvenate yourself, get your heart rate up, burn those calories, and get that limber body you've always wanted.

Studies have shown that exercise is the key to not only maintain physical fitness but mental fitness as well. Exercise releases endorphins in the brain that can make you happier — and in turn, make your relationship even better. So why not invite your man to join you next time? After all, couples who exercise together, stay together!

# Giveaway: Harness the Power of Antioxidants with derma e Skincare Bundle





This post is

sponsored by derma e.

### By Elizabeth Kim

Even after eating a balanced diet, exercising, getting enough sleeping, and drinking plenty of water, the amount of toxins we're exposed to each day is astounding. Sun exposure, secondhand smoke, and even stress can build up these harmful chemicals that are absorbed by the body. Free radicals try to compensate, but because they damage the cells, we end up with wrinkles. Luckily, CupidsPulse.com is teaming up with derma e to share with you five of their bestselling products aimed at bringing back the glow and firmness of healthy, nourished skin.

Dr. Linda Miles, the co-founder and chief formulator of derma e, considers herself first and foremost a healer and believes that our skin is the "outward expression of our inner health." Using her 30 years of experience with oriental medicine and holistic practices, Dr. Miles formulated products that do more than cover up your problem areas: They optimize your skin's health and give you visible, glowing results.

Antioxidants serve as the body's natural protectors against free radicals and stop them before they damage the cells, which is why derma e products are antioxidant-rich. When applied topically, they are the quickest way to protect skin. Fine lines and wrinkles are smoothed out; inflammation and hyper-pigmentation are soothed; and texture and elasticity are greatly improved.

Our giveaway bundle includes the Evenly Radiant Brightening Day Creme with SPF 15, Evenly Radiant Brightening Night Creme, Evenly Radiant Brightening Serum, Evenly Radiant Dark Circle Eye Creme, and Microdermabrasion Scrub. These products are paraben-free, phthalate-free, GMO-free, gluten-free, sodium lauryl sulfate-free, petrolatum-free, mineral oil-free, and dye-free. All derma e products are 100 percent vegan and cruelty-free.

Additionally, they're made with recyclable material, and derma e offsets 100 percent of their electrical usage with wind energy certificates. With derma e, you can commit to healthier skin while also fostering a healthier environment and world. What more could a girl want?

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win the derma e bundle, go to our <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a> page and click "like." Then, send an email to cupid@cupidspulse.com with the subject "derma e" along with your full name and address. The deadline to enter is Monday, April 21st at 5 pm ET. Good luck!

### Congratulations to Katrina Reyes!!

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# Chris Evans Returns in the Sequel 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier'





By April Littleton

Chris Evans make his return as the WWII soldier in the sequel to the box office hit *Captain America*. In the film, he is still struggling to find his place in the 21st century. He tries to come to terms with the time he lost from being frozen for so long as he adapts to his newfound superpowers.

#### Should you see it:

You're obviously going to want to see this film if you enjoyed the first installment. Any Marvel fans might take an interest in this film as well — especially if they enjoyed *The Avengers*. You'll see a few familiar faces/characters in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* including Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury and Scarlett Johansson as the Black Widow.

#### Who to take:

Most guys love action films. So, if you have a boyfriend, think about taking him to see this movie during your next date night. If you'd rather see the film with a few of your close friends, that would be OK too.

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What are some ways to protect the ones you love?

### Cupid's Advice:

The role of the protector is a tough one to maintain. Some of the time the people you care about won't understand the decisions you make — even when it's in their best interest. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Honesty: Always be honest with your loved ones. You can't protect your family and friends from harm if they don't know the full extent of a situation. The truth may be hurtful to them, but in the long run, they'll thank you for it.
- 2. Communicate: If you're feeling that something isn't right, let your loved ones know about it first. Don't keep any serious information to yourself. You want the people you care about to trust you. If you leave them in the dark about

anything, they'll begin to doubt your judgement. Speak up about your feelings.

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**3.** Be aware: When it comes to the safety of your family and friends, always be aware of everything around you. Be wary around new people entering the life of loved ones. You're the protector. You have to be the person who can spot bad decisions and situations the people you care about can't.

What are some other ways to protect the ones you love? Comment below.

# Giveaway: Look and Feel Your Best with Pure Bar and SpaRitual!





This post is

sponsored by Pure Bar and SpaRitual.

### By Louisa Gonzales

It's almost bikini season, and the pressure to be ready for it can be daunting. If you want to adopt a healthier lifestyle and look *really* great this summer, look no further than these two brands: Pure Bar energy bars and SpaRitual beauty products. Combined, these two companies will change the way you live — for the better.

Pure Bar specializes in delivering healthy and nutritious snacks that will nourish both the body and the mind. Unlike a sodium-packed bag of potato chips, these energy bars won't leave you feeling bloated, which is not a fun feeling when your planning to impress your crush by wearing that cute new swimsuit to the beach. Pure Bar is loaded with antioxidant-rich fruits, heart-and-brain healthy nuts, and grains. Plus, all of their products are organic and gluten-free.

On the other hand, SpaRitual will help you improve your personal habits with their all-natural products. The company's main goal is to encourage women to approach beauty as a special connection to themselves and to the environment. Allow your inner radiance to shine wherever you go! If you want to add a pop of color to your look, try their Explore Collection of six bright nail polishes. With vivid colors like orange, blue, pink, and violet — inspired by colorful birds, butterflies, and other signs of spring — you're sure to catch the eye of that someone special.

