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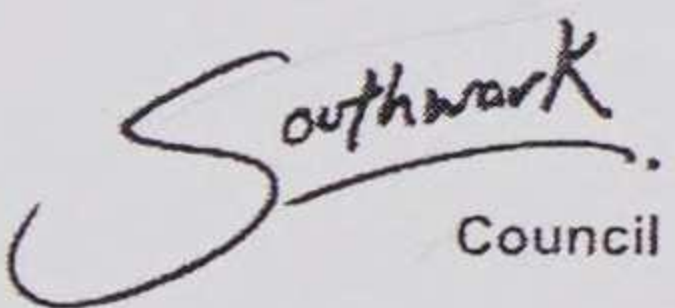
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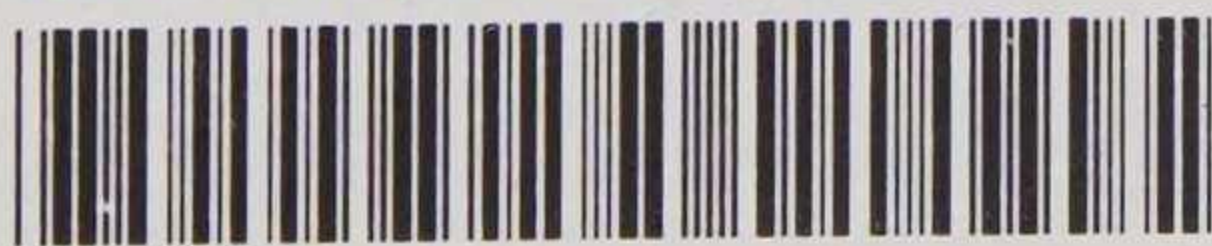


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# Introduction

We all do it. Every single one of us. Every single day. Some of us do it first thing in the morning; others last thing at night. A few of us even sneak in a quick session or two at work. However you do it, whenever you do it, logging on to Gaydar is an essential everyday activity. Like going to the gym, or at least thinking about going to the gym. Don't pretend you don't!

As a journalist I could tell you I started using Gaydar for research purposes. I *could* tell you that but I'd be lying. It would be a great big lie. But, as you know, journalists *never* lie. My love affair with 'the Dar' started during the long hot summer of 2000. I registered as 'JockBoy26'. At the time I really didn't think much about my profile name—but you really should (plenty of tips on that later). I got lucky with mine. I just thought I'd quite like to look like a jock (even if I was secretly a geek). I was, er, 26 years old then, so still sort of a boy. (Note the spelling of boy—B-O-Y—not B-O-I. Never BOI!) Which makes me barely mid-30s now, to save you doing the maths. And that's not in Gaydar years—plenty of tips on working out someone's real age later.

Logging on to the Dar I found more men-who-like-men than I dreamed existed. Growing up gay, even nowadays, there's a fear that you're alone—that you're the only one who prefers the captain of the football team to actually playing football. OK, even the gays play football now (though only for the changing room action). But you know what I mean. It's still isolating—you still have to find your gay way in a straight world. Suddenly I could access thousands of gay men with just one click. I didn't have to find my dodgy local gay bar and work up the courage to walk in on my own and order half a shandy. No need for a shower. Or even clothes. I could just sit in my pants, log on and have fun.

It quickly became clear to me that whoever you are, wherever you are, whatever you're looking for, Gaydar is the place to go. It's a bar, café and club rolled into one. Millions of men from all over the world are squeezed in there—hanging out and hooking up. Bitching, chatting, flirting and fantasising about amazing acts involving root vegetables.

You name it, and even if you can't, it's there. Specialised chat rooms include chubbychasers, Eurovision, kilts and, most surprisingly, chastity. There are also lots of vanilla types. There's plenty to amuse and arouse but absolutely nothing illegal. OK, not much.

And it's not all about sex—really! There are people seeking friends, work or a place to live. We advise each other about where (not) to go and what (not) to do. There are furious rows about the latest music, movies and TV. Gaydar isn't just a website or a community. It's a massive social and cultural phenomenon. And this is the first book to dish the dirt on it all.

Like Facebook and Twitter, Gaydar was set up by a couple of friends almost for a laugh. In 1999 Gary Frisch and Henry Badenhorst got sick of their single friends badgering them for potential boyfriends. So they created

a website that did the job for them. Ten years and five million profiles later, Gaydar is big business.

It's live in 272 countries including the US, Australia and South Africa. You can even get on the Dar in China—China for heaven's sake! It doesn't matter if you're Team Kylie or Team Madonna, GaydarRadio is always in the top five digital stations. Then there's its sponsorship of Sydney Mardi Gras, the Profile bar and Lo-Profile club in Soho and now this fabulous book.

And here's a fact to shock your mum: Gaydar.co.uk is more popular than the websites for Marks and Spencer, National Rail and Ryanair. So, statistically, you are now more likely to go online and debate the merits of different lubes than book train tickets or buy a chintzy sofa. FACT!

My first few weeks on Gaydar I was like a kid in a candy shop—OK, maybe not a kid. Gaydar promises to deliver 'what you want, when you want it'. And it did. I clicked 'Who's Online?' and scrolled and scrolled. Like most newbies, I viewed it as a sort of takeaway menu. The choice was endless. But I was a voyeur and any (inter)action was strictly cyber. Pretty soon I exhausted my imagination, my mouse and my right hand. It was months before I plucked up the courage to meet one of the men behind the profiles. I mean, what if 'Niceguy23' turned out to be 'Psychosexkiller999' and I ended up in pieces beneath a patio in south-west London? What then?

I've met well over a hundred guys in the ten years since those early days and nights. To be honest, I stopped counting at about 100. My profile has now had more views than the Mona Lisa. Some say that makes me a slag; I say it makes me popular. I finally met 'Niceguy23' and he turned out to be *really* nice after all. But it *really* didn't work out in bed (I mean REALLY). He's now one of my best friends (I mean BEST). Although he still wants to kill me sometimes, especially when I tell people how we met.

Gaydar gets a lot of stick—usually from the people who use it most, like me. It's boring, bitchy and cliquey. It's seedy, sad and slutty. Yes, it's all those things BUT ONLY IF YOU MAKE IT! At the end of the day, Gaydar is a medium. I don't mean like Mystic Meg. You wouldn't blame your phone if the person talking through it was making you so bored you wanted to rim a plug socket. Ditto the Dar. It's what you make it. No more, no less. It's especially important for the thousands of users in rural areas—the only gays in their villages. And for the young or newly out who're still building their confidence.

There are definitely some tried and tested ways to get it right AND wrong. This book is your honest and explicit guide to getting it totally right. So, before you log on, read on...

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## The Ten Commandments of Gaydar (thanks to user 'tallbear1'!)

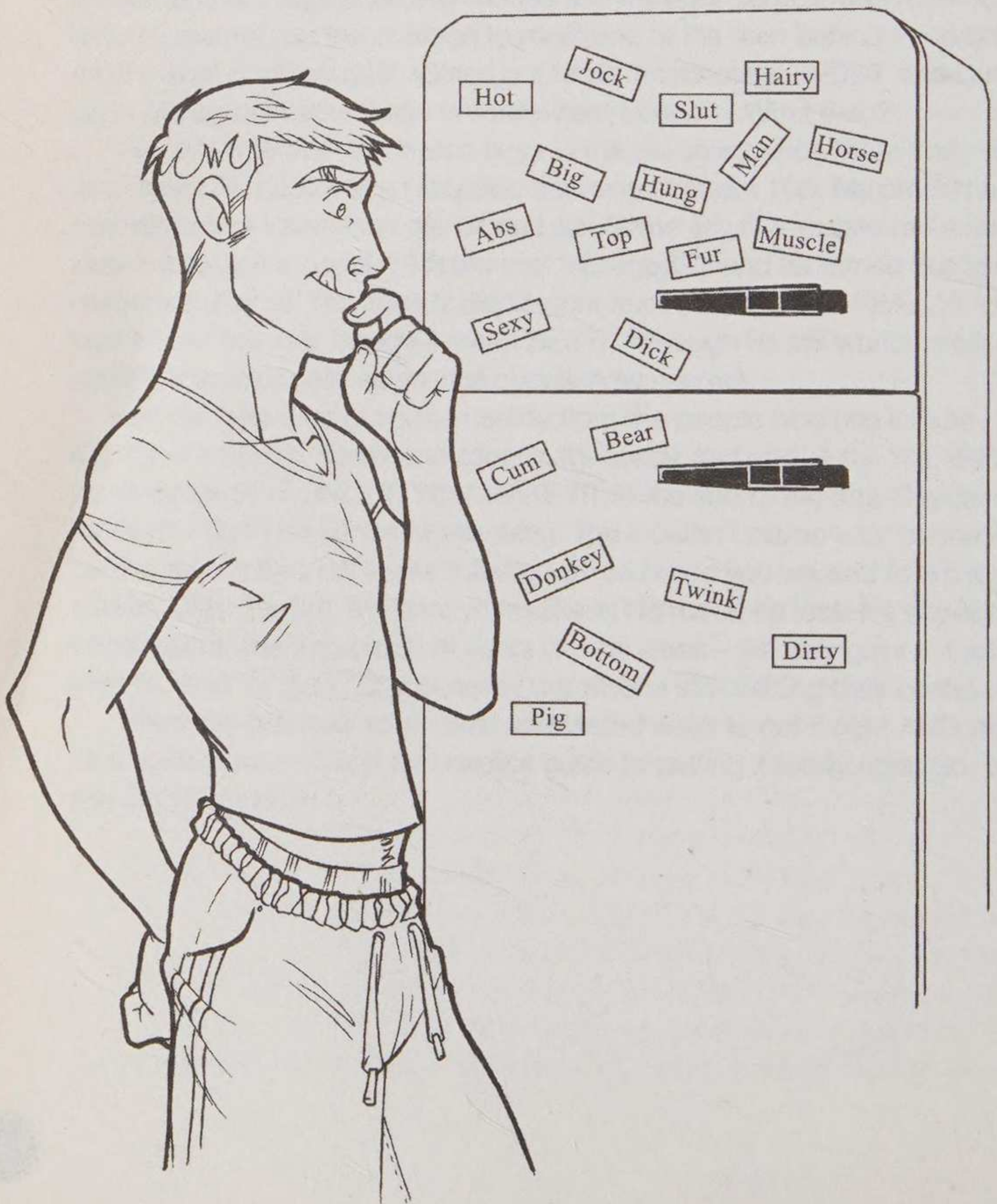
1. Only be friends with guys you fancy.
  2. Look for casual shags despite the 'Partner' link on your profile.
  3. Have an age range of 18 to 99 but snub anyone over 30.
  4. Show your penis but not your face.
  5. Repeat yourself in chat rooms every five seconds.
  6. Don't bother reading profiles.
  7. Pretend to look for a boyfriend but only look for shags.
  8. Lie about your age.
  9. Don't tell the wife about your liking for cock.
  10. Be as camp as tits but state 'straight-acting'.
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# Chapter 1

# Who Do You Think You Are?

## Selling Yourself in Words

- Picking your profile name
- Who are you really?
- What are you really after?
- Does anyone really care about your 'Hobbies'?



**triumph7** Met my partner of 8 years on Gaydar—we are now civil partners.

**knaphilllee** I met a guy who was into the same stuff as me—wrestling—and the same sexual activities as I did—we have since become good friends and see each other as and when we both can.

**Hergest** I've had many sexual experiences thru Gaydar, some better than others! It took me a while to learn that so-called str8 men round here are hopeless at sex: having some guy murmur 'Oh, that's so much better than when the wife does it' when you are giving him a blow job is a bit disconcerting...! Luckily, there are lots of good-quality gay men out there—even where I live—to compensate...

**unknown\_artist** Um. Have had good and bad experiences like in real life.

This chapter is all about you. OK, this book is all about you. Your life is all about you. Everything is all about you! But if your profile doesn't say anything about you—the real you—then you might as well not have one. You can be really into comics or modern art and have a thing for sushi and yoga but if your profile is KylieBoi19 you're going nowhere. NOWHERE!

Who am I? I'm 'JockBoy26'. I admit I'm no jock and never have been, but I do like the idea of being one (that'll never happen so long as I spend more time online than in the gym). OK, I'm not 26 anymore but I was when I registered my profile back in 2000. It's not a lie—it's history. I'm now more of a man than a boy. It's not false advertising because plenty of you still leave flames and stars in my tracks. Phew!

