

The Emily Factor

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A special perk for exotic entertainers is the occasional opportunity to entertain people they find physically attractive. So, when a guy returns from getting a lap dance and gushes about how the stripper seemed to really like him, his buddies shouldn't be so quick to laugh at and dismiss his claims; there's a legitimate chance she may have the hots for him and was extra flirty as a result. She's still human after all.

The same holds true for male strippers as I can personally attest: while I've always taken excellent care of all my bachelorettes and birthday girls, I readily admit that it's an extra treat to encounter one whom I truly find attractive. And this isn't limited to the guest of honor, as it applies to any woman present at the party. Not only is this a personally satisfying development when it occurs, but it's something I can use as a professional entertainer to further ramp up the excitement as all the women present will eat it up with a spoon. Far from being the insane orgies some people like to imagine, the bulk of my effort goes into making the women in my audiences comfortable enough to get over their embarrassment and follow my lead in having fun.

Likewise, while there is the occasional hookup, it's not nearly as frequently as some assume. Besides, the thrill of engaging in such extracurricular activities itself dissipates quickly. Overall, I know that my time in this business is finally winding down as I've begun pursuing a new entrepreneurial project that allows me to utilize my entertaining skills in different ways. Admittedly, I'm also thinking about my personal

future and the prospects of meeting the right woman for a long-term relationship. While I've had prior long-term relationships, I'd like to have one that isn't dysfunctional for once. From me, this is going to require becoming comfortable with concepts like feelings and affection. My lacking in this area directly lead me to spend eight years dating a fangirl with whom I had zero chemistry.

After so much time in this industry not only as an entertainer, but also as the owner of a successful agency of male and female entertainers for several years, it's understandable that I'd thought I'd seen and heard it all. In a strictly business sense, there's few instances that I haven't encountered on multiple occasions, which allows me to immediately recognize and neutralize most potential problems. Say a client contacts me a few days before my performance and attempts to test my dominance over the scheduled performance as happened a few months ago; normally in this scenario, I would immediately set her straight with the right balance of authority and charm. This time, however, there was the Emily factor.

Those eyes. That smile. She's beautiful. So embarrassing beautiful, apparently, that I can only describe her in sentence fragments.

After booking a party, I do a little online investigating to put faces to names and get a little information on these women. Considering the position in which I'm about put myself, it gives me some needed peace of mind while also allowing me to visualize my performance beforehand. Long story short: I was totally psyched about performing at Emily's birthday party the instant I saw her. You can believe that I was going to be extremely flirty with her, and that presented a problem when the client decided to get out of line. Owing to experience, I knew this archetype of client would absolutely flip out

over my handling of Emily, so I cancelled the booking and have thought ever since about my birthday girl who got away.

As much as I love both the chase and an ambitious project, odds are excellent that I'm never going to meet Emily; even if we did meet and indeed click, the resistance from her friends would be epic. If there is an upside to all of this, it's that discovering her caused me to become more serious about moving forward both professionally and personally at this stage in my life. I know now that that the right girl for a successful relationship is out there if I can learn to let down my guard, and she may even be better than Emily. At the least, with any luck, my future girlfriend will have better friends.

I appreciate your choosing a topic that is potentially sensitive and personal. I thought your use of business professional language appropriate, as what you do and how you think about it is so. Then I recommend, you "let your guard down" and use more personal, conversational language (remember as one friend to another) that shows Emily is not just business to you. You really did have some good phrases and words in there to help you get there. Remember I am only learning about various personal essays myself, so take everything with a grain of salt. Your style doesn't have to be my style. Thank you for sharing this with me. ~ Hope