Together, Pure Bar and SpaRitual products help to center your mind and lift your spirits. Lucky for you, one CupidsPulse.com reader will one a box of Pure Bars and one set of SpaRitual's Explore Collection. Watch how your body transforms from the inside out and gain the confidence you need to attract the man you deserve!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter this giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on Monday, April 14th. In the subject line, please write "Pure Bar and SpaRitual." You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!

Congratulations to Pri Richards!!

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## Giveaway: Grand Central Beauty Brings the Spa Home





This post is

sponsored by Grand Central Beauty.

### By Elizabeth Kim

Grand Central Beauty guarantees "classic treatments with "modern results." With their hypoallergenic, clinically-tested skin care products that are free of parabens, sulfates, and petrochemicals, Ginger King and Jackie Lee have delivered on their promise. CupidsPulse.com wants to make sure you get the most out of the one skin you have, which is why we teamed up with the company to give one lucky winner a three-product giveaway bundle that will bring the spa to your home.

Grand Central Beauty is a New York-based company whose name was inspired by "the classic beauty and modern efficiency of

Grand Centrals worldwide." King previously held management positions with Freeze 24/7, Avon, Joico and JĀS×N and currently holds several patents in cosmetic formulations. She developed hundreds of products from hair care to skin care to color cosmetics. With a repertoire as impressive as her's, it's safe to assume that King brought that same level of quality and innovation to Grand Central Beauty.

Our exclusive giveaway includes three products from Grand Central Beauty's S.M.A.R.T. SKIN PERFECTING SKINCARE line: the S.M.A.R.T. Skin Perfecting Polisher, S.M.A.R.T. Skin Perfecting Serum, and S.M.A.R.T. Skin Perfecting Mask Deluxe Sampler. By the way, S.M.A.R.T. stands for: **S**moothes, **M**oisturizes, **A**nti-Aging, **R**edness-reducing, **T**ones. Yes, yes, and yes!

The polisher is a multi-efficient exfoliating toning peel that takes just 30 seconds to treat and is made with natural fruits, natural botanicals, and polishing beads. It's the first polisher on the market that exfoliates, peels, and tones — all in one easy step. It also hydrates the skin and gently unclogs pores and dead cells, bringing tired skin back to life.

The serum fills in lines, diminishing the look of wrinkles and pores and creating a flawless canvas for makeup. Skin is immediately smoothed and softened, and makeup lasts longer and looks more finished.

The mask uses seaweed extract to tone and smooth skin, while detoxifying marine algae targets wrinkles. Blackheads are drawn out; pores become smaller; and skin is more elastic thanks to mineral-packed marine powders. Because the mask is water-activated, you're also left with 24 hours of intense moisture.

With this skincare arsenal, you're guaranteed to look great and feel confident on any date night!

GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win the Grand Central Beauty bundle, go to our <u>Facebook</u> page and click "like." Then, send an email to cupid@cupidspulse.com with the subject "Grand Central Beauty" along with your full name and address. The deadline to enter is Monday, April 7th at 5 pm ET. Good luck!

Congratulations to Jessica Balkissoon!

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## Get Ready to Enter a 'Divergent' World





By April Littleton

Based on the best-selling book series by Veronica Roth, *Divergent* is set in a world where people are divided based on the human virtues they acquire. Tris Pris (played by Shailene Woodley) discovers she is a Divergent, which means she will never fit into any social group. Shortly after her discovery, she finds out the faction leader (played by Kate Winslet) is set on destroying all Divergents. With the help of Four (played by Theo James), Tris must find out the truth about who she is before it's too late to save her kind.

### strong>Should you see it:

Although Shailene Woodley plays a completely different role in this film, The Secret Life of the American Teenager fans should go to their local theater and support their favorite actress. Divergent is an action-packed thriller, so if you're into movies filled with excitement this might be your best bet

for the weekend.

#### Who to take:

Take your significant other, family or friends out to see this film with you. However, anyone who can't sit still for long periods of time might want to sit this one out — this movie runs for two hours and 23 minutes.

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What are some ways to fit in with your loved ones when you're feeling singled out?

### Cupid's Advice:

When you're the "black sheep" of the family and the oddball out of all your friends, being around your loved ones for long periods of time can be uncomfortable. They might act different around you, or maybe you just don't feel like you belong at all. Cupid has some ways for you to overcome this:

- 1. Find common ground: Find something you and your loved ones have in common. Maybe you're interested in similar hobbies. All it takes for you and your family and friends to get along is a little communication. A conversation might be the last thing on your mind right now, but once you make the effort, you'll see a drastic improvement in your relationships. All you have to do is try.
- 2. Explain how you feel: Explain how you're feeling to your family and friends. There is a possibility they don't even realize they're making you feel so left out in everything. Don't keep your feelings bottled up inside, and don't shy away from your loved ones just because you don't think they will understand how you feel.

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3. Stand up for yourself: If what your loved ones are so against is something you're not willing to change, stand up for yourself. Regardless of their opinion, they should love you for who you are. Yes, it might take them some time to adjust to the "new you," but they will if you give them no other option.

What are some other ways to fit in with your loved ones when you're feeling singled out? Comment below.