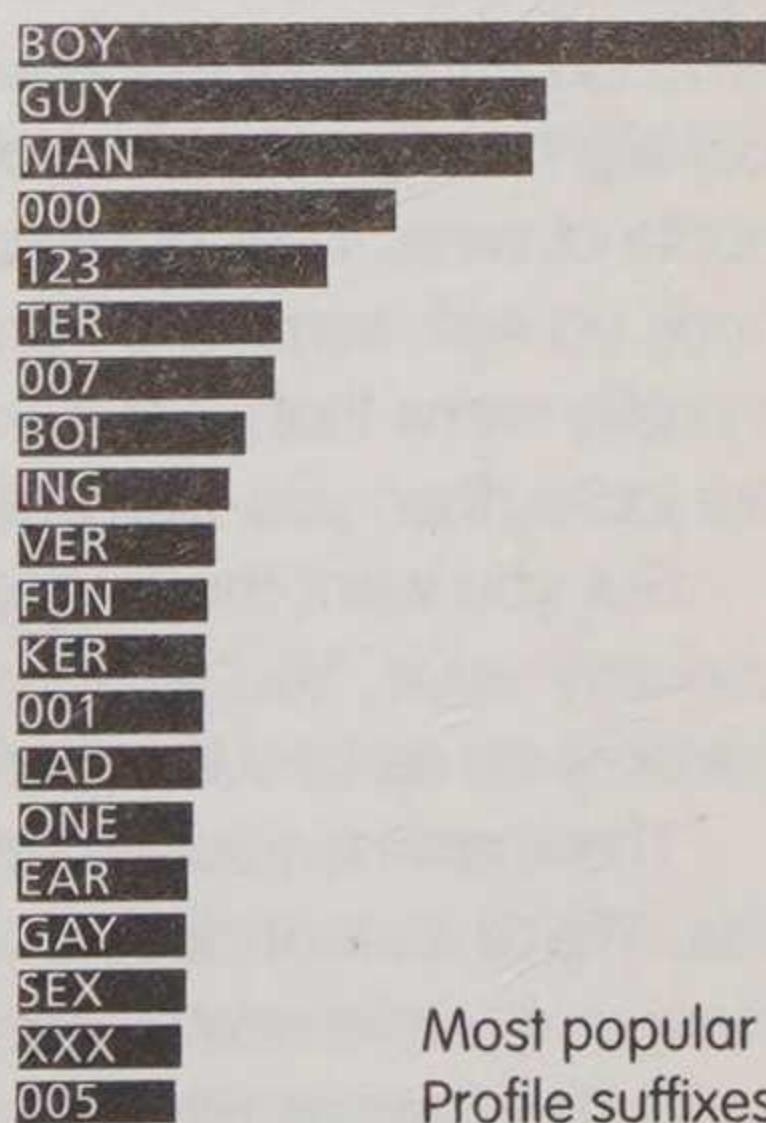
That's who I think I am. A big gay cliché, I know. But it's enough to get guys looking and then I let my sparkling conversation and irresistible charms do the rest. More about chatting up in Chapter 3.

The question now is: *who do you think you are?*

## Picking your profile name

Your parents thought long and hard about giving you whatever name it is they gave you. John, or something exotic. They went through a lot of options and had lots of rows. At the heart of this debate there were a few key questions. Does it look good on paper? Will it get him beaten up at school? Will it sound dated in five years? But the most important consideration for naming is still this: is it *him*?

They decided what went on your birth certificate. *You* get to decide what goes



on your Gaydar profile (unless you have a weirdly close relationship with your parents). Before you make your mind up, you need to put yourself in the shoes of the men you want to be searching for you. Ask yourself the question: Is this me? Am I really 'FistofFun' or am I more 'QuietNightIn'?

## ***Looking for friends, sex and love?***

Then you're greedy. But you're not alone. Quite a few of you are after all of it, judging by your profiles! If that's you, then your profile name needs to be multipurpose. It needs to appeal to all of the above. It should say something about the part of you that is you whoever you are with, whatever you are doing.

So, if you think you're absolutely hilarious and you're always the one cracking the jokes then go for 'MrComedy'. That works better than 'MrFunny', which is a bit disturbing and suggests maybe you smell 'funny' or are a bit 'funny' in the head. 'FunnyGuy' is not good for all those reasons and it suggests you're obsessed with Barbra Streisand.

If you're fairly relaxed and don't do drama or even too much excitement, then go for 'Chilled'. Except you can't cos that profile name is taken. What's the first thing he says about himself in his profile? 'Easy going and friendly I like to chill, drink with friends.' See, this man is CHILLED! It's better than 'ChilledDude' because 'dude' is just too 80s. Ditto 'ChilledGuy' because you also don't want to confuse people by making them think your actual name is Guy. 'ChillPill' suggests you might be permanently stoned or on medication and that you're actually aggressively laid-back and think everybody else just needs to CTFO (chill the fuck out).

Multipurpose names are actually the hardest ones to get right—try to say everything and you end up saying nothing. But you can get it right. 'Heterosexually challenged' covers it all. Anyway, you won't go far wrong if you follow the '15 golden profile rules' at the end of this chapter.

## ***Looking for sex?***

Who isn't? Let's face it, you aren't scouring the local cruising room at 2 a.m. looking to expand your circle of friends or find someone to share a DVD and a bottle of wine. 71% of respondents to our Gaydar survey said they hoped to hook up with someone from the Dar. If you're looking for sex, then you need a profile name that's hot. Sure, one man's stud is another man's dud. If you don't like jocks, then you won't click on my profile. Fine—Gaydar is all about choice.

But you want the men you want to choose you and not just out of freakish curiosity value. You've got to sell yourself. I don't mean quit your job and become an escort. I mean: market yourself. Brand *you*!

There are hundreds of thousands of profiles on Gaydar with sex in the title. That's a lot of people who need to get off NOW! I probably wouldn't choose a profile name with sex in it. (A) It's obvious you're interested in sex—you're on Gaydar. (B) There are too many similar profiles already, so you'll just

get lost. (C) If you need to say that something is sexy it usually isn't. So there.

It's best to be direct about sex. To. The. Point. Ideally you shouldn't need to read the rest of the profile—a good profile name is like a perfect headline, it says it all. Here are some examples so brilliant they need no other explanation, but I can't resist commenting:

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- Hung\_fit\_guy (He's in South Beach—typical!)
  - Tall\_cocksucker (He's 6'7" so he better be good at kneeling down.)
  - Fatboyslave29 (The 29 is apparently his weight in stone.)
  - assneedsahand (The pictures are quite a handful.)
  - \_cheaptramp\_ ('Hobbies: eating, drinking, shopping, shagging and generally misbehaving.')
  - 2hotfitlad (I saw them first!)
  - hardffboy (He's 39. That's a man, not a boy.)
  - smallcock45 (Poor man, he's really not lying.)
  - fannydodger09 (Stating the obvious for a gay site but he doesn't, apparently, like the fanny.)
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## ***Looking for love?***

Awwww. You're such a romantic! And the good news is, you're not alone. Love is the third most popular search term on the Dar. After sex. The second most popular? I'm not telling, for now. Anyway, there are a lot of men looking for love. Men who want to pair your socks, meet your parents and buy you tacky jewellery. Personally, I probably wouldn't choose a profile name with love in it. (A) It's needy. (B) It's needy. (C) It's NEEDY!

The reassuringly sweet number of 'looking for love' profiles does totally destroy the myth that Gaydar is all about sex. Not that being all about sex is a problem. Sex is good! We \*heart\* the sex! It's just that some of us are looking for a bit more. Most of us are looking for sex AND love. But that doesn't make for the catchiest profile name, which is probably why 'loveandsex79' is still single.

## ***Who are you really? What to write in the 'About' bit***

OK, you got the profile title right—someone has actually clicked on you. Your pic hasn't sent them running off to be sick (tips on profile pics in the next chapter). Now you get to tell them a bit about yourself. But what to say?

No need to worry about stuttering or shouting over music or being rejected by a closet case or saying something stupid you wish you could take

back. You have a delete button! And spell check! The person who has looked at your profile is actually interested. They're a solid prospect. All you have to do now is not turn them off. Easier said than done.

The worst thing to write is nothing. 76% of profiles actually have something in the About bit. So if you leave it blank, you're sort of saying that you're a blank. A great big nothing. You're a total void and no one is going to waste their time (unless you've got a massive cock in your profile pic). FACT!

It's also not cool to write 'No one reads this bit'. They do. Most irritating of all is 'Ask me'. Why should I ask you? I've already clicked on your profile. Why should I waste a message so you can copy and paste a supposedly interesting reply? Why not show people some respect and actually tell them something?

Some things not to start off with:

- 'My mum/ex/fag-hag doesn't understand why I'm still single.'  
No one cares about them.

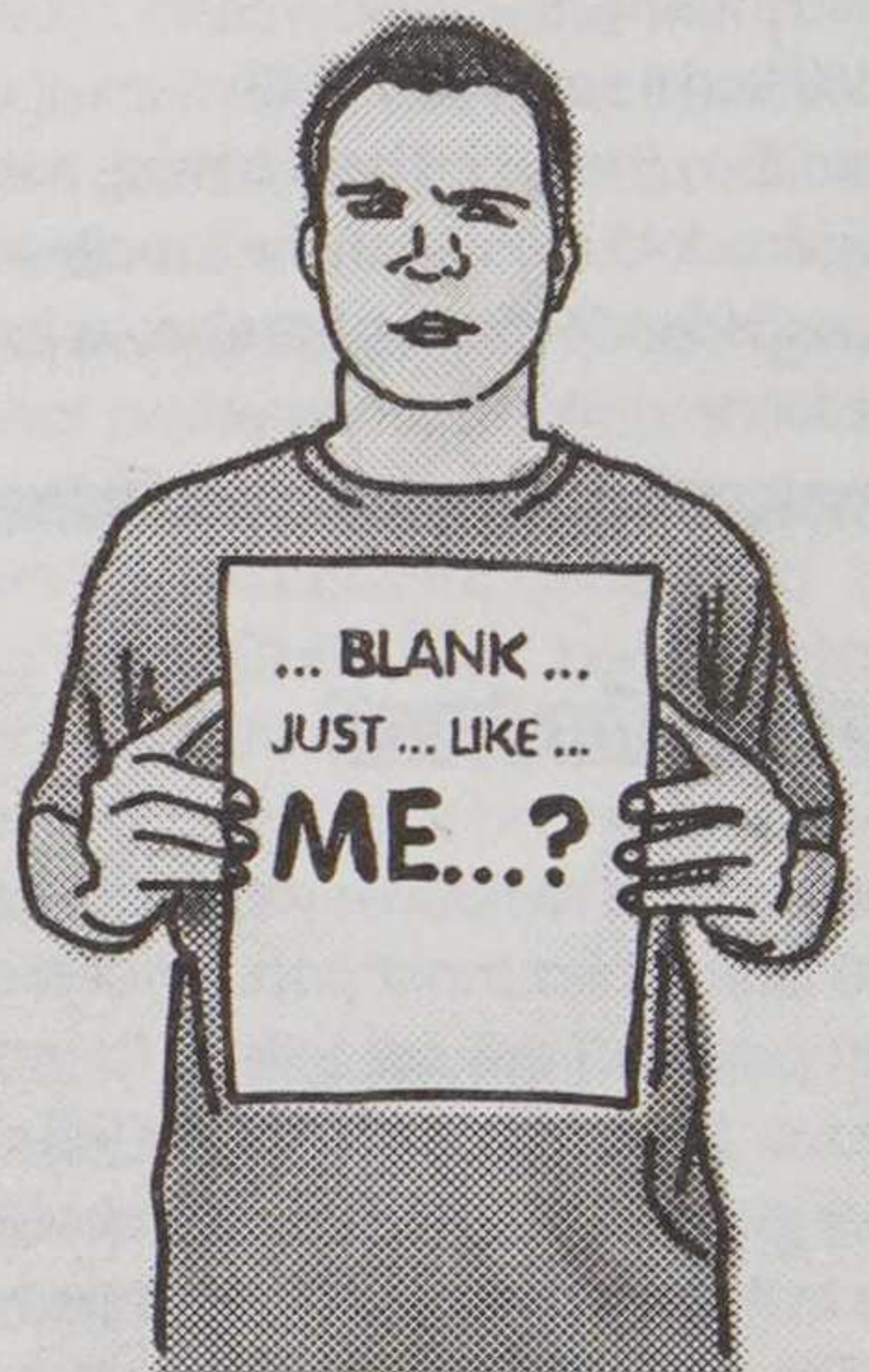
What you've done is shrivel Mr Interested's cock. So no mum/ex/fag-hag comments.

- Also not good is a list of NOES: 'No fats, no fems, no goths...' and on it goes. Nobody cares about what you DON'T like. It makes you sound jaded and seriously negative. A list of noes is not very attractive or encouraging.
- Slagging off Gaydar is funny. But it's sort of like standing in a club talking about how much you hate it. If you hate it that much, go home! And if you don't, shut up and stay and say something nice, you bitchy little queen.

