

Expert Dating Advice: Men Who Want to Date Women Their Age



By Gillian Lee

In this week's Single In Stiletto's dating advice video, founder and love expert Suzanne Oshima talks to Robert Manni about men who want to date women their age. Watch the video above and read the article below for some dating tips in your life!

Dating Women Their Own Age

Robert Manni is the author of "The Guys' Guy's Guide to Love." Manni is based in New York City, and he wanted to write a

novel that was based in his area from the male point of view.

1. Experience: There are a lot of cultural differences if there's a large age gap, so you have to keep up with each other. A lot of guys would much rather date people who are age appropriate. "Women who have been around a little bit have some experience and maturity, money, and power and connections, these things are all important," Manni states. It's important to be on the same wavelength as each other when you're talking about jobs.

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2. Empathy: Older women may have more empathy when it comes to "real-life scenarios." They're going to understand the feeling of 'having to go find another job' and other examples. They're going to understand more than 22-year-old women would. Don't worry about the guys who want to date younger women using dating apps, because they won't be able to change!

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Expert Dating Advice: How to Get a Man to Crave Your Company!



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Get Men To Love Your Company

Lisa Shield is a dating and relationship coach, for [Emotionally Naked Dating](#). Shield met her husband after going on 96 first dates and went through them very quickly. 16 years later, she's with the love of her life, and she is a successful dating and relationship coach.

1. Share your head before you share your bed: In today's dating world, men are putting a lot of pressure on women to

have sex right away. “We have to be the ones that put the brakes on and say no, they can’t read our minds and cannot tell if we are ready or not.” If you want a man to that is interested in more than just sex, and a man who loves you for your thoughts and your heart, then you have to wait on having sex. Nobody can tell you when the right time to have sex is, you will know when the time is right for you. So, a word of advice, don’t sleep with them within the first four dates!

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2. Really understand the man sitting across from you: When you tell a man you don’t want sex, he’s going to feel rejected. “If you are going to put a break on sex, you’re going to have to learn how to reject a man without making him feel rejected,” Shield tells us. Really own that you are an elegant woman, and don’t let men call you a girl. If you’re in your 20s, 30s, and 40s you’re not a girl anymore, really own up to who you truly are. To truly get a man to crave your company, you have to treat him like a man. “When you start to treat a man like a man rather than a little boy, you start to bring out the man in him.” Women in today’s society tend to sit back and wait for the man to do everything, but we need to start being able to do stuff for ourselves.

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Relationship Advice: 4 Types of Men You'll Meet Online



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Different Types of Men You Meet Online

1. Newbies: The first type of people you would run into are the "newbies." These men have just recently started online

dating, and aren't positive what they are looking for in a woman. Manni explains to us women, "I would recommend to all ladies as a first question when you're with a guy to ask them what they think about online dating." He explains to us to beware of the newbies because it's an idea of "window shopping" for them. Don't forget these guys completely, but instead, keep seeing guys who have experience.

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2. Jugglers: These type of men or women are people who are using various dating sites, and who are "dating up a storm." These people are overbooking dates, and what usually happens is that they would cancel last minute, or ghost you. When you are dating this type of guy, make sure to look out for your heart because they would be balancing multiple people at once.

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3. Lonelies: These type of people are the ones who have been dumped a bunch of times, or their wife have just left them. They seek a companion through online dating, but they haven't yet managed their feelings. "These people might be a little needy, and might not know how to manage online dating...starting over can be really difficult for some people..." Manni says to us.

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4. Realist: These are the type of guys that you want to meet because "they have confidence in their own skin, like to meet people offline..." This man will be able to show you a good time and be the type of guy you want to date. These men will have more relationship potential for women. But, you have to be careful if somebody is that comfortable in their own skin and have their game together that they won't turn into players, because it's pretty easy. Find a guy that has a cool head, and knows who he is and is respectable to women.

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Expert Dating Advice: Can Casual Sex Turn Into Love



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In this week's Single In Stilettos [dating advice video](#),

founder and relationship expert [Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to Lisa Shield about how casual sex can turn into love. Lisa Shield is a dating and relationship coach on emotionally naked dating. Watch the video above, and read the article below to find out some good dating tips in your life!

Expert Talks About Sex and Love

1. Don't Act on What Mother Nature Wants: As human beings we are designed to have a sex drive with the opposite sex. With this sex drive, "mother nature" wants us to propagate with the opposite sex to continue the circle of life because this is what we were designed for. But, despite what mother nature wants for us, we can't act on our drive for sex. If you decide to act on your impulses this will lead you to being "ghosted" and it won't last.

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2. Separate Sex From Dating: If you decide that you just want to have a sexual partner, then make sure you pick someone that you won't be emotionally involved with. Keep your recreational sex and dating separate, because it doesn't change as you get older. Shield states, "you have to share your head before you share your bed."

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3. Wait to Have Sex Until You Are Comfortable: Shield explains if you know you've found the love of your life, why would you want to rush into things if you have forever. "The minute you introduce sex, it becomes about sex at least in the very beginning," Shield tells us. Wait till the relationship gets deeper, and more meaningful so when you actually do have sex, that's when it's more intimate.

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He's Falling In Love With You

1. Starts To Become Vulnerable: Men in a relationship tend to be more closed off because they don't know their certain "role" yet. They try to portray strength, and show an alpha attitude, but when you start to show that you are there for what's on the inside, he will start opening himself up. "It's the first clue of many that he is really starting to fall for you," Ethridge explains. If your significant other isn't opening up to you, recognize that you should create a safe environment, and do a technique called "mirroring." To use this technique, you mirror the activity that you want them to do, and you will be vulnerable with them in hopes they open up as well.

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2. How Advance His Planning Is: If he starts bringing up plans regarding the future such as next month, and next year, this is a sign he is falling in love with you. "This basically let's you know he sees you as apart of his life in the future," Hunt tells us. This moment is amazing because it shows he's serious about the relationship.

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3. Important Actions: A man will start to show different actions on how he is falling in love with you. For example, "does he start to leave you a little glass of water beside your bed before you go to sleep?" Ethridge says. In every relationship the actions will be different, but you will personally know what actions he will do to show he is falling in love with you.

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Dating Advice: Why Do I Attract Men I Don't Want...And Repel Men I Desire?



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Why Are We Repelling Men We Desire?

1. Not right for each other: Us women need to remind ourselves that just because you think you're attracting the wrong ones, doesn't mean you are doing the dating game wrong. Welch brings up the dating app, Bumble and explains that men loves this app because it shows that women show that they're sexually interested.

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2. Showing you are available: This one might sound strange that you're showing that you're available. But, Welch states, "When women pursue them, what they hear is that I am sexually available to you and please don't make a commitment to me because I am sexually available to everyone." People tend to send the wrong signals when trying to pursue someone, and this often leads to repelling people you desire.

