

(bad advice)

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Lonely Guy Next Door...

Q *I need your advice. This cute goth chick just moved in next door. She's a great neighbor, doesn't make any noise or have loud parties. I'm digging her thigh high boots, leather corset, tattoos and piercings, plus her body rocks. I want to ask her out but, since she only goes out at night, I'm afraid she's a vampire. I never see her bring groceries home, and my cat freaks out at the sight of her. Maybe she's just really goth, and that's cool with me, but on the other hand, if she's a vampire and I ask her out, she'll drain me of the old O neg. She really turns me on, and I'm thinking about taking a chance, but I don't want to wake up undead one morning. What should I do?*

A You didn't mention her name but I'm sure your new neighbor is my wife. She always was a night owl. FYI, her nickname is, "Bubbles." It seems like ages since our nine children, she and I've been together. Like most married men, I have no problem when creepy, stalker guys make a play for my wife. To help you along, here is some advice on how to warm her up. Forget those long walks on the beach or candlelight dinners. Stifle any attempts at kindness, wit or humor. She loves being clubbed like a baby seal and pulled by her hair up (or down) long flights of stairs. Not the violent type? You need to become argumentative. It doesn't matter how trifling the matter is, disagree with her. She adores being told she's wrong.

You said you have a cat. A cat you use to judge the character of your neighbors. I'd suggest getting a second opinion. Pick up a mangy pit bull, preferably one in the habit of chewing the legs off unsuspecting tables and visitors. Bubbles loves a messy home. Don't worry about the empty bottles of Old Crow on the floor. Place used cat food cans, fast food leftovers and soiled diapers in every room. Whatever you do, forget about personal hygiene. Your body should smell more like the dumpster behind Fred's Fish Market than something that's been near a bar of soap. Work on developing a fine patina of sweat to compliment the brilliant luster of unwashed hair. Follow my advice to the letter and I'd say you have a real chance with her.

By the way, next time she drops by, tell her we're running low on frozen dinners.

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