Keep the 'About' to no more than 150 words. The average is 107 words long. Anyway, you're not J.K. Rowling. This is not a book. It's a pitch—you're selling yourself. So write in the present tense and the first person. Try to be funny (but remember not everyone shares your sense of humour). And run a spell check (in a program like Word)—unless you're going for that hot dumb

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Percentage of Profiles with something in 'About Me'



look. Here's my 'About':

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This is my 10th year on the Dar. A lot's happened in that time. Most of it curable with one easy dose of antibiotics, I'm happy to say.

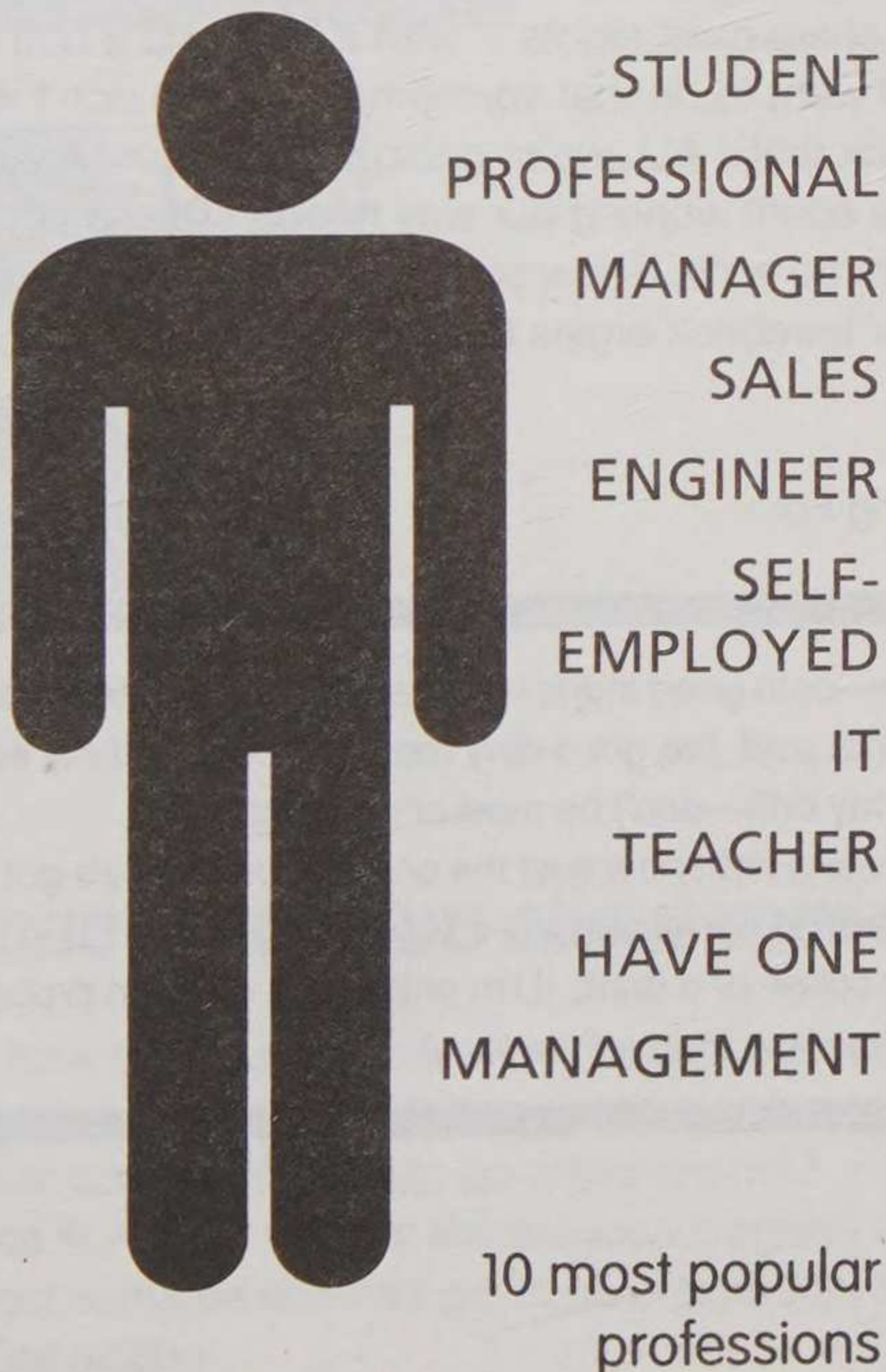
I've made some great friends here—proper down-the-pub and there-when-you-need-them types. I've also had some great shags, not-so-great shags and a couple of 'no way, you are not the man from the pic' moments. I could do without those moments but I'm happy to find more of the same of the rest.

I'm not a jock but I do make it to gym often enough to have identifiable muscles. I was once a boy but at 33 I'm probably pushing that. Doesn't seem to stop a lot of guys on here so I'm keeping it for now.

I live in London but wonder how I can afford to. I've got my own little pad in Shoreditch (Whoreditch, yeh yeh). I'm a journalist and I do some graphic design on the side. Work is important to me but it's not all that's important to me. A man has to have fun. Oh yes, and this man does :)

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See?



## What are you really after? Filling in 'Looking For'

If you knew what you wanted, you probably wouldn't be on Gaydar. But you are. So you need to do the next bit of your profile. It's the same rules as for 'About' really. Cast your nets wide to start. You can always edit your list as you get to know people.

For starters, you *have* to write something. But not 'Ask me'. Guys who write that in both categories take arrogance to a whole new level. Again, a list of what you're *not* looking for is not very helpful. Why not be positive and talk about what you *do* want? Lists of tick boxes are very unimaginative. So you want a 23 and-a-half year-old with a shaved head and northern accent and blue eyes and a 7.5" uncut cock and 33" waist who likes dogs and wears checked shirts? But what if the perfect man has all of the above except that he has a dog allergy? Will he be put off you by your insanely specific list of requirements?

The one NOT it *is* useful to put in, is 'not looking for a boyf'. This might be because you're not after commitment or because you're already in a committed relationship but shagging around. Now is a good time to be upfront so you don't waste time or upset anyone. This is the best way I've seen of saying this: 'Better slip this in before the backlash! I'm in an open relationship so not looking for another one!' Nicely done '...diesel'.

'Someone to share quiet nights in with a DVD and a bottle of wine.' That's OK. We all want to do that sometimes. But we don't want to meet someone and think that's ALL we're going to do. That the next 40 years of our lives will be spent working our way through boxed sets, Ben and Jerry's and cheap red wine. Show some imagination! It doesn't need to be skydiving or bareback orgies but it doesn't have to be *Desperate Housewives*.

Here's my 'Looking For':

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Sanity and sanitary—both good starts whether you're going to be a friend or a...well, something more. That said, I've got a dirty mouth on me. And my flat is never the tidiest. But you get my drift—don't be mad or minging.

I'm seeing someone right now (just the one someone). He's got a profile on here too. Cos we met here! So we're keeping it casual and open.

Hit me up for a coffee or a drink. If I'm online at 2 a.m. I'm probably after something else altogether. Try me then too ;)

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See?

I'm 'Looking For'...

ONE ON ONE 66%

FRIENDSHIP 64%

RELATIONSHIP 52%

EMAIL  
CHAT 44%

GROUP  
SEX 36%

OTHER 33%

## ***Does anyone really care about your 'Hobbies'?***

Yes, people still have hobbies. No, sex is not a hobby. It's a pastime. So, you like Italian food, Judi Dench, G-A-Y; you don't read, you love Kylie; your favourite city is London and you like to go anywhere hot?

CLICHÉ! LOSER ALERT! Look at the fabulous graphics overleaf. They tell you what the most common answers are to each question. How predictable is your profile? Get editing...

<b>SEX</b> 9836	<b>BLACK</b> 3685	<b>LOVE</b> 3401	<b>ASIAN</b> 2610
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<b>BEAR</b> 1264	<b>LEATHER</b> 1260	<b>BOTTOM</b> 1254	<b>MASSAGE</b> 1161

20 most used search terms

## 15 golden profile rules

1. Short is good (when it comes to profile length, I mean).
2. If you put an obvious birth year in your profile, e.g. 1956, don't then claim to be 25 years old. We can count.
3. Don't make the same mistake as I did and tag your age on your profile name. You're not going to be 21 for ever—tragic, I know.
4. **Numbers.** Sometimes you need to shove a number at the end to get the name you want, e.g. SubBoy123. Try to use memorable number sequences but not 999 or 666 (unless you're turned on by A&E or Satan)
5. **Boi.** This is not how you spell 'boy'. Using 'boi' in the title suggests you spend your life shoplifting alcopops in Asda.
6. A-w-k-w-a-r-d punctuation is really annoying. Don't do it! Use dashes OR dots OR underscores. Not a combination. It's like putting love hearts over the letter *i*. Unacceptable!
7. DO NOT USE CAPITAL LETTERS. IT'S LIKE SHOUTING ON YOUR MOBILE PHONE AT A WEDDING! Okay, use them SPARINGLY!
8. **Using your job.** 'What do you do?' is usually the first question anyone asks. 'TeacherStud' might get you into trouble at school but it turns on men seeking discipline. Doctors, lawyers and City types move to the front of the queue. 'CheckOutStud' doesn't have quite the same ring. My favourite is: 'toothfairy1973' A dentist! And a fairy! BTW, 'Student' is the most popular profession listed on Gaydar.
9. **Measurements.** XXL, VVWE, Hung, Super-hung, Muscles...all good so long as they're all true. You'll only disappoint him when he finally meets you.
10. **Kylie or Madonna.** You might like them—you might love them. But are they really all you are? I'm interested in you, not your iPod.
11. **Tag-fags and label queens.** If you're 'ChanelQueen' or 'DieselFag', then we know just what to expect. Same goes for 'NikeGay' and 'AdidasQueer'. Maybe



you should express this in pictures rather than in your name? No, you're not that subtle, are you?

12. **Fetishes and preferences.** If you're into scat—fine. Be 'Scatboy28'. But don't expect many invitations to afternoon tea parties or offers of dates from boys that don't enjoy eating shit.
  13. **Saying you're sexy.** Let other people decide if you're sexy or not. Hot works, cos it's a bit ironic. Buff does too. But saying you're sexy? Ewwww!
  14. **Too cute!** Puppy, kitten and cute are unacceptable profile names. There is such a thing as not dirty enough.
  15. **Don't lie** (too much). It's a profile, not a CV. But outrageous lies about being blond (when you're bald), being tall (when you're a midget), being hung (when you've practically got a vag) and being funny (when you're not) will be discovered. Be honest with and about yourself!
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**Midlandswimmer** Disaster! The promised 46-inch chest was true—but matched by a 46-inch waist! And the long blond hair turned out to be a fringe around the edges...surrounding a mainly bald head!

**Dinker** My boyf and I use it for sex regularly, and 99% of the time the results are good. We're still together; he's the best thing that ever happened in my life.



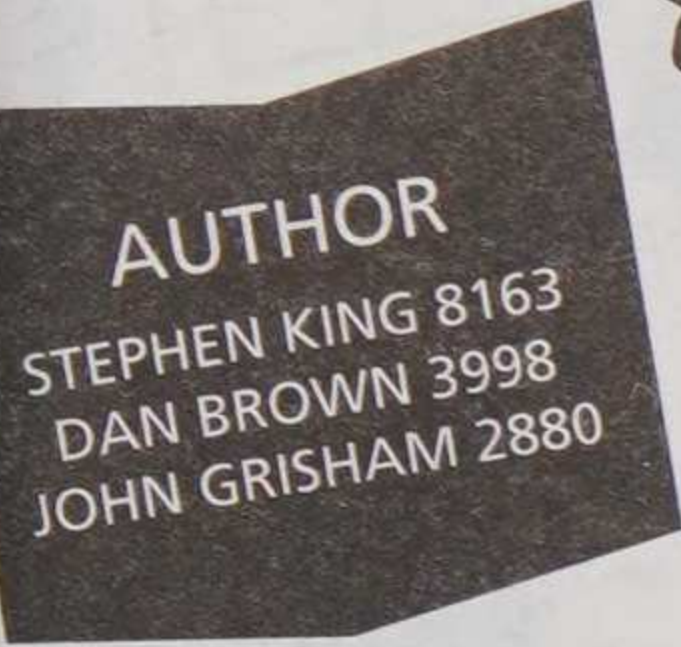
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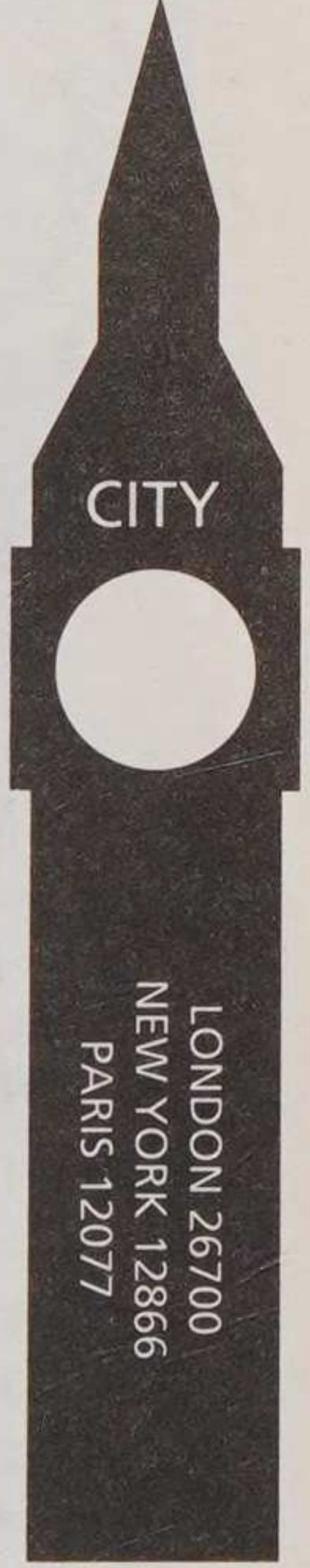
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**COUNTRY**  
 AUSTRALIA 17022  
 USA 14587  
 ENGLAND 12200