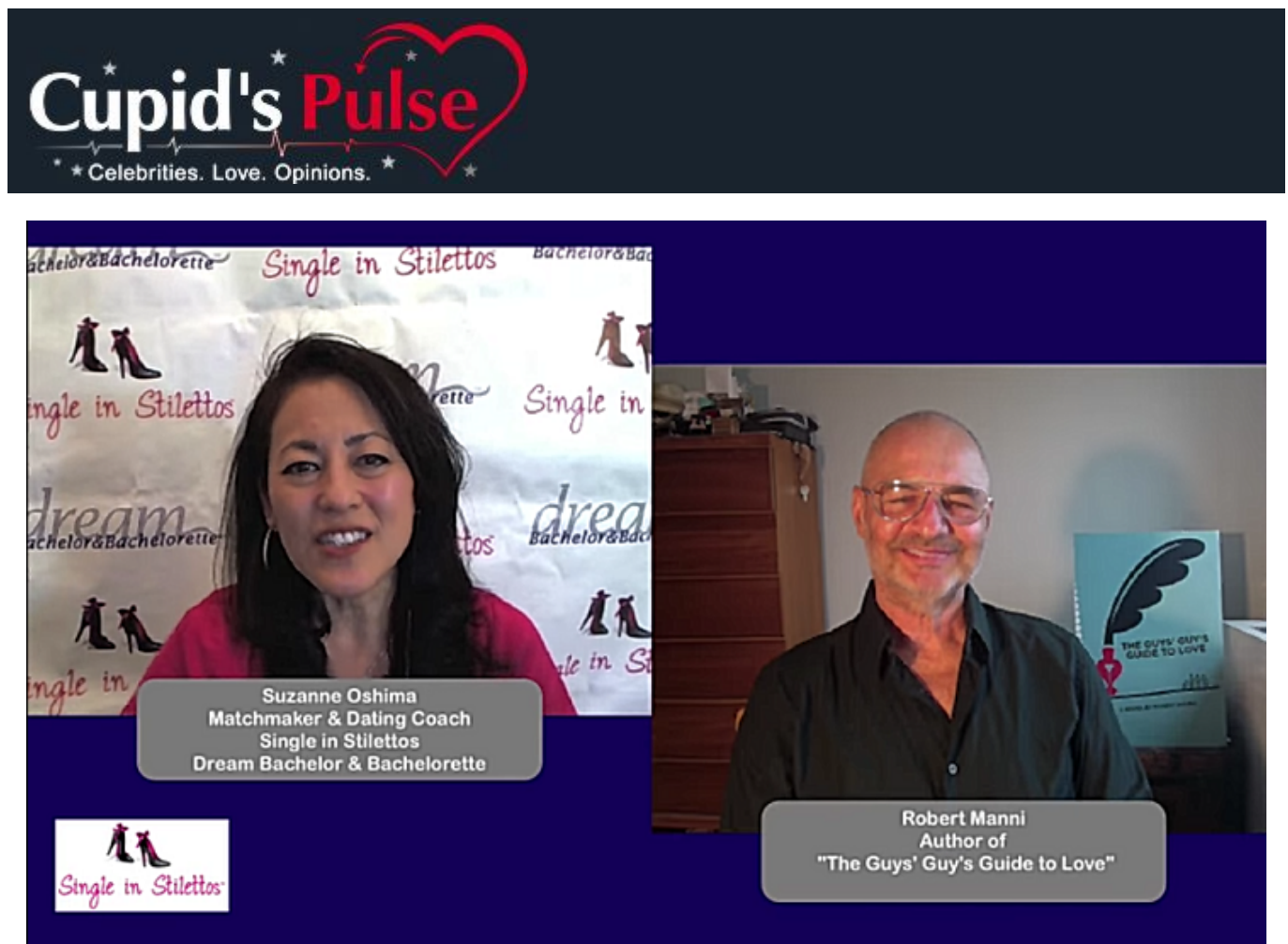
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3. Send proper signals: On dating sites, make sure to have the guy reach out first. Have a presence on the site, and show that you are single, but let him do the talking! Welch states, "Men are anywhere between 6-10x more likely to reach out for that first contact than women are."

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Dating Advice: 3 Things Men Wish You Knew



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Takes the Lead

1. Men Don't Like To Date: According to relationship expert Bostock, "If there's two things that men value, it's time and their money." He believes that when it comes to dating, a man thinks it's a waste of their time and money. When dating, it's important to see that going out to dinner takes a decent amount of money, especially for several dates. Bostock explains that before the first date, find out as much as you can about the other person so that when you do get to the first date, you're already invested. When you get to know her before the first date and already feel like you want to date her, then that date won't feel like a waste of time and money. You will have that feeling that they are "always wanting you around."

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2. Food Is The Way To a Man's Heart: Bostock said some men would tell their women this tip, but most women don't truly understand the gravity of this. For example, if your date is uninterested in going to an event you want to go to, tell him there will be great food and he will change his mind. Also, if a woman wants to talk to a man about something, a good idea would be to bring up food, instead of saying, "We need to talk." He will be concentrated on the food while you are concentrated on the talk. It's a win-win!

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3. Affirming a Man: This is the most important [love advice](#) out of all of them because it defines the difference between a boyfriend and a husband. Bostock states, "There is nothing more valuable than a man feeling like he's needed, he's wanted, he's valued, he's appreciated." There are many terms that you can say on daily a basis that will make him feel wanted such as, "I love you" or "You are important." Make sure

you make your man feel good, because it'll make him want to stay and love you. Bostock explains that if you aren't the one affirming him, then there will be someone else out there who will.

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Dating Advice: Fearless Flirting Formula





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Dating Advice to Help You Flirt Fearlessly!

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1. Chemistry through charisma: Successful flirting is all about creating chemistry between you and someone else. A lot of times, flirting is intimidating because it may encourage unwanted sexual attention. "We all want to be respected for our minds and not our bodies," Contenta admits. Charisma, or the ability to verbally connect with someone, is a fun way to boost both your confidence and that of the person on the receiving end.

The foundation of charisma is ACES. A: appreciation, C: commonalities, E: elevation, S: self-expression. When you appreciate a specific detail about someone, you show that you both pay attention and admire a trait about them. Sharing something in common is the foundation of any relationship, friendly or romantic. To be able to elevate the mood means that people will naturally want to be around you, so break out your sense of humor or share what you love about the present moment. And always, be yourself. When you bring your true self to a conversation and express your quirks, people are more likely to find you charming.

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2. Chemistry through sensuality: Embrace your feminine energy ladies! If you feel connected with someone on an intellectual level, take it up a notch with your body language. Sensuality is physical expression, but it doesn't have to be risqué or involve touching. How you sit or lean into a conversation can show the other person you're interested and they will subconsciously lean in as well. Touching yourself, such as your hair, arms, or neck, opens up a new playing field for your person of interest. "Women need to take responsibility," Contenta says. She mentions the #MeToo movement and says, "Men are becoming more careful about flirting and touching. Give him permission!"

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Relationship Advice: You're Scaring Men Off!



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

The [relationship advice](#) from this week's Single in Stilettos [dating advice video](#) will stop you from scaring off any more men! [Relationship expert](#) Suzanne Oshima interviews Bex Burton on ways that women run men off. Watch the video above to learn more!

Relationship Advice to Stop Scaring Men Off!

1. Stop future pacing: Women tend to think farther ahead than

men when it comes to relationships. On the first date, you shouldn't be thinking about whether or not he's husband material; you should invest your energy in the present moment so you can get to know your date. "When we communicate from this place...we base our beliefs on our pasts," Burton says. We don't make expectations for the future based on the person in front of us, but rather on what we've experienced before. Men can see through this and they often run. Think about it; it's intimidating to have your whole life planned out already when you don't even know your date's last name.

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2. Stop shape-shifting: "When the images, words, and ideals that we use both online and in person aren't representative of who we are in that moment, how is a man supposed to know who he is facing?" Burton asks. No one is the same person every day, but we do allow ourselves to act a certain way based on what we think the other person wants. When it comes to being a strong and independent woman, you don't want to seem sheepish to placate a man's ego, but you also don't want to be so dominating that the man doesn't feel like he will be valued. Flopping between the two personas is confusing; strive to find balance.

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3. Stop criticizing: Here's a scenario: you're in the car with your date and he asks what you want for dinner. How many of you have said you don't care, but then get annoyed when he chooses a burger joint? "Don't criticize a man for the choice you just empowered him to make," Burton advises. If you do have preferences, state so. Phrasing your desires as a question will give your date direction and make him feel valued that he can care for you. Try saying something like, "I want healthy and fresh, what would you recommend?" Oshima

adds, "Men hate women who don't have an opinion." It's great to share your desires, but if you really don't have an opinion, appreciate what your date does choose.

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Dating Advice: Thriving After Divorce





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Dating Advice on How to Thrive After Divorce!

1. Accept the emotional cycle: Any loss, whether it be a death or a separation, entails an expected emotional cycle. Don't be surprised if you are in denial, become angry, try to bargain, or enter depression. But hope prevails! "You wake up one day and a light bulb goes off," Dubé says. She admits that during her own separation, she would "pull up the big girl panties and go on to the next thing without thinking about it." The problem with avoiding the grief cycle is that, because you didn't allow yourself time to process, you end up repeating previous mistakes in future relationships.

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2. Re-learn yourself: After a long relationship, you're a different person. You've spent your time thinking about you and your partner and, if relevant, your kids. Now, as a single woman, you have time to yourself and you should use that to explore what it is that you enjoy. Because you've changed, you need to relearn who you are and what makes you happy. "Right after a breakup, you have a low vibe and will attract someone with a low vibe," Dubé says. Not taking the time to relearn who you are and build happiness risks landing you in a relationship similar to the one you just left. Take the time for yourself, and your next relationship will reap the rewards.

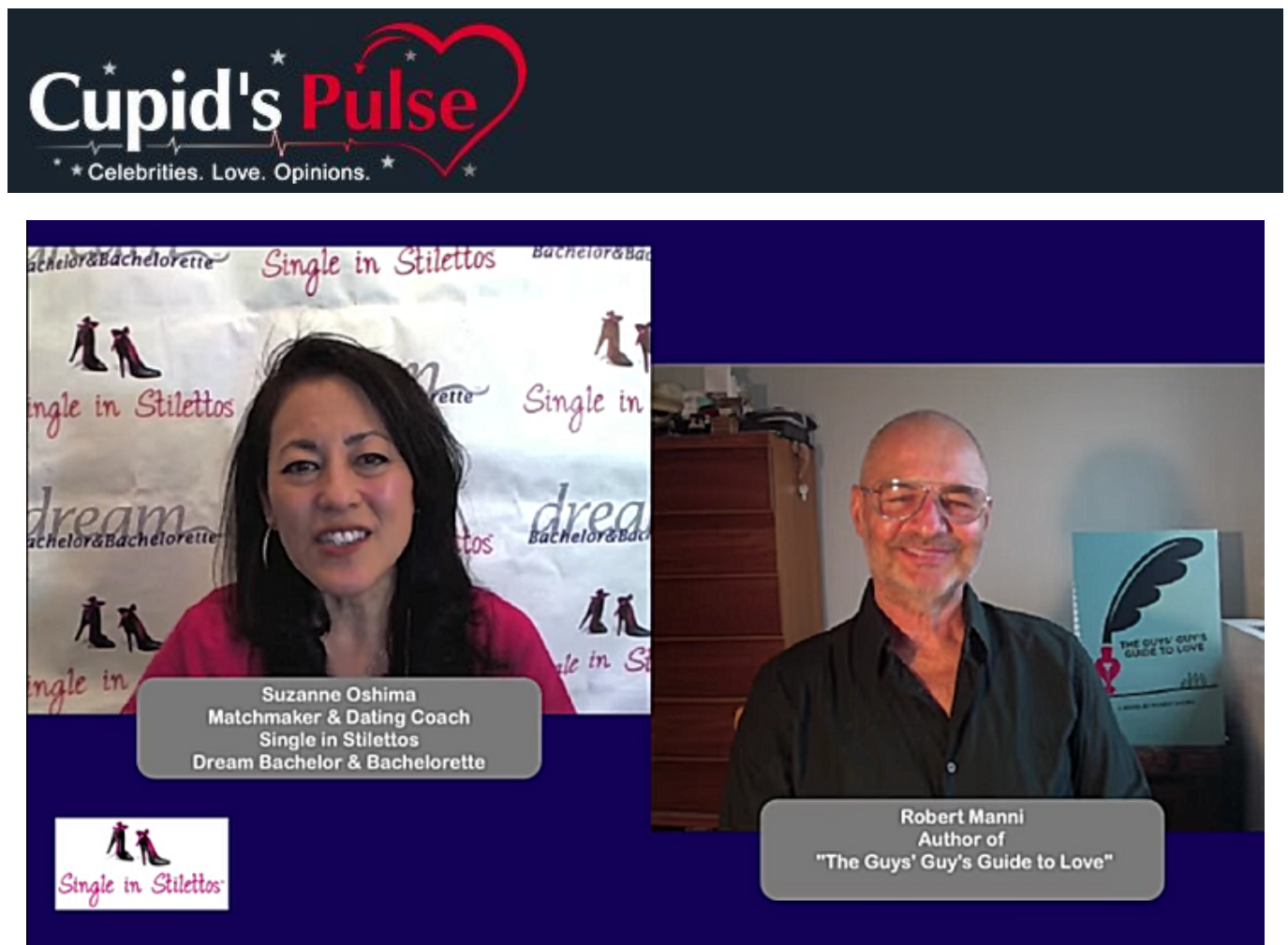
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3. Practice optimism and mindfulness: "Before I attract people, I want to attract happiness," Dubé says. If you notice that you have a negative world view, you'll never be happy, and no relationship can change that. You need to focus on the "triad of emotion," as Dubé calls it. Fix any negative self-talk, adopt powerful body, and shift your focus on to the bigger picture. Divorce is painful and takes a toll on your mental health, but paying attention to the verbal and physical language you use and where your focus is can help you practice a positive mindset, which will make you happy with your life before you start dating again!