**ACTRESS**  
 JULIA ROBERTS 14674  
 NICOLE KIDMAN 9666  
 ANGELINA JOLIE 6229



**CITY**

LONDON 26700  
 NEW YORK 12866  
 PARIS 12077

A Few Of My Favourite Things...  
 Top Ranked in 'Favourite Things' Category



## **Chapter 2**

# **What Do You Look Like? Selling Yourself in Pictures**

- **Rating your profile**
- **What's hot? What's not?**
- **The angle of your dangle**
- **How to spot a fake**
- **Should you use a professional photographer?**
- **Be a porn star**

**petergf** Until Gaydar came along I thought that I had become too old for sex, except anonymously in a sauna. I was too shy & self-conscious to cruise. I had made a (sort of) living as a commercial artist, & in retirement I returned to drawing & painting nude men. Gaydar found me models (gay men love being admired in the buff). One—a man beyond my wildest dreams—insisted in his profile that he fancied older men, but surely not, I thought, as old as me. He posed for me, we talked & laughed, & he suddenly said, 'Now look here! Am I going to be the only one around here with no clothes on?'

**rockies1** I travel a lot and have made friends in several different countries and met up with some of them.

**mike.** I have met several people through Gaydar; Some good, some really bizarre, some bad. All an experience!

You can write all the words you want and make as them as seductive and engaging as, well, me. But if you've got vile/depressing/fake pictures on your profile, you're screwed. Actually, you're not—the very last thing you'll be is screwed because no one will talk to you. A picture can say a thousand words and lead to a thousand men. Or thousands of rejections. How many profiles have you clicked closed while screaming 'NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!'

There's a place in all our lives for electrodes, marrows and cuddly toys.

But is that place really the main pic on your Gaydar profile?

Anyway, as with words, always be thinking—am I after Mr Right or Mr Right Now? If you're after both (and most of us are at some point), then have a range of pictures to suit your needs. Mr Right Now wants to see cock—not a pic of you cuddling Aunty Ethel on Christmas Day. Mr Right might be put off by a cock-only portfolio. Though no gayer has ever *not* fallen in love with another for having a whanger like a can of coke with a still-beating lamb's heart stuck on top.

75% of Gaydar users have at least one profile pic. Since launching in 1999, more and more of us are putting our faces/arses/cats out there. It's a sign of how far we've come



as a community and how far some of us are willing to go. The fact is: the most popular profiles are the ones with pictures. No pic, no chat, no meet. Get it?

Whoever you're after there are some definite dos and don'ts. If only you could Photoshop real life, eh?

## ***Rating your profile***

The lovely boys (not bois, *never* bois) at Gaydar Towers see every—and I mean every—picture on the site. Each one is assessed according to a strict system based on the rules set by the British Board of Film Classification. Those poor boys have seen it all and many remain scarred for life.

Once your pic is out there, it's out there—any fool can work out how to save a picture from your profile. I'm as out as out can be but I wouldn't be thrilled if some idiot sent my cock shots to my mum. So go careful with what you put up and who you send it to. Generally you should trade pics rather than give them out willy-nilly (ahem). You show him yours, he'll show you his. If he doesn't, walk away.

Top tip: always add a watermark using Photoshop so some other guy cannot claim to be you.

## ***The traffic light system***

We make it easy for you to find what you want, when you want it by rating profiles using a traffic light system. So if you only want to see holiday-style snaps set your filter to Blue. If you're up for some naked flesh and some man-bits set it to Yellow. If you want to make your eyes water and your bits bulge set it to Red. If you use Gaydar at work it's probably best to go Blue—unless you reckon your boss is a closet case.

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**Blue** Face shots or fully clothed. Safe for Facebook or your mantelpiece. Smile!

**Yellow** Topless or totally naked; featuring just one soft cock that is not being

**TWO  
MILLION,  
EIGHTY  
SEVEN  
THOUSAND,  
NINE  
HUNDRED &  
FIFTY FOUR**

Number of Profiles  
without pictures

touched; bare arse but no glimpse of the hole.

**Red** Hard cocks, possibly more than one, possibly being touched or going in or out of an orifice; any fetishes such as S&M.

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The traffic light system is always set to the most hardcore image you have. So, even if most of your pics show you frolicking with kittens, your rating will be red if you have just one really filthy snap. There is one other category which the boys call Delete. You don't want to know...really. But there is a list of banned images at the end of this chapter.

What's the most popular pic on the Dar? COCK! Worra shocker! But we're not talking hard cocks. We're talking softies. Yes, it turns out most of you think your most attractive feature is your flaccid penis. Now call me crazy, but is it really? I mean a soft cock might promise potential but it's not all that hot on its own. Is it? *You* seem to think so. According to those tireless customer service queens, if you have a cock as your main picture you probably won't have face pics. But if your main pic is your face you'll probably have cock shots in your private pics. FACT!

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## What's your dick size?

Here are the real definitions and numbers of average dick sizes:

<b>XS</b>	7.5 cm (and smaller)
<b>S</b>	7.6–13.7 cm
<b>M</b>	13.8–15.2 cm
<b>L</b>	15.3–18.1 cm
<b>XL</b>	18.2–21.7 cm
<b>XXL</b>	21.7–...

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Source: University of Duisburg/Essen 2004.

You can change your search preferences depending on your mood, status and location. I enjoy searching for Red profiles when horny, drunk or in an Internet café where I know I'll be sure to wind some nosy bugger up.

Of course, if you're a Classic member you can't see any album shots. Another reason to upgrade...

## What's Hot? What's not?

OK, so here are the twenty most-viewed profiles on Gaydar (including some Sex Factor winners). They are the most viewed, so they have to be at least mildly hot. Right?

# BIKERBG

8,003,221

DRIVINGSURFER  
4,341,704

DENIEL  
7,440,678

KELPATRICK  
4,022,899

THOMPSK  
2,075,755

LIMITLESS87  
1,621,593

SEXYHOT  
YOUNGGOM  
1,411,250

HORNDOG27  
1,257,009

ARIA.  
1,215,684

..TAMA  
GOSHI-34  
1,199,614

DAMAS  
BOY  
1,118,858

CAM  
1,040,409

.JPG  
1,038,322

HOLANDES  
896,183

ANDY34  
825,571

FITBOI28  
824,280

.POLICE  
677,961

CUTESPUNKY  
690,977

EHAM02  
619,770

A  
628,1

Most Viewed Profiles

From this list and our exhaustive research we know what's hot and, more importantly, what's not

## What's hot?

**If you've got it, flaunt it.** Handsome face, toned six-pack or b-e-a-u-tiful butt. Show off your best assets. We've all got flaws—save them for when you actually meet.

**Smile!** Sounds obvious, right? But unless you've got teeth like the Queen Mum you need to smile. You don't need to be cheesy but you don't need to look like a serial killer either.

**Interesting? Interested!** Show who you really are, *not* who you dream of being. If you went diving once on holiday and you spend the rest of your time stuck on your sofa, don't pretend to be Mr Scuba. Interests make you interesting. They are your sellable quality. But don't *oversell*.

**Know your style** If you favour skinny jeans or a crisp suit then show it. But any man expecting a stylist who opens the door to find a scally will be disappointed. Be consistent.

**Amputee?** Show all your limbs in their entirety. Make sure you don't cut the top off your head or the hands off your arms.

**Ancient history** You may have looked good on that holiday to the Canary Islands in 1998 but guess what—*that was a decade ago!* Anyone meeting you now is bound to find someone older, possibly fatter and maybe wiser. And it's easy to tell when those pics were taken by right-clicking. So update pics at least every six months.

**Monochrome** Black and white is good. It is. But not if it's because the pic is so old there was no colour camera available (see above).

## What's not hot?

**Pic-less wonders** Show yourself! Having no pictures tells me you're probably not worth seeing or you just can't be bothered. And if you can't be bothered to take a picture...No pics, no nothing!

**'Not me, but what I like.'** Who cares if you like Michael Lucas or Rio Ferdinand. *He is not you. You are not him.* I clicked *your* profile because I want to see a picture of *you*—not the guy you wank about. Best one of these I ever saw was a guy who put up a picture of a McDonald's breakfast—at least he was honest.

**Your ex** So he was hot. So he broke your heart. So what? We don't need to know. Also not cool are the pics where he has obviously just been cut out—especially from your wedding pictures!

**Lying about bareback sex** There's no point saying 'safer sex always' in your profile then having pics of you with a condom-free cock crammed up your arse or doing someone BB. It makes you look like a dodgy liar.

**Your mum** Don't put the poor woman through it.

**Your fag-hag** She's lovely and you love her and we love her too and she'd totally, like, die for you. But do we need to see her and her great big tits?

**Your dog** Uncomfortable bestiality thoughts.

**Your cat** What are you, a lesbian?

**Pop idols** OK, you LOVE Madge. You once posed by her for a photo (at Madame Tussauds). I get it. But an image of your fave singer, cartoon character or holiday location is as pointless as no picture. In fact, it's worse. You're basically saying: 'SpongeBob Squarepants looks hotter than me.' Is that really the message you want to send?

**Grainy webcam shots** Webcams always produce slightly seedy images. Not sexy-seedy. Just seedy like a dirty old man who lives with his mum and does evil things in the box room while she watches QVC downstairs. Buy the best kit you can afford.

**Crazy angles** Oh I'm crazy, me—MAD! Stop with the jaunty angles. They're not clever or interesting. Also, avoid taking a picture of yourself from above. It basically says: 'I'm fat and I'm trying to hide it.' And don't take a shot of your face from below. It makes even the most chiselled face look like a bag of shit.

**Faker!** Worse even than the 'Not me but what I like' picture because it's *pretending* to be someone else—a celeb, a porn star or just someone very very hot. You wouldn't walk into a bar wearing a Matt Damon mask, so why try it online? Wrong... and LAME! You will get caught—if not online, certainly when you turn up looking like Mr Average (or probably Less Than). See our tips on 'How to spot a fake'.

**Background** Avoid obviously crap locations like your mum's front room (doilies are not hot), bus stops (really!), shops (yawn) and cheapo hotel rooms. Dark nightclubs are also bad. Remember, you're a gay—you don't need to be Jack from *Will and Grace*, but some style might be nice.

**Domestic drama** Life can be dull—we've all got dishes to do. But no one wants to see them when they're cruising online. Also banned: electric fires, beds with horrific fit-inducing duvets, beds with Nazi-esque metal frames, floral wallpaper, your damp-looking bathroom with mouldy shower curtain, or dirty kitchens that Kim and Aggie wouldn't touch. Try the living room (but not in front of the TV) or even the hallway (it's usually neutral).

**Man in the mirror** No need to pose this way now as even basic phone cameras have timers. So set your timer and put the camera on surface at the right height before moving away. Or get someone else to take the picture—dirty!

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## ***The angle of your dangle: private pics***

The same basic rules apply. Be brightly but not painfully lit, be looking your best (clean is a good start) and be smiling (if you're doing full-frontal). Obvious warts, sores, etc. are not good—get them sorted, boys!

Remember: Almost anyone can copy images and save them, so pics can be circulated or profiles faked. This is a global problem, not a Gaydar

problem. Use watermarks on Photoshop, or do what I do and just make sure your face and cock are never in the same shot.

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## How to look good naked: hints and tips for taking hot private pics

**Glorious Technicolor** For some reason, private pics look better in colour—they're more alive. Black and white is good for moody but it's hard to take that seriously when you're starkers.

**Ready for your close-up?** Closer is better but not so close we can see individual pores. So glad Gaydar is not in HD.

**Fruit and veg** Have you ever felt the desire to seductively arrange apples, oranges and grapes around your crotch? Or insert a banana? No? Good. There are easier ways to get your five-a-day.