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Relationship Advice: The Secret to Attract a Commitment-Minded Man



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Relationship Advice to Help You Attract a Commitment-Minded Man

1. Discover your core beliefs: “There are certain things that you pick up throughout life that shape your reality,” Fidelis says in her relationship advice. “When it comes to love, whatever you believe is possible for yourself is what you will attract.” If you don’t believe that you are worthy of a long-term relationship where a man is committed to you alone, then you won’t attract someone of this mindset. Core beliefs don’t just mean what you believe about the world; they very often relate to what you believe about yourself.

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2. Discover what you want: Once you discover your core beliefs, you have the power to change them. “What you believe is what you create,” Fidelis says. Focus on what it is that you want out of a relationship. Fidelis advises, “When searching, focus on the energy of the relationship you want to create together.” Avoid superficial traits that you may think you want. Height or aesthetic preferences lose significance to the energy of a healthy relationship. Oshima adds, “You limit yourself when you focus on superficial wants.” What is more important: how tall a man is or how he makes you feel?

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3. Open your channels: Now that you’ve identified what you want, how do you bring that into your life? You have to put yourself in situations where the person you want to attract could be. That means you need to mix up your routine! “You need to put yourself in front of the type of guys you want to attract,” Fidelis states. Open up the opportunities to meet new people. Try online dating if you haven’t before. Waiting around for someone to come into your life is ineffective and

just won't happen. Get out there and have fun!

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Dating Advice: Secrets to Letting Go of the Outcome of a Relationship



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The Dating Advice You Need to Stop Worrying About Outcomes and Enjoy Dating

1. Practice mindfulness: Mindfulness is a “mind, body, and spirit principle [about] being radically present,” Abrams says. Our society is structured around distractions. Our phones chime and we drop everything to answer an email or respond to a text. Because our attention span isn't a muscle we train often, our dates are effected. “We're thinking on our first date what our kids would like or what their last name sounds like,” Abram says with a laugh. To stop “futurizing,” focus on what to be grateful for in that person. This exercise in gratitude will bring you to the present moment, help you calm first-date jitters, and enjoy the other person more.

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2. Bring a little gift: Women are used to being impressed while men are used to being the ones impressing. Abrams advices, “We always assume that masculine energy doesn't appreciate gifts, but they eat it up.” Bring something small, like a rock or twig from an area they've mentioned or their favorite candy bar. “You don't have to spend money,” Oshima says, “In this case, it really is the thought that counts.” Small gifts, especially early in a relationship, show that you pay attention. It forces you to be present in a conversation and think about what someone would want or need.

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3. Be vulnerable: A large percentage of relationship advice emphasizes the importance of vulnerability. People appreciate it, yet we're all too scared to do it. You don't always have to reveal your secrets to be vulnerable; instead, share a personal story. Share a memory you rarely do, a tale you hadn't thought about in awhile, an anecdote that will reveal a trait about yourself that you want the other person to know. "When you shield yourself like you're Wonder Woman, you prevent yourself from being seen and felt." When you open up to someone, it grounds you in the present, and the other person feels valued for connecting with you on a more intimate level.

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Dating Advice: How to Be More Desirable





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Dating Advice to Help You Feel and Look More Desirable!

1. Own your desire: "For women, there is shame attached to owning your desire," Contenta says. "Be okay with owning and showing it." When you become more aware and attached to your desires and sensuality, a creative fire ignites in you. You become more engaged with the present world around you. This helps you enjoy life more, but it also makes you much more attractive to others. The first part of being desirable is connecting with that desire in yourself.

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2. Express sensuality: Once you own your desire, what are the different ways to express it? Contenta says there are two: the ability to elevate your senses at any moment and to manage your sexual energies. "Pleasure," Contenta says, "is in the moment that you're in and engaging the senses fully." If you want to become more aware of each moment, engage as many senses as possible. This is true for any partner as well. It's a huge turn-on to use all five senses.

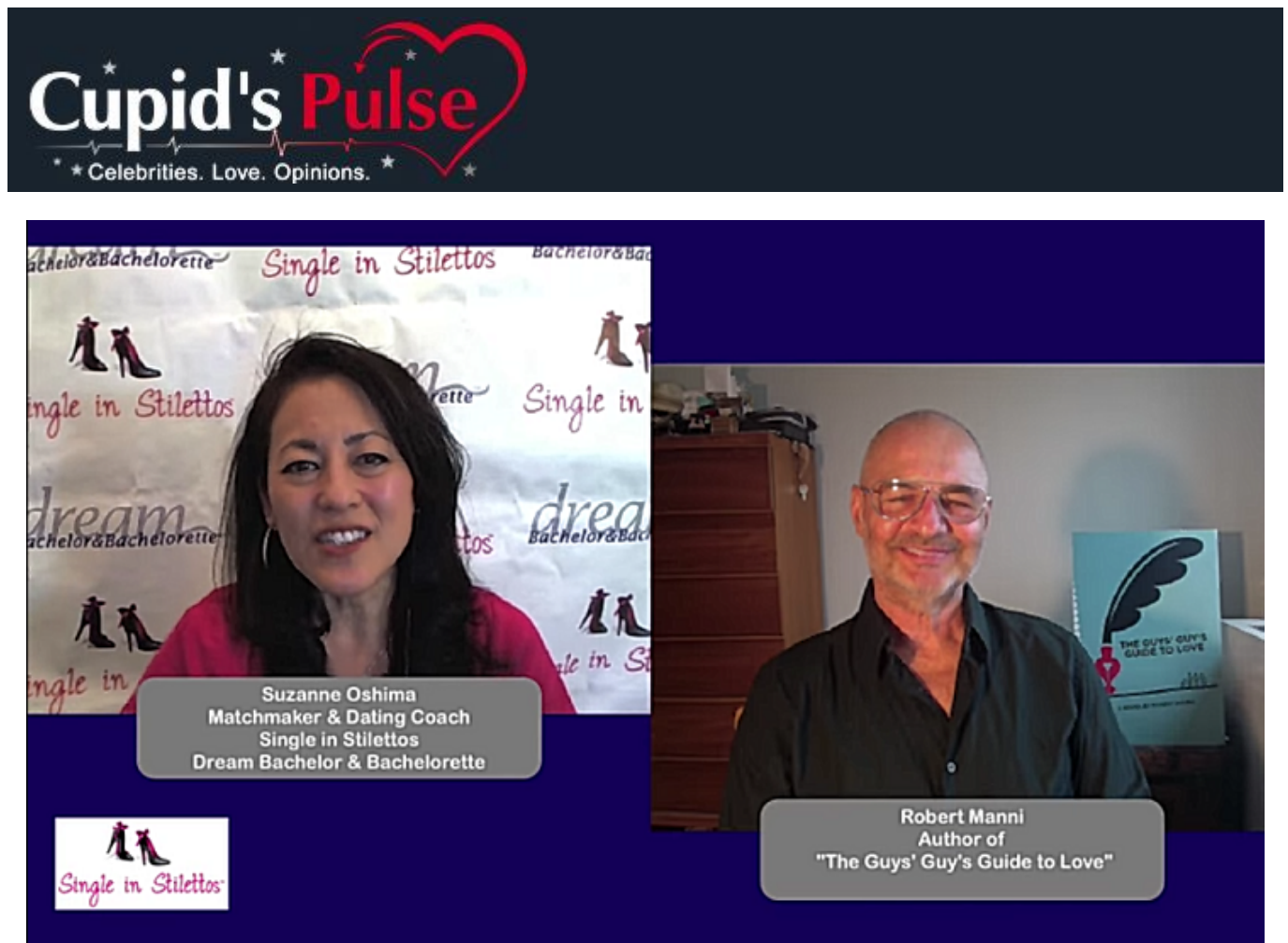
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3. Transition into feminine energy: There are two primary sexual energies: masculine and feminine. Masculinity often empowers forward movement, motivation, and power. Femininity, on the other hand, embodies emotions and reciprocity. "In our results-driven society," Contenta says, "We all engage in masculine energy. But to become more desirable, transition into feminine energy using non-verbal, physical cues." Think about your body and how much space it takes up. Men stand wider, and when women want to emit power they use body language that takes up more space. Feminine energy, which is softer, connects the inner thighs. When you walk, squeeze your inner thighs together to encourage more curves and a sultry stance. When you move to point to something, caress yourself instead of just pointing. Show that you love yourself and desire will follow, both from you and observers.