**Compare this** Small, average, large, extra large? Generally speaking, the following objects should not be used to provide a size comparison: mobile phone (unless it's a huge 80s brick and you're bigger!), beer bottle, cigarette, cigar, soft-drink can, deodorant stick, banana (see above), knitting needle, book (unless it's the Bible) or arm ripped from a toy doll. Use a ruler or one of those fun downloadable size charts.

**Splish-splash** It's nice to know you're clean but why take a picture of yourself in the bath? It's not a Flake advert. Get a grip, man! Weirdly, shower shots can be hot (golden or not).

**Giving head?** Some guys obscure their faces to protect their identity in naked/sex shots. I think this is fair enough if you feel you have to, but there are good ways (blurring using Photoshop) and bad ways (decapitation). You can always send cock and head shots separately if you're paranoid.

**Black hole** Rimming, fingering, fucking, whatever—they're all hot. But what's not hot is you lying on your back writhing like a beetle while parting your cheeks to show us your bum hole. It's not hot. Not really. Especially not close up.

**Harder!** So the harder you are the bigger you are and we all know bigger is better. But don't stress yourself out trying to get the perfect shot of your perfect boner. It won't happen. Some guys even take Viagra before! Work out the best angle—usually lying on your back shooting down or sitting in a chair shooting forwards or even standing side on. Top tip: Take practice pics while soft to be sure all the elements are right. Get a boner and then take your shot(s).

**Accessories** NO cuddly toys or teddies on the bed, no nasty towels or tea towels for spillages, no flickering screens in the background, no soiled sex toys and no pets!

**No paparazzi!** You in a nightclub surrounded by drunken mates with your pants down, you on a plane (trolley-dollies, beware!), you falling out a cab, you dancing in a feather boa, you with shopping bags...you're not Jordan. So don't.

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## How to spot a fake

It's the Internet. There are fakes. You wouldn't give a Nigerian bank manager your details for a share of \$10 million so don't send your mobile number to 'David Beckham' *hoping* it's him. It's not him. We've got plenty of celebs on Gaydar but not him. See Chapter 8 for tantalising details. The general rule is: if it looks too good to be true, it is.

Here are some simple ways to ensure you don't get stiffed (in a bad way):

- **Cock collage?** Are all those cocks the same? Check for shape and distinguishing veins. It's not unknown for men to take all their favourite images and present them as one super-cock.
- **Too professional?** If they're all in soft focus with flattering angles, then be wary. Anyone who has no 'real-life' shots should be treated with caution. They're more likely to be a porn star than a person (not that porn stars aren't people but you know what I mean).
- **Great expectations?** Find his worst picture—the one where he looks a bit rough. Times this by three and imagine him with a hangover. This is what he's going to look like. Probably. It's not cynicism, just realism.
- **Celebs!** Everyone knows about Boy George on Gaydar but there are plenty more. Only one or two have their own photos on public display (and they're 'celebrity drag queens'). So don't be fooled.
- **Age in Gaydar years versus reality?** Add at least 5 years if over 30, 10 years if over 40, bus pass if over 50. Probably.

## Should you use a professional photographer?

Let's face it: some of us just can't take pics. I know I can't. You can get a friend to do it for you—they know your look and you'll be relaxed around them so look better in shots. Also, they're free. Studio shots are becoming more common on the Dar. Some even involve hair, make-up and wardrobe! They can be fun to do and look great but they can also look cheesy. Rolling around on a white fur rug with a rose between your teeth? Just make sure you get what you pay for—most charge between £50 and £100. Make sure they agree not to use your pictures as part of their commercial portfolio or sell them on.

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The age of users most likely to have hardcore pics on their Profiles

## Be a porn star: making a video for Gaydar

Following the success of sites such as xtube and gaytube, Gaydar introduced video profiles. They've taken off in a big way and there are now thousands on the site. It's a good way of showing more of your character (if you have one) or just your hot body.

Follow the tips for taking photos. Additionally:

- Don't move the camera around—it's not the *Blair Witch Project*. Use a tripod.
- Make sure the lens is really clean.
- Don't make your video longer than 30 seconds.
- Don't have loud music in the background or TV noise.
- Speak clearly (if you're going to speak).
- Go for something more interesting than the webcam at PC shot—it's not an ad for confused.com.
- Make sure you have adequate—but not excessive—lighting.
- Don't film anyone else without their consent.

**79%**

CLEAN

**16%**

ADULT

**6%**

HARDCORE

Proportion of 'clean' to 'rude' pics

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## Banned images (information straight from those hard-working customer service gays)

We're all about acceptance and openness—it's your sexuality. So long as you're not harming anyone or yourself, we're OK. But there are some things we can't and won't show:

**No children allowed** This is an adult site. It's for adults. So, if there's any image with children in, even a holiday snap, it'll be removed. We know there are lots of gay dads out there, and we fully support their choices, but we don't feel it's appropriate to have images of children on Gaydar. We'd also recommend not detailing information about your children anywhere on your profile.

**No weapons** If you're a sensible, sane person, then you don't need to be told, but weapons are not cool. Pictures of you holding guns, wielding knives or any other kind of weapon will make you look ridiculous. Men may even wonder what all that aggression is a cover for. We won't glamorise aggressive or threatening behaviour.

**Rape alarm** Many of our members like rough sex. Or the idea of it. Nothing wrong with a bit of throw-down. We're not judging. We look at every image to ensure that the sex is consensual because we look after the safety of our members. If it's not clear that an image is just a fantasy or totally consensual, then we may suspend the image and ask the member to qualify the situation.

**PS: Vaginas!** This is Gaydar but lots of you are bisexual (or pretend to be cos you think that's hotter than being just plain gay). Because bisexuals are part of the Dar community, bisexual images are too. We've had requests to remove pictures of women and vaginas but we won't. If you don't like it, don't look. No one's asking you to lick it.

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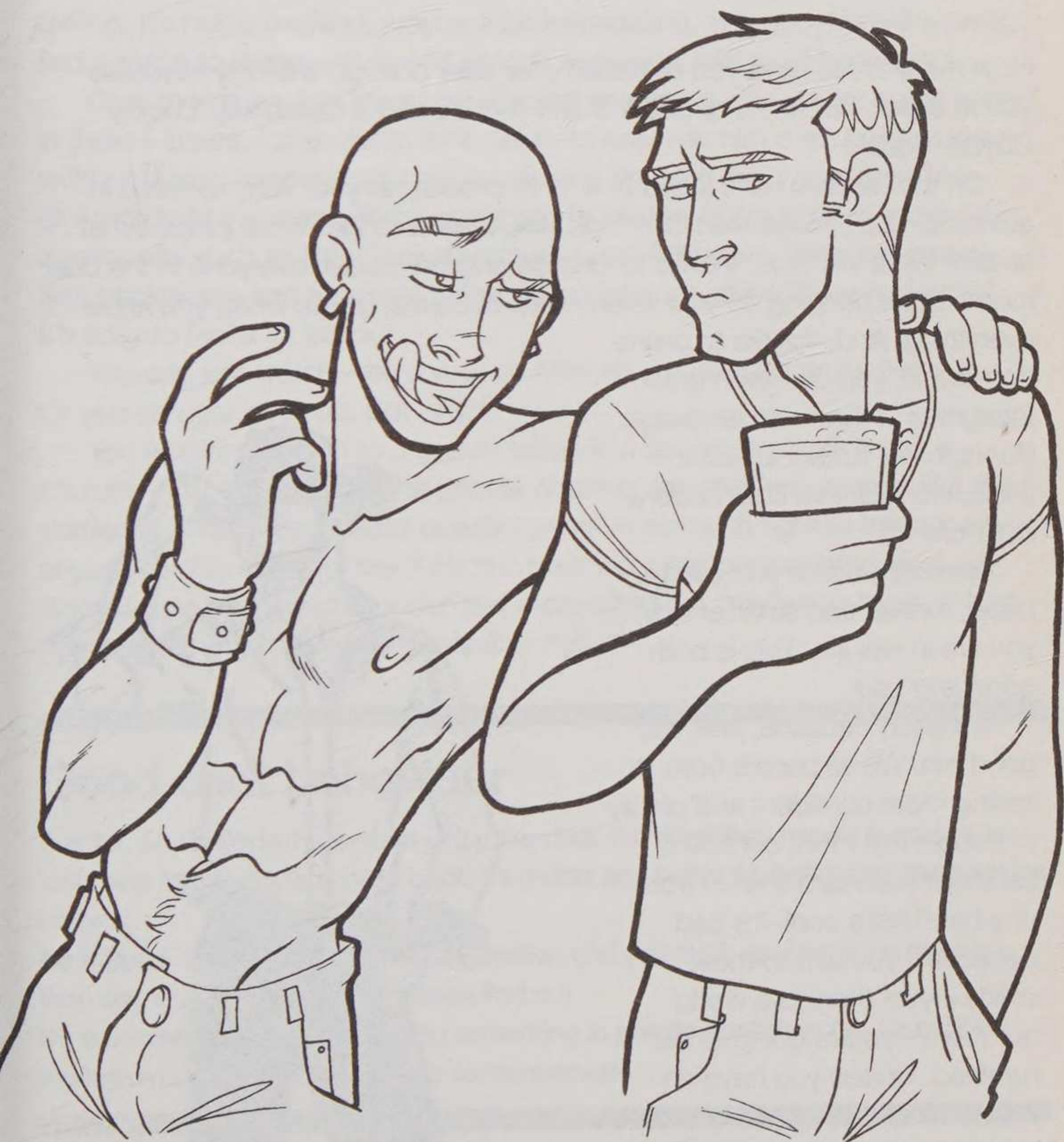
**cocktail74** What do you do when you meet the person you've been talking to and they look nothing like their pictures? Do you say 'Thanks, but no thanks'? Tell them 'No fuckin' way'? Or grin and bear it because you are horny? That has been my dilemma many times and I still don't know what the right answer is...

**vau9cav** I'm fairly tolerant and liberal and don't mind if a guy wants to wear ladies' underwear but was unprepared when one guy on second meet was dressed as a bride in white—the works, wedding dress, veil, flowers!

# **Chapter 3**

# ***Online Etiquette***

- **Chat**
- **To private or not to private?**
- **He's just not that into you**
- **Chat-up lines**
- **Spotting timewasters**



**miss\_la\_mort\_80** There have been the Good the Bad and the Ugly and wonderful new friends as well as many old friends from Gay Lib days. As an older man I have been reunited with guys I met in the early 70s. You can never keep us older gays down. After all us oldies fought for gay rights and the results are to be seen on Gaydar everyday. Gay Liberation!

**Hrhvanity** It's really hit and miss—sometimes I have a ball and good times; other times it's a little short of ideal; but either way it's something I'll continue doing...It's addictive...it's an enjoyable hunting ground, but sometimes Sundays disappear in a blur...

**cute\_ass23** Lots of experiences though recently had the best—found an experienced master who showed me an amazing time! Gaydar has been perfect for exploring fetishes and new sexual experiences.

How many times have you delivered your killer chat-up line only to realise you're drunk, not funny or both? If only real life had a delete key. Luckily Gaydar does!

On the Dar you have loads of time to prepare all your witty remarks in advance. You'll make Alan Carr look like Alan Partridge. What jokes! What charm! What wit! And, thanks to Google and Wikipedia, everyone in the chat room will be hanging on your every word because, guess what, you know everything! And, thanks to online translation, you can even greet foreigners in their own language. Buongiorno, ItalianHottie34! ¡Hola, HungLatino! Dzień dobry, BuffPolePig!

Basically, online you can be faster, funnier and smarter than you are in real life. This is both good *and* bad.

It's good because, well, it's good fun. We all benefit from feeling more confident and plenty of people feel more confident behind a keyboard than in front of a bar. That's cool. It's bad because if you aim to meet offline—yes, there is a world out there—you're going to be rumbled. Unless you have an inbuilt Wi-Fi connection or phone-a-friend to keep those quips



coming. There's no point building a fabulous online persona if your actual personality doesn't match up.

88% of our users say they have definitely made new friends from the Dar—I have. From drinking mates to full-on bezzies. And 50% say they log on mainly to catch up with existing friends (and maybe make new ones). What a friendly bunch (of bitchy queens)!

Get it right online and you can take it offline. Get it wrong online and the whole thing's off. Here's how to get it right.

## Chat

For starters, hardly anyone seems to use the chat rooms. Everyone is in the Cruising rooms doing a mixture of chatting *and* cruising. So go where it's busy.

You walk into a bar or a café or a club. It's full of people and they're all talking. It's noisy, exciting, maybe a bit intimidating. You get yourself a drink, find a place to stand and try not to look awkward. We've all been there.

Chat rooms are just the same. Except you know who you're going to find in there—Bears, Large Penis fans, Dildo-lovers. You can even peek at them without having to reveal yourself by clicking Thumbnails. Sometimes they all seem to know each other—especially in places where there is a big gay community such as Brighton, Manchester and Glasgow. There the banter flies backwards and forwards online and continues offline in the real world. It's easy to feel a bit left out.

You can just watch—be a voyeur. After all, we all need an audience! Or you can get involved. But how?

You wouldn't butt in to a conversation in a bar, so don't do it online. It's rude—especially when the people chatting are obviously mates. But if someone is asking a general question, you've as much right to answer as anyone to chip in about the *X Factor*, your local gay bar or some local gay. Some users might shout louder and more often but they've no more or less right to be there than you—remember that.

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## Good chat behaviour

**Say hi!** Say hello/hi/hiya when you enter chat. But don't then expect everyone to rush over to you and say hello back. It's a start and better than standing there saying nothing.

**Be helpful** If someone is asking a question and you think you know the answer then say. If you're wrong, you'll soon find out.

**It's a secret!** If someone tells you something in private don't then broadcast it to mainroom unless you can handle consequences.

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## Bad room behaviour

**CAPS LOCK!** SHOUTING IN CAPS IS CRAP!!!!!!!!!! DITTO LOADS OF EXCLAMATION MARKS!!!!!!!!!! IT MAKES YOU LOOK, WELL, DUMB!!!!!!!!!!

**Boring!** You know what—only boring people get bored. And if you're generally fascinating but having a bored moment *please*, don't feel the need to share with the room. It's not interesting. In fact, it's boring.

**Flooding!** It's like being a bit hammered and screaming the same thing over and over in someone's face and showering them with spit. It's *rude* and boring! Gaydar gets loads of complaints about flooding and they do act on them. Beware!

**TMI!** Be wary of sharing Too Much Information. We advise against posting your mobile/email/address/credit card number/national insurance details in the main chat room. See Chapter 5 for more details about online privacy.

**Racist!** Using any kind of racist language or abusing someone for their religion, ethnicity, age or ability will, quite rightly, make other users angry with you and may well lead to complaints, which Gaydar takes very, very seriously indeed. Don't go there.

**Ageist!** You might not be into older guys—that's fine. But we've all got an old man inside us (ahem!). You won't always be twenty-something. So don't have a go at your fellow gayers just for having a few years on you.

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## To private or not to private?

A private chat is the same as some random coming up to you in a bar and starting to talk. Could be fun, could be psycho. If you're not comfortable with that risk, adjust your settings so you can't accept privates. Easier on Gaydar than real life—you don't need to stand there playing with your phone or looking moody. Just click No.

Guys who set their status to say 'Privates are OK' are basically begging you to talk to them. That's fine. But I just assume everyone on Gaydar wants to talk—that's why they're in chat rooms and not sulkrooms. If you do private someone and they ignore you or tell you to get lost, then it's their loss. I think that's rude—like turning your back on some hopeful stranger who's said hello. If someone does hit you up and you're not interested, just say you're busy or something. If they persist in bothering you right-click Ignore. And if they message you complaining about this, then let Gaydar know. They'll sort them out.

## ***He's just not that into you***

Gaydar doesn't get loads of complaints from users. We're generally a fairly happy bunch, surprisingly as we can be so prissy and pissy. But one of the top complaints is from guys who've been rejected and just don't get it. Sadly, they think there's a technical reason their message isn't getting through. Many rejects become abusive when they realise this is not the case. Newsflash: HE'S JUST NOT THAT INTO YOU! Accept it and move on because, guess what, you've rejected plenty of guys.



What goes around, comes around. That's just the way it is, so try to be civil.

## ***Chat-up lines: Starting and finishing privates***

Do not use:

- Hi mate!!!!!!!!!!
- Sup m8????
- Wot u into????
- Wanna fuck????
- Hey!
- Stats?
- Cock shots?
- BB?

We've all heard them. You might even have used them once or twice yourself. Obviously I NEVER would. Ahem. Following it up with 'I won't bite (unless you ask)' is even worse.

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## **Some of the worst chat-up lines I've seen on the Dar:**

- If I'm a pain in your arse, we can just add more lube.
- Fancy making a porno?
- I know Jedi mind tricks. Go home with me tonight you will.

- Do you work for Royal Mail? Cos I swear I saw you checking out my package.
  - I'm a doctor and I'm here to offer a free ball exam
  - Spit or swallow?
  - Top or bottom?
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So how do you know what will work? First, check his online status—if he's just 'looking for chat', then hitting him up for a fuck is probably not going to go down well. Equally, asking about his fave club is not going to do it for a man who's only typing with one hand and has his status set to 'MEET NOW'. But you never know. Lots of guys don't change their status very often so it's worth a try.

An opening line based on his profile is going to be more personal and get a better result. So read his profile first! You might find he has a boyf and just fancies a quickie—that way you won't fall in love with someone you can't have. Or he lives just round the corner, so you're on your way.

For some guys, just asking their name is a bit much. Ditto their job or whatever. Especially those non-scene/married/bi types. So take it slowly. Don't be too full-on. It's a balance.

If English is not his first language, and he's told you his nationality, then try for a cheeky greeting in his own tongue. Just Google the language; it's easy. You'll soon get caught out if you pretend to be multilingual but it's a friendly thing to do.

Ending a private is like finishing any other conversation. If he's interesting, save him to your Faves/Friends for another chat another time. If you're planning to hook up straight away, see Chapter 6. If anyone says TTFN they mean Ta-Ta For Now and they've been watching way too much Gossip Girl. Don't then go offline and go back online again to see if he has gone or if he's chatting to other guys. It makes you look crazy, and who cares if he is? That's what Gaydar is for, right? If your chat ends really abruptly, he might have lost his connection,



run out of time in the Internet café or been caught by his flatmate/boyfriend/mum (most likely).

Classic members (that's guys who don't pay for membership) have a limit to the number of messages they can send and save. Fully paid-up members can send and save as many as they like. I've got over a thousand saved messages. I like to think that one day, when I'm old and no one wants to do me any more, I can look back on all the compliments I've had. Obviously I'm not that sad, not really. But seriously, it's fun to look back through your old messages sometimes. And there's no harm in seeing if that hot guy you chatted to years ago is still around. Hit History so you can see the whole conversation.

It's easy to block messages from annoying blokes. Just click the icon with a little X in a circle on his profile. You can also find out if a guy has received your message or not by asking for a notification when he does. Personally I'd rather not know and cling to the hope it just got lost. Weak, I know.

## ***Spotting timewasters***

Taking it slowly is one thing but if you've been chatting to a guy for weeks/months/years and you still don't have a number or an email address, then it's probably never going to happen. If you've got suspicions, it's OK to ask guys in the chat room if this man is a known timewaster. See Chapter 6 for more details.

**Muscleskinuk** We've been together just over eight years now. I spotted him when the number of pages of who's online didn't go nearly as high as it does now. We exchanged messages, chatted in the chatroom and met up a few days later. Within a few weeks, he was staying at mine more than at his, and a year or two later we bought a place together, then got married... and still have a happy and loving relationship.

**Hitop.n.bottom** A guy said he was 43 ex-Army so I went to his place turned out he was closer to 75 and had a very ill-fitting ginger wig lol.



## **Chapter 4**

# ***Finding Mr Right and/or Mr Right Now***

- ***Finding Mr Right Now***
- ***Finding friends and maybe Mr Right***
- ***Spotting a married man***
- ***GPS***
- ***Travel Itineraries***

**Maedros** I've had sex with a fair few people I've met off Gaydar. One acquaintance from a similar background has turned into a nice relationship. Another one... Well, let's just say everyone needs a friendly brickie.

**Bluejamie** The key is to chat for a while first and be honest... then they know what they're getting and hopefully so do you. I love the site... I don't go for anonymous sex, I prefer to know the person, and the site works for me on that.

**.fitgeek** Oh goddess where to start??? I'd love to say it's only been a few guys but \*ahem\* let's just say that it's been a few more than a few. Some have been crap (the guy who took a business phone call while I was blowing him off was probably the worst); some have been amazing (the guy who had body type and cock size as average and turned out to be a model with a bad self-image springs to mind) but mostly it's just been the odd couple of hours of good fun every so often. And lots of new things learned.

What are you looking for? Half the time I don't know so I've no idea why you should. Especially not now you've had a couple of glasses of Chardonnay. Whatever, or whoever, you're after, the busiest time on Gaydar is Sunday evening. FACT! That's when the site has most traffic and everyone is most, er, active. Obviously the *Antiques Roadshow* and *Songs of Praise* don't do it for the gays.

There are 6 million profiles on Gaydar—imagine if the entire population of Scotland was gay. It's a whole country of man-on-man action just waiting to happen. And you're a tourist that speaks the language. Amazing! 94% of users say they are single and only 5.5% say they are part of a couple (the other 0.5% live in a group!). Now...we all know quite a few couples where both partners have single member profiles. But if that is cool for them, it's cool for us. Don't be judgy! But do be honest.

You can try to appeal to *both* Mr Right and Mr Right Now. It's not impossible. I really like the way one user put it: 'Looking for anything from mates to a husband... maybe via some hot sex.' I also like this from 'get\_in\_the\_q': 'anything and everything one nighters to who knowsers...not really looking for jus sex but if ur fit and its all u got to offer

# 4.81

Average number of Profiles  
per square kilometre

then why not who am i to say no...?' Seems to cover it all in quite a neat way. It wouldn't put off a hotty or a hubby (or a hotty-hubby). Nice, right?

So whether you're after Mr Right and have ideas for dog names and wedding outfits or you're after Mr Right Now and just plan on doing it doggy-style, you can find what you're after. And if you can't, well, there's only so much I can do.

## ***Finding Mr Right Now (and helping him find you).***

71% of users say they use the Dar to cruise for sex. The rest are just lying. We all do it! 91% say they have had sex with someone they met online (they didn't all tell us what happened—spoilsports!). So there are plenty of people getting some and there is plenty of it going round. Even if they've all got their status set to Browse they're clearly not chatting about knitting patterns and *Coronation Street*, are they?

If you're really after sex and you want it right now, change your status to say Meet. Then put something hot in your online reason box—it's on the top right of the screen. Here are some good ones I've seen:

No strings sex, no problem  
Caution: contents may be hot  
Bttm4tops  
Are you ready to meet up? I AM...  
Seeking attractive horny top/vers guy  
If I'm online, I'm horny.  
..up for it :-)  
Looking to play?  
Horny couple for hot and sweaty sessions.

I also like these—a bit more, well, poetic, almost:

Allow Me To Get Under You...  
Time to get beefy  
Not Really a Slut  
Sleazier than I Look  
Beauty is in the eye of the beerholder.

Choose a chat room that reflects whatever sexual fetish that's vitally important to you. So, if you only want to do black guys (and their admirers) head to that room. But if you're in East London and the most important thing is proximity, then don't go to Aberdeen.

Now you're in the right room, be clear about what you want and what you have to offer (or not). No more than two or three sentences should

do it. Don't flood the room but don't be shy. It's OK to cut and paste your requirements into the main chat every now and then. It does start to look a bit desperate if you've been saying 'meet now' for the past three hours. People will begin to wonder why no one wants to hook up with you. Change your message every now and then.

You can use the same text for a message to anyone you think is hot and up for it. Adding something personal about their profile and attaching your hottest private pics will help. That's how I get so many replies ;)

If someone else has their status set to hook-up now, then it's definitely OK to message them or private them.

## ***Searching for Mr Right Now***

Cast your nets wide. That doesn't mean be a total slag. But if you're too picky you'll turn up only two profiles and that's a lot of pressure on those two guys: 'Hi, it seems you're one of only two men in the world that fit my scarily specific sexual criteria, so...'

If you're into a particular thing and sex just isn't sex without it, then do specify it. But if fisting or watersports is just a nice extra and not a must-have then don't put it down. Obviously you want to select User Online Right Now. There's no point finding Mr Right Now if, right now, he's in Sainsbury's or at work. You can always save him to your Favourites for later.

It's useful to say in your status or in your room info if you can travel or accomm. Lots of guys can't do it back at their own place for whatever reason. There are usually more guys willing to travel than accomm. So if you can accomm you're instantly ahead of the game.

Not everyone who is online is in the chat room. So check out Who's Online to quickly scroll through the list. This list changes constantly, so remember to keep refreshing the page. It'll speed your search up if you ask the site to filter out profiles you've clicked as Not My Type. That way you'll see fewer, but better, guys for you.

You can also search Commercial profiles. These guys have products and, er, services on offer of interest to some members of the community. There are photographers, plumbers, gardeners and the like. You, of course, have to pay them. Be clear about what you're getting into and never give any credit card details out.