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Relationship Advice: How to Attract a Strong Man Who Takes the Lead



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Relationship Advice to Help You Attract a Strong Man!

1. Be an authentic woman: Burton says if a woman is “true to herself, connected with her own heart, her intuition, and whatever her divine belief is,” then she’s authentic. It’s important to know who you are and stick with that. If your actions match your words and your behaviors match your beliefs, then you know who you are to the core. Strong men love women who are confident in themselves, and confidence starts with an intense personal knowledge. Suzanne adds, “Show up how you are in the beginning.” If you worry that your confidence intimidates men, then you might consider steering clear from men who don’t embrace that characteristic or who are not strong enough to handle this type of woman. This will keep you open for others who come into your life and appreciate what you have to offer.

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2. Be present: Knowing what you want and what you won’t settle for allows you to navigate relationships with clarity. Men appreciate a decisive woman; it avoids petty arguments. It also allows men who like to take charge to have the opportunity to do so because they know, thanks to you, what they need to do to make you happy. Burton says, “Identifying what you need is a journey and a skill to develop.” Knowing what you need from the beginning helps you weed out people who won’t make you happy.

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3. Be connected: Similar to knowing what you need and knowing who you are, you need to be aware and connected with your emotions. Not only does this create an emotionally stable

environment, but being aware of negative emotions before they escalate will diffuse arguments with your partner before they begin. Don't just focus on yourself, though. Women are naturally more attuned to emotions and when you focus on the ability to connect outwardly, you can intuitively recognize your partner's emotional state. Burton says, "It helps men connect with their emotions, making you valuable in their lives [because] you help him feel so much more deeply."

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Relationship Advice: Why You Keep Attracting the Same Kind of Men





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

The [relationship advice](#) in this week's Single in Stilettos [dating advice video](#) will help you understand why you keep attracting the same type of guy and how you have the power to change that! Watch the video above, featuring founder and [relationship expert Suzanne Oshima](#) and Sandra Fidelis.

Relationship Advice to Help You Stop Attracting Mr. Wrong and Start Attracting Mr. Right

1. Discover your core beliefs: "There are certain things that you pick up throughout life that shape your reality," Fidelis says in her relationship advice. "When it comes to love, whatever you believe is possible for yourself is what you will attract." If you are continuously facing abuse in relationships, you may internalize those failures as your own and begin to believe that you do not deserve more out of love. Evaluate past relationships; it's never just one person's

fault when a relationship fails. If you find that you are in a cycle of dating the same guy in different skin, that's a sign that there is something in your beliefs that needs healing.

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2. Change your story: Once you discover your core beliefs, you have the power to change them. "What you believe is what you create," Fidelis says. If you discover that you don't believe in love or that you don't deserve it, challenge those beliefs so that you can change the dating cycle you've created. Fidelis advises, "When searching, focus on the energy of the relationship you want to create together." Avoid superficial traits that you may think you want. Height or aesthetic preferences lose significance to the energy of a healthy relationship. Oshima adds, "You limit yourself when you focus on superficial wants." What is more important: how tall a man is or how he makes you feel?