## ***Finding friends and maybe Mr Right***

39% of our users say they hope to find love on the Dar. Awwww...And 88% of our users have already made friends on there. Some of those friends have even become boyfriends: 47% have had a relationship with someone they met from Gaydar. Yes, two weeks is a relationship!

If you're really after love or more platonic ties, change your status to say

so. Then put something appropriate in your online Reason box—it's on the top right of the screen. Don't be negative or needy! Here are some bad ones:

...Will I find him this time?  
Any decent guys out there?  
Broken-hearted and desperate  
Why does no one love me?  
Back. Again.

Would you chat to any of those guys? I wouldn't. You can never appeal to everyone but you can do your best not to make everyone hate you! Here are some better examples:

Just looking to chat and...who knows?  
Dates & Mates  
Up for a laugh  
Heterosexually challenged man seeks similar.

Friends can become boyfriends (if it's the other way round then you're on the fast train to Singleville or you're secretly a very old-skool lesbian). Or, after a very awkward attempt at sex, they can stay friends. So always be open to the opportunity to make new pals. It's one of the best things about the Dar. Bursting into a chat room and going on and on about how everyone online is shallow and into dangerous drugs and meaningless sex is not going to make you popular. So what if some of the Dar is like that? It's not all like that. Gaydar is a microcosm—look at me with my dictionary—of the wider world. It's full of the same fabulousness and the same flaws. It's not heaven or hell. It's what you make it. Sometimes you feel like being an angel; sometimes you're a dirty devil. Go figure.

## ***Searching for friends and Mr Right***

Obviously your status is set to 'Browsing'. That's what everyone sets it to—from men who really are just browsing to guys who will burst if they don't actually get off in the next five minutes. So you might want to change it. 'Just chatting' usually really is just chatting. It means you defo don't want to hook up right now.

Obviously your profile is Blue or Yellow because the pictures aren't extreme. Which is good if you're just after people to go down the pub with or a very special person to share your sofa. Such people are likely to be put off by a main pic that shows you acting as a human toilet for half of Wolverhampton.

Searching via hobbies and interests is probably more your style. And maybe use 'friend' as a keyword as that should pick up friend and boyfriend.

Handy that. If you do find a hotty and just fancy a shag, then save them to your faves. If you see someone you just have to discuss *Dr Who* or politics or the latest D&G jacket with, then save them to your Friends. And who knows what will happen? Hot sex is, obviously, very important to all of us and it can definitely lead to something more serious. But the foundation for lasting hotness and love is rarely just rampant fucking. It doesn't need to be a DVD-and-bottle-of-wine night for the rest of your life, but shared interests and hobbies count for a lot.

## Spotting a married man

There's nothing wrong with married guys, straight or gay. It's just, well, they probably won't marry you. Cos that'd mean a divorce first or bigamy and then jail. But if you're looking for Mr Right, you're looking in the wrong place if the guy...

- can never, ever, accomm
- is only available for an hour after work or on Sunday afternoons
- won't give you his mobile number
- claims not to have an email address
- hasn't got a face (pic).
- is wearing a gold band on the fourth finger of his left hand (*duh!*).



## GPS—Gaydar Positioning System: finding gaybourhoods

The Gaydar Positioning System is *brilliant!* Using it you can find the gays nearest to you. So if it's raining, you only want the gays closest but if it's a lovely evening or you've got the taxi fare you can venture further afield.

I love spotting the gays who live in my gaybourhood. Obviously I live in one of the gayest places in the country. And it's not just supergay cos I live here. OK, *mainly* cos I live here. But there's the gay who lives next door (and says he works from home but he's probably on the Dar all the time), the cute student gay who works at the coffee shop, the uber-hot couple who always ignore me when they're walking their stupid little Chihuahua...even the old queen who runs the dry-cleaner's! They're all online for me to look at. It *is* a bit weird that I know him next-door likes being fisted and that I've seen his kidneys hanging out of his bum but that's cool.

On GPS I have my flat, my parents' house (cos let's face it, things get desperate when we have to go back home at Christmas) and my, er, boyfriend's place (OK, so we have 3somes sometimes—get over it!). You can change locations easily.

**SE1**

**BN2**

**E14**

**BN1**

**SE11**

Top 5  
gayest  
postcodes

**PH6**

**M27**

**KW16**

**TQ10**

**PH36**

Top 5  
least gay  
postcodes

- |            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 1          | 2          |
| LONDON     | SYDNEY     |
| 3          | 4          |
| MADRID     | MANCHESTER |
| 5          | 6          |
| BARCELONA  | AMSTERDAM  |
| 7          | 8          |
| PARIS      | MELBOURNE  |
| 9          | 10         |
| BIRMINGHAM | GLASGOW    |

Top 10 gayest locations

Top tip: if you're going away on holiday, change your current location to the place you're going. That way you will appear in the local Who's Online Now and can chat rather than just message guys. Don't forget to change it back though!

## ***Travel itineraries***

Don't leave home without it! Up to three months in advance you can enter your travel details on the Dar. Specify what you're after — tourist dates, diner dates, accomm, sex or just clubbing. This has never failed me! Imagine what it was like before? Wandering some dodgy town with a guidebook in hand hoping to find the one local gay bar. Thanks to travel itineraries I have had sex in most EU nations and quite a few states of America as well as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Morocco. I have flown the flag! Yes, I did catch some rather tough-to-kill crabs in Thailand but that wasn't *really* Gaydar's fault.



And if you want to repay the favour and show some hospitality to some out-of-town gayers, than check the travel tab on Who's Online. That way you can pounce on the fresh meat before anyone else does (or your reputation precedes you). Think of yourself as doing your bit to promote peaceful and pleasant international relations.

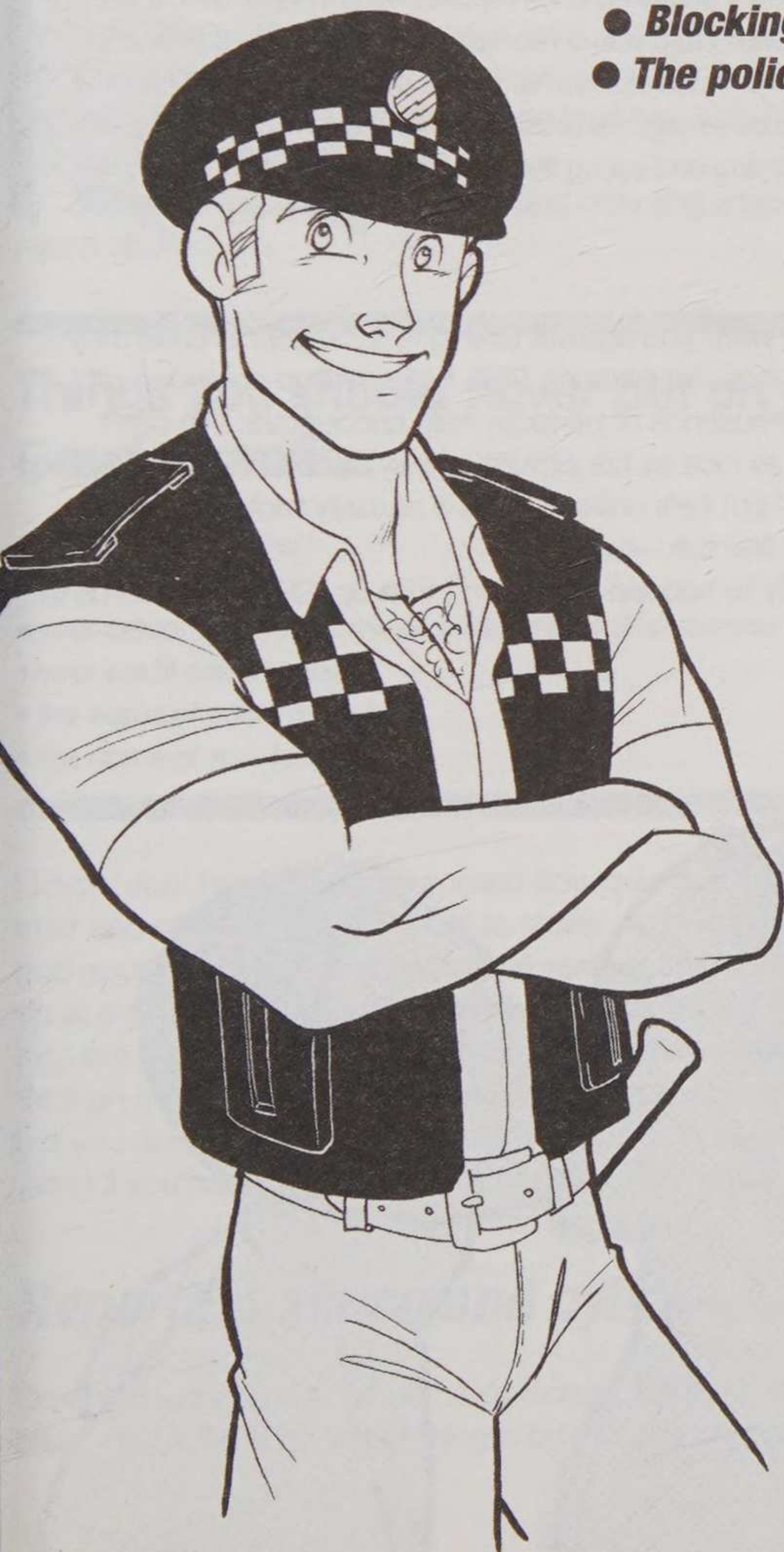
**slzy** It's an easy place to meet local guys and arrange some fun. Mostly good fun; sometimes there are some twats on there too, but mostly you can suss out the timewasters. Visited a guy who had strange dress sense and a bit too camp for me, wanted me to fuck him in his panties and tights and high heels...no mention of that on his profile. Another guy asked me to his house, we were having sex in his bedroom, I noticed some baby clothes on the floor, almost done when his wife came back and caught us, somewhat embarrassing lol. He advertised as a single gay man.

**...focus** I have used the site as a way into talking to new guys locally and after initial chat will exchange messenger addresses and talk more there before arranging to meet them. This often leads to further interaction, including sex of course. I now have a partner of five years (although we do not live together, we are very committed to each other) and we met through Gaydar after he initially sent me an online message that started things rolling.

## **Chapter 5**

# **Safely, Safely Online**

- **Protecting your privacy**
- **Reporting abuse and cyber-stalkers**
- **Blocking people**
- **The police on Gaydar**

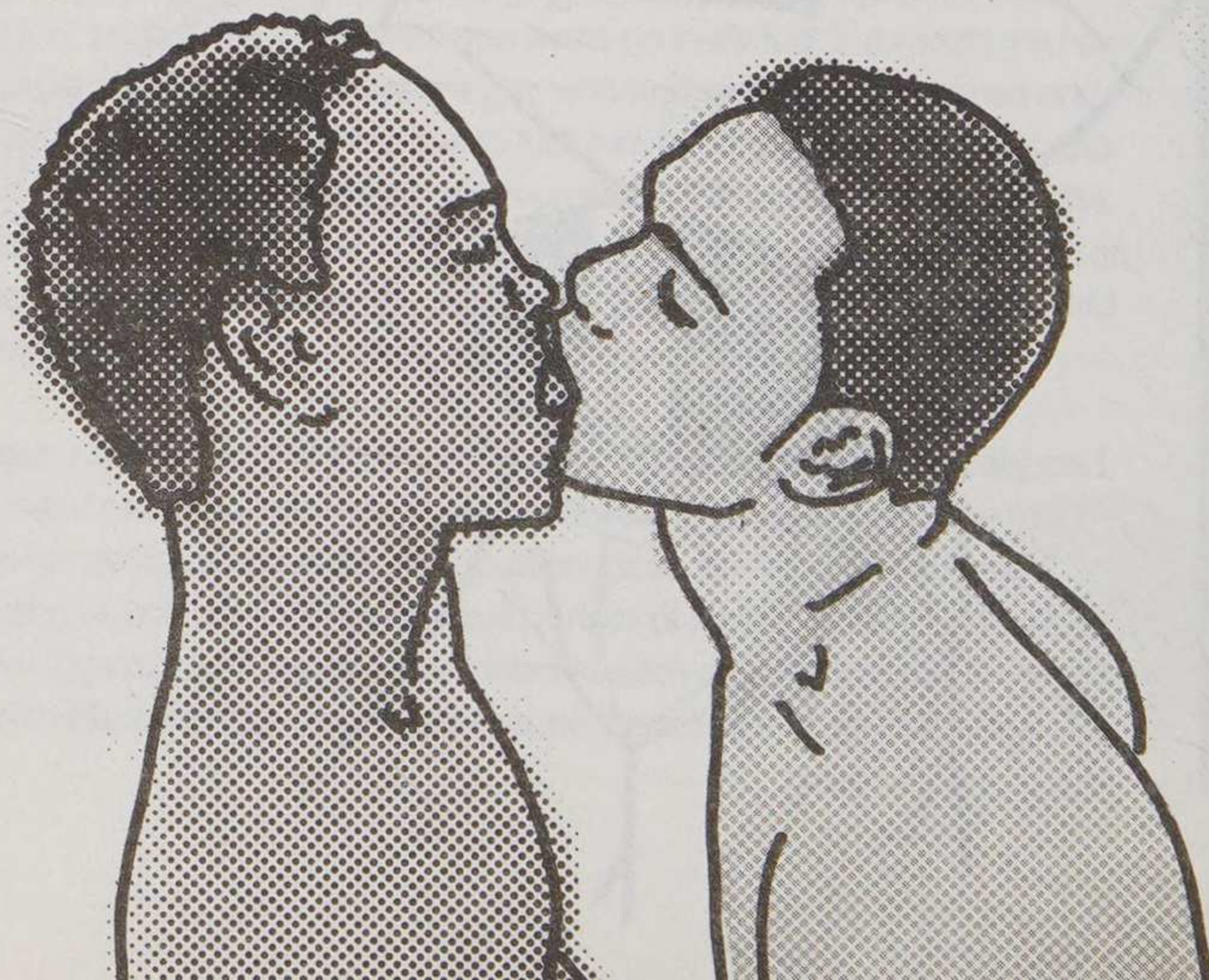


**model4actif1** I've met some great guys on Gaydar—some have been a fab one night; some have been longer flings over several months, some of whom have remained good friends... One guy could have been ideal, but I couldn't get past how his curly hair tickled me when he cuddled up to me at night—silly I know, but it was incredibly annoying...