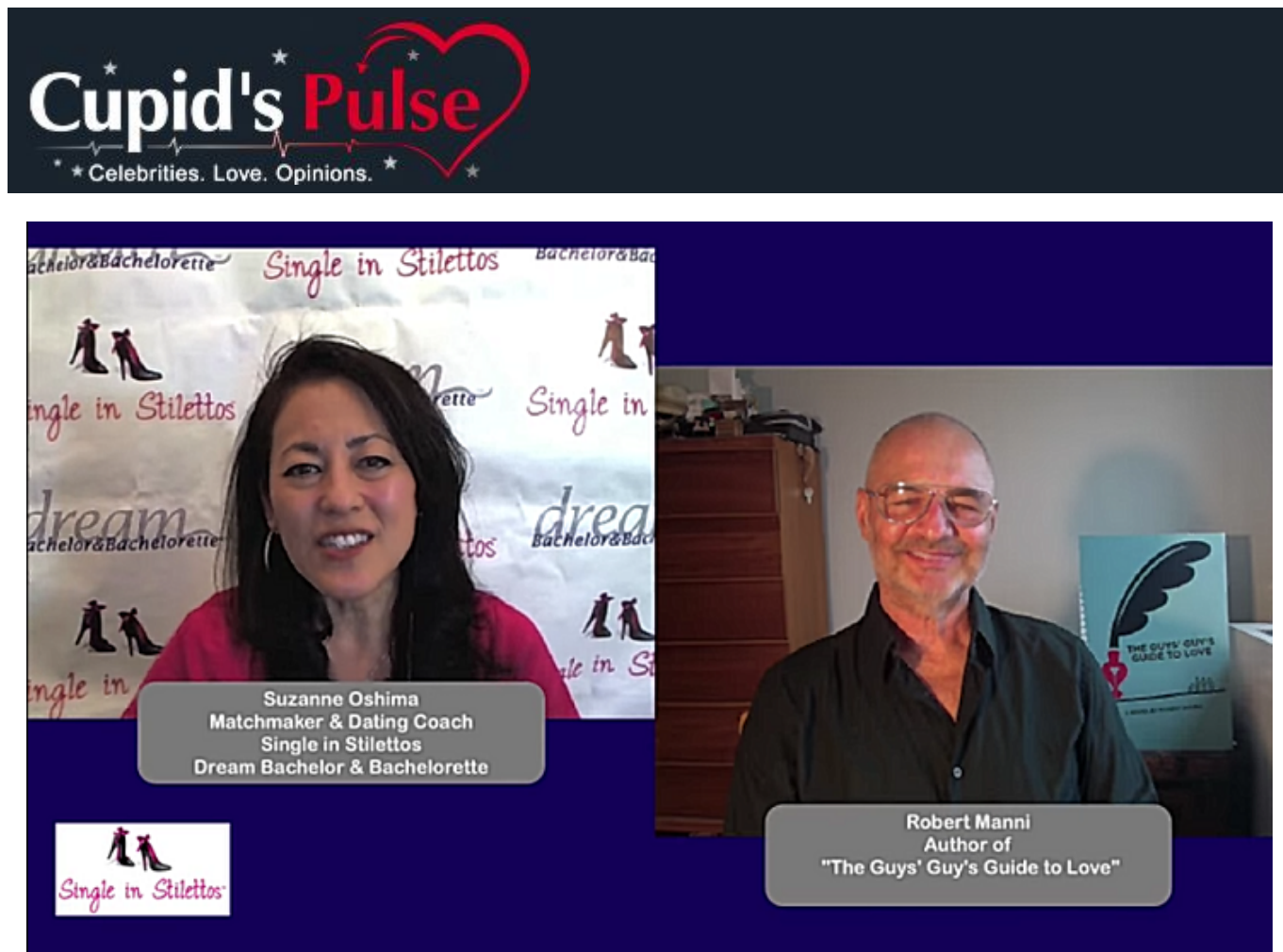
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3. Break your routine: After you've discovered your core beliefs and chosen the story of your future, you need to take these discoveries out into the world. Going to the same places that you always have will only keep you around the same types of people. "You need to put yourself in front of the type of guys you want to attract," Fidelis states. Oshima offers her own advice, "Sometimes what we think is our type really isn't if every relationship keeps ending." Open your mind to other people. Ridding yourself of negative beliefs will allow you to be more attracted to different types of people. Have fun with it!

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Dating Advice: How to Stop Self-Sabotaging in Love



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

In this week's [dating advice video](#), Single in Stilettos founder and relationship expert [Suzanne Oshima](#) talks with spiritpreneur Abiola Abrams about how to stop self-sabotaging your love life. Don't miss this great [relationship advice](#); watch the video above!

The Dating Advice You Need to Stop Sabotaging Your Love Life

1. Become aware of yourself: Abrams challenges viewers with the question, “Why do you always attract a certain kind of person?” The law of attraction states that you bring into your life what you emit. If you send out signals of failure, whether you subconsciously expect it or not, you welcome failure into your love life. A lot of times, you’re unaware of the ways in which you sabotage yourself, but recognizing that you do so can help break a cycle of bad dates and dead-end relationships. Oshima adds, “The common denominator in all of these failed relationships is you.” It’s time to look in the mirror and face reality about yourself.

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2. Start journaling: Journaling is a great tool to becoming more self-aware. You can find and explore the ways in which you fail and how you may begin to attract the relationships you do want. In her dating advice video, Abrams encourages viewers to “journal who you think you deserve to be with, not your dream person.” When you evaluate not who you wish to have but instead who your current actions attract, you realize who you deserve. “It’s a heartbreaking exercise,” Abrams adds, “because a lot of women realize they believe they don’t deserve love.” If you feel this way, start there and ask yourself why you feel that way. Begin to challenge yourself so that you will believe you deserve kind and compassionate love.

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3. Pay attention to patterns: Journaling can help you discover patterns. Abrams suggests journaling about the times discord arises in your relationships. What environment surrounds the argument? When your relationship is running smoothly, do you

bring up old triggers? “We have a victim consciousness,” Abrams says of women. “We get together with our girlfriends and talk trash about our men, and that cultivates conflicts.” Only you know how your relationship is. If you’re constantly looking for conflict, you’ll find it. When you see those patterns, you can stop destroying something that has the potential to be truly satisfying and fulfilling. Abrams offers her final bit of advice, “Self-awareness brings you to self-acceptance.” In other words: true love starts with self-love.

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Dating Advice Video: Signs of an Unhealthy Relationship





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

In this week's [dating advice video](#), Single in Stilettos founder and relationship expert [Suzanne Oshima](#) talks with [relationship author](#) Tinzley Bradford about three signs of an unhealthy relationship. Don't miss their expert relationship advice in the video above!

Dating Advice Video for Three Signs of an Unhealthy Relationship

1. Physical or verbal abuse: "Being condescending all of the time is an example of verbal abuse, which is a sign of an unhealthy relationship," Bradford says in this dating advice video. While abuse seems like an obvious sign of an unhealthy relationship, actually deciding to leave is hard. Don't let the fear of financial and total independence keep you in a bad relationship. Oshima adds, "You might be scared of being alone, but really, you're already alone in an abusive

relationship.”

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2. He's not emotionally available: If your partner ignores emotional conversations for video games, you're in a relationship with someone not emotionally present. “If he cannot hold a decent and healthy conversation about your feelings, then he cannot create a healthy relationship,” Bradford advises. Your feelings and perceptions have value and in a true partnership, your partner should be happy to listen to your feelings. If they are constantly brushed aside, it's a sign he isn't invested in your total well-being.

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3. Constant arguing: Nobody wants to argue all of the time, but sometimes we find ourselves in relationships that are threaded with tension. “Arguing all of the time is not cute and it will slowly kill your spirit,” Bradford says. It's not welcoming or loving to argue everyday about why someone is late, why they're wearing what they're wearing, or why something didn't get done. Whether you're throwing insulting jabs at your partner or you're the one constantly under fire, it's not a supportive and healthy environment to be in.

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Relationship Advice: How to Overcome the Fear of Abandonment



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

On this week's [Single in Stilettos dating advice video](#), founder and [relationship expert Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to love and dating coach Jaki Sabourin about how to overcome the fear of abandonment. Watch the video above for their best [relationship advice!](#)

Relationship Advice to Help You Overcome Fears of Abandonment!

1. Are you abandoning yourself? Sabourin believes that we all have a fear of abandonment that traces back to our childhood. It's normal, she assures viewers. "We continue to perpetuate that fear into adulthood by abandoning ourselves." Though you've heard the advice before, it's worth repeating: you have to be your own best friend. "Nurture that part of yourself that feels alone," Sabourin says, "It's self-parenting. You'll feel whole again."

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2. Stop taking things personally: Things go wrong when dating. We often second-guess why the guy wouldn't call us back or why it's taking so long to get a response. "You're only responsible for half of the equation," Sabourin reminds viewers. "Don't blame yourself." Self-blame stems from an attachment to a desired outcome. When you expect certain results from your dates, you take responsibility for things outside of your control. The best way to end this cycle is by just enjoying dates and releasing expectations. Without expectations, you're less likely to blame yourself for when things go wrong.

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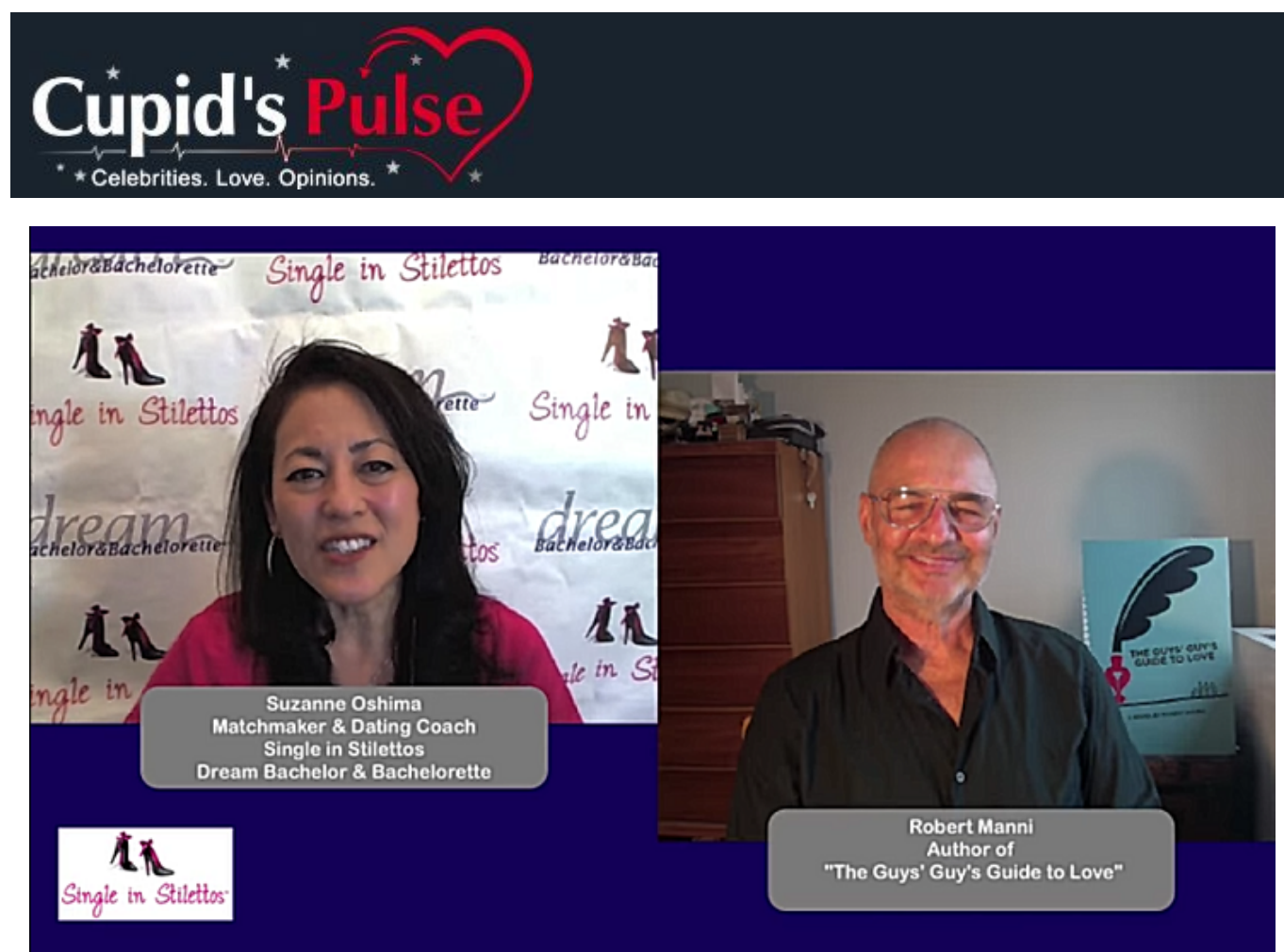
3. Take responsibility for your emotions: Ultimately, fears will be present, but how you handle them will effect outcomes. If you worry about abandonment before it's happened, Oshima warns that you can sabotage a relationship. Sabourin advises that by taking ownership of your emotions, you can learn healthy ways of processing failures and fears and work towards your dream relationship. Sabourin warns, "Ignoring emotions creates a beach-ball affect: you can push the ball underwater,

but at some point it will come back up with force.” Start by accepting what you are feeling, allow yourself to feel it, and then release those emotions. You’ll heal faster.

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Relationship Advice: How to Overcome Dating Burnout



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

This week's [relationship advice](#) will help you overcome dating burnout! [Relationship expert](#) and Single in Stilettos founder [Suzanne Oshima](#) talks to relationship coach Cyndi Olin about how to persevere in dating when you want to give up. Watch the [dating advice video](#) above to learn how you too can make it through a dating dry spell!

Relationship advice to help you through a dating burnout!

1. Monitor your attitude: Olin says, "What we resist persists." If you approach dating with a negative attitude, dreading the next time you have to haul yourself out of the house to meet someone new, you're not in a headspace to promote new relationships. Viewing dating through a negative lens puts you in "comparison mode." Olin says, "If you're constantly looking critically [at your dates], then the evidence will mount that he's the bad guy." Looking at dating with dread will only attract negative people and can destroy opportunities with the potential to make you happy.

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2. Set aside date nights: "Dating burnout stems from doing too much," Olin says in her relationship advice. Setting aside certain days for date nights frees up the rest of your schedule to do the things you need and want to do. When someone new asks to set up a date, you don't have to worry about shifting your schedule around. On the designated date days you don't have dates, take yourself out on a date instead. Maintaining regular date days will foster a positive mindset towards the times you do have dates.

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3. Pamper yourself: “Having things to look forward to in life are really important,” Olin says. “A woman who can overcome dating burnout has a life that is full and that she is passionate about.” Begin enjoying the rest of your life again. You’ll forget about your frustrations with dating and will be more likely to get back out there with a positive attitude. What’s more, people are drawn to happy, positive people. As Oshima says, “Don’t give up before the miracle happens.”

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Relationship Advice: I'm Scared to Get Back Out There and Date!





By [Rachel Sparks](#)

The [relationship advice](#) in this week's *Single in Stilettos* [dating advice video](#) will help you overcome that paralyzing fear of dating! Whether you've just gotten out of a bad relationship or have been battling dating anxiety, [relationship expert](#) and *Single in Stilettos* founder Suzanne Oshima interviews relationship coach Iris Benrubi for the top three tips on how to overcome fear and get back into the dating game.

Relationship advice from relationship coach Iris Benrubi will help you overcome fear and help you start dating again!

1. Anxiety is normal: Benrubi says, "Anxiety is your body's way of keeping you safe, but sometimes safe also means stuck." Getting back into the dating game is frightening. After

heartbreak, who wants to risk getting hurt again? Like Benrubi says in her relationship advice video, playing it safe often means doing what you already do, and that likely means staying alone. “Choose the pain,” Benrubi adds, “Would you rather have the pain of being alone or have the pain of putting yourself out there?”

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2. Use dating to experiment: “Online dating is going to give you the biggest bang for your buck,” Benrubi says. “Use it as a place to experiment.” Oshima reminds viewers, “You are totally in control.” See what works and what people respond to. If something doesn’t work, don’t be disappointed or hurt, and instead try a different approach. Viewing dating, especially online dating, as an experiment removes you from the anxiety and allows you to have more fun. Dating should be fun!

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3. Know what you want: “Just saying you want a relationship is not enough,” Benrubi says. “Any man can give you a relationship.” Build a top ten list of traits and needs that a relationship should meet. Do you want a long or short-term relationship? Do you want kids? Do you want to live in the country or the city? Knowing these must-haves helps you avoid wasting time in the dating game and allows you to find someone who is not only a good person but also meets all your needs.

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Relationship Advice: How to Heal a Broken Heart



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

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Relationship Author Duana Welch Offers Her Best Relationship Advice on How to Heal a Broken Heart

1. Be brave: “The things that we dream of most are the things we are most scared of,” Welch shares. Face your fear in order to pursue your dream relationship. It’s easier to sit on the couch and wallow in heartache, but that doesn’t help you move on. Dating is scary, but as the relationship author says, “Do it anyway.”

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2. Move on: May Weather once said, “The best way to get over someone is to get under someone else.” Welch quotes this eighteenth-century woman to prove her point: The best way to move past an old heartache is to jump into a new relationship. No matter what people say about loving yourself first, starting up another relationship can offer the adrenaline that helps you forget the past pain.

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3. Learn relationship science: There are boundless resources that can teach you about the human mating cycle. While that’s not a glamorous term for dating, when you begin to treat relationships like science experiments, you can learn what works and what doesn’t. If you’re already hurting from heartache, how bad can failing at dating experiments be? As Welch advises, “Taking no steps is guaranteed failure.”

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Relationship Advice: How to Build a Lasting Love



By [Rachel Sparks](#)

This week's [relationship advice](#) from Single in Stilettos showcases founder and [relationship expert Suzanne Oshima](#) interviewing relationship author Wendy Newman. If you get stuck in the dating cycle, Newman's tips in this [dating advice](#)

[video](#) will help you work past the dating stage into a successful long-term relationship, teaching you how to maintain a lasting love.

Relationship Advice to Help You Maintain Love

Newman's three nuggets of wisdom will help you build that long-term relationship you've been after:

1. No one is in trouble: Ever heard of the phrase “the dog house?” Yeah, we're all pretty familiar with that one. Newman's relationship advice is that we no longer make our S.O. feel like they're in trouble. Instead of attacking each other, this mindset gives you and your partner the opportunity to attack the problem together. Newman asks, “Wouldn't that be an amazing place to come from – where we never put someone in trouble and instead create that best friend feeling?” We sure think so!

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2. Schedule monthly relationship check-ups: “There is never a good time to talk about unpleasant things,” Newman says. It's important to tackle things that aren't working in a relationship. Newman and her love meet every month (they make a date of it on the full moon, but you can choose whenever works best for you) and ask each other a regular set of questions. They start with, “Is there anything you need from me that you found hard to get this month?” Another question they always ask is, “What did you make up about me this month?” Ask questions relevant to your relationship. No matter what you ask, we can all agree that a wellness check-up has its benefits.

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3. Have autonomy: “When we collapse our own individuality into another’s world, we lose ourselves in the relationship,” Newman shares. Resentment and the blame game ends up following. Oshima adds, “When your life is great, and your partner’s life is great, eventually, your life together will be great.” That means you don’t need to feel bad for girls’ night! Pursue your own interests and encourage your partner to do the same. Happy lives individually mean an even stronger relationship and sense of happiness together.

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Dating Advice Video: Signs He’s Settling for You





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Relationship Author Reveals the Signs for When a Man Settles for You in This Dating Advice Video

1. He's not doing the things he loves: We girls like a girls' night out, right? So do our men! "If your man finds himself not doing the things he used to love doing with the people that matter to him, like his best friends, then he's settled," the relationship author shares. Often, it's a sign that he's giving things up to make you feel secure. "If a man loves you, he won't cheat on you," she adds. Don't be nervous about a

guys' night out, and show him you love him back with your trust.

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2. It's convenient for him: "Is he choosing you because of the stuff you can do for him?" Bradford asks in this dating advice video. If you're stable and he's not, then it's convenient for him, and it's a sign he's settling. If you have a car, a house, or money and these are things he needs, he'll settle for the convenience. Watch out! He'll move on when he finally gets the resources himself or finds someone with more than you have.

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3. He likes a certain kind of woman: If he says something like, "I don't usually date women with X, but I like that you have Y," be careful! A man who "compliments you and criticizes you in the same sentence" is settling for the things he likes about you – but that doesn't mean you are the total package for him. He may be hoping that you change for him, or he may be settling for you until someone better comes along. This can be emotionally abusive. Don't change for someone, especially someone who is settling for you!

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Relationship Advice: How to Get Engaged at Any Age



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Relationship Advice to Help You Get Engaged at Any Age

Sabourin's four-step process will help you get that rock on

your finger:

1. First, you need a vision: Without a vision, we have nothing to strive for. “Get clear about what you want and *why* you want it,” the dating coach says. Why you want something will help you have the strength to overcome obstacles when they come (because they will come).

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2. Next, you must believe in yourself: Without believing you can achieve your vision, how will it ever come true? Sabourin encourages you to start building your belief by saying your affirmations out loud – something like, “I have a man who loves and adores me.” Say it again and again until you truly believe it.

3. Now is the time to take action: All of the dating advice in the world is useless without action. Where is the best action at? It’s outside of your comfort zone – or the “known zone,” as the relationship expert calls it. “We have to step out of our comfort zone and take more risks, so we can live a bigger life,” she adds.

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4. Finally, consider your results: This is the time to evaluate what your vision, belief, and actions have created. If you don’t like it, your vision, belief, and actions weren’t strong enough. Develop a clear image of what you want, and start the process over again until you create the life you want.

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