**hot2handle** We met through Gaydar and for about 3 months we had a series of one-night stands with each other. After that period we realised that sexually we are 101% compatible. We were going out only for sex and explored threesomes, orgies you name it. The thing is, there was no hidden agenda. We both seemed balanced and responsible so we decided to get to know each other beyond bed and a year later we moved in together and have been in a solid and close relationship for the past three years. The chemistry continues to be strong, sex is mind-blowing and love—oh yes, love—feels as fresh, strong and young three years later as it did three years ago.

This is the bit where we warn you against talking to strangers in case they turn out to be total psychos. An amazing 96% have met up someone off Gaydar. That's tens of thousands of perfectly safe encounters. We can't promise the guy will be as nice as his picture or truly understand the meaning of the word 'extra-large' but he's unlikely to be a sexually motivated serial killer. To meet you must first talk—really!

The worst that's likely to happen is he won't turn up. Or he will and he'll be gross.



There are some not-so-nice types online and out there. Gaydar is a community and the customer service people are constantly on the lookout for its members. They respond to your complaints quickly and deal with them fairly and firmly. We're also pretty good at policing ourselves dealing with cyber-bullies and judgemental types.

## ***Protecting your privacy***

Gaydar does not record any conversations in the main chat or in private. That's an urban myth. Member messages are saved automatically for ten days and guests' messages for five days—even if you don't save them yourself. That's done to avoid a 'he said, she said' scenario if someone complains about an abusive message. After that limit they're deleted. The barrage of nonsense we all contribute to in the main chat room disappears just as soon as it is said—PHEW!

So here are some online safety tips including advice on how to report abuse.

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## **Things you should never put on your Gaydar profile:**

- your phone number
- your email address
- your actual address (home or work) or pics of where you live/work
- your credit card number
- the name of your employer
- the name of your fave bar.

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I know, *duh!* But you'd be surprised how quickly some people can win your trust and make you think it's OK to share. And Google is a powerful thing. I've had guys Google me and find out all sorts of crap. One stalker even turned up at my local in the hopes of finding me! He did and he was probably quite nice but I was so weirded out when he came over and said he'd found me through my profile that I got rid ASAP. So go careful. Not everyone is a stalker but you really don't want everyone knowing your business. This might seem weird if you have pics showing your arse to the world, but there you go.

## ***Reporting abuse and cyber-stalkers***

One man's abuse is another man's fantasy. Oh yes, I'll be your dirty little bitch—C'MON! That sort of thing is by mutual consent. The guys at Gaydar

get 20 to 30 reports of non-consensual abuse every day. Each one is investigated individually and dealt with differently, but Gaydar has some firm general policies. When you hit that Abuse button a screen-grab is taken of the conversation and sent to customer services for evaluation. So don't think you can get away with it.

The most common complaints are about:

- **Rejections** A guy hits on you. You reject him. He gets angry and then abusive.
- **Racist abuse**
- **Drug users** Guys who talk about their drug use openly and appear to be buying or selling drugs on the site.
- **Barebackers** Guys who go on and on about wanting to have unprotected anal sex.

Let's deal with these in order:

1. We've all been rejected and we've all rejected someone. Get over it. But you don't need to be rude when rejecting someone—if you are, don't be surprised if they are rude back. A simple 'no thanks' or the standard 'our profiles don't match' is good enough. But some guys can't get over that, so they get angry. Gaydar does not tolerate this and offending users will be suspended from the site—possibly for ever.
2. Do I need to tell you racism is wrong? No, I don't. Gaydar will instantly ban racists. Ditto anyone out of line regards ethnicity, ability, age or religion.
3. See the Gay-to-Z in Chapter 9 for detailed information on drugs. You can take what you like but you can't use Gaydar to buy and sell drugs. If someone reports you for this, Gaydar will investigate and, if necessary, liaise with the police.
4. See the Gay-to-Z for information on barebacking and Chapter 6 for information on negotiating safer sex. Gaydar believes very strongly that everybody should practise safe sex. It's a belief, not a policy, and there's no way anyone can force consenting adults to behave a certain way. Anti-BB individuals will usually argue it out with BB-seekers in the room. That debate is good cos it makes everyone aware of the real risks from BB. It can help positive and negative guys to sero-sort—decide who they think has or has not got HIV. But beware—thousands of gay men think they're negative but have HIV without realising. You can get answers to any questions about HIV, testing and sexual health by calling THT Direct on 0845 12 21 200 or emailing [info@tht.org.uk](mailto:info@tht.org.uk) or by checking out the web sites here [www.chapsonline.org.uk](http://www.chapsonline.org.uk).

Gaydar customer service has a simple three-strike rule—if three complaints against you are upheld, your profile is deleted. End of.

## Most common complaints

1. He was late.
2. He didn't turn up.
3. He didn't look like his picture.
4. He had a small/cheesy/floppy cock.
5. He didn't like me.

## Blocking people

You can ignore people in chat rooms; that's fine. Just right-click on their profile name in the chat. You won't have to listen to them going on and on anymore. You can also click the Block Online Messages icon on a profile so you don't get messages. And you can refuse to accept private chat requests. By the time you read this, there will be a new version of Chat where, if you block them on your profile, they're automatically blocked in the chat room as well.

## Cops and throbbers: the police on Gaydar

There are LGBT safety officers in some chat rooms. Gaydar has agreements with police forces across the country. These officers state their identity clearly and are there to listen to complaints of homophobic abuse or attacks or any concerns you might have that a police officer can help with. The police have a strict agreement with Gaydar and they will not engage or interrupt conversations in chat rooms so you can chat in comfort and safety. They're not gathering evidence—they're listening to our complaints and protecting our community. Obviously there are also loads of very sexy coppers on the Dar.

**Marcusyork** I've lost count with the number of guys I've met off Gaydar. In my peak slag days would meet 2–3 a day and host sex parties. I'm now settled and married to a great guy, but wouldn't have lived my younger years any different. Cheers, Gaydar!

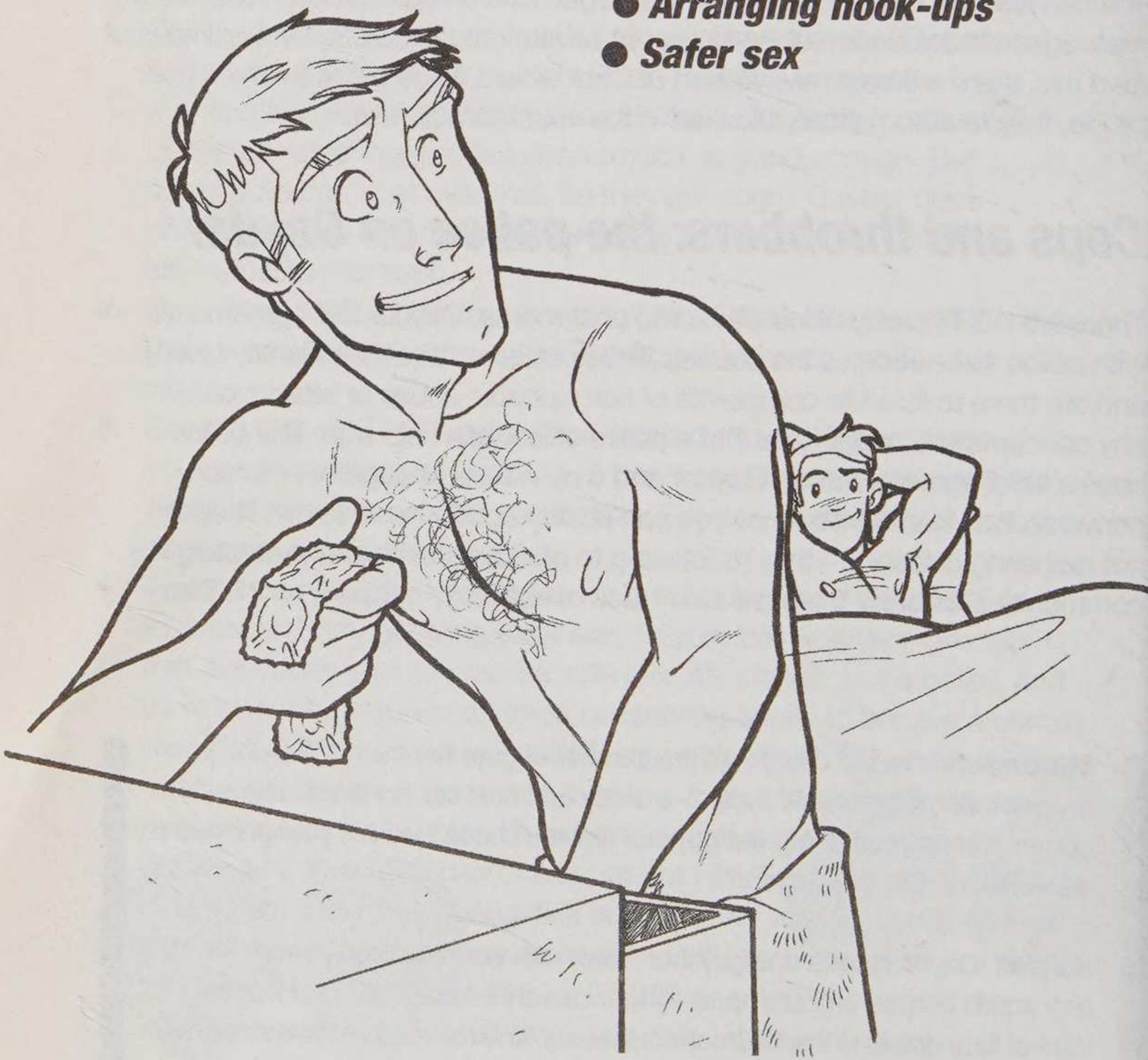
**Kendall** Oh, there was one guy that I slept with who could only reach orgasm if I burped on command—that was very interesting—had to take a load of fizzy drinks to the bedroom and every time I burped he screamed. He is still on Gaydar asking people to do just that. One word CUCKOO!!!

# **Chapter 6**

# ***Meets, Shoots and Leaves!***

## ***Hooking-up in the Real World***

- ***To meet or not to meet?***
- ***Arranging hook-ups***
- ***Safer sex***



**Learningtofall** Met a very good-looking guy a long time ago off Gaydar. He was very, very keen on me. Went for a drink at a local bar then brought him home. He didn't want to kiss or be touched. He simply wanted to wank while I flexed my muscles. Felt utterly bizarre and uncomfortable. He later harassed me for a threesome with my brother.

**Always** I met a shag off Gaydar and we got on really well, but I wasn't ready for anything long term so I marked him as a favourite. A couple of months later, after keeping him at arm's length because I still wasn't ready, I hosted a sex party. Attendance was low, so we went on Gaydar and one of the guys saw him in my favourites and wanted to message him. Reluctantly I agreed, but he didn't turn up until two minutes after the last guy left. Luckily I was still up for it, and we ended up as boyfriends for the following year.

**Kremmen** We had already met without realising it. I had seen him many times at work. (I was a bus driver at the time, he was a regular passenger.) I had fancied him but never got round to making conversation with him. One night we got chatting on Gaydar and arranged to meet. We dated many times over a few months. Then I asked him to move in. I think if we hadn't started to chat on Gaydar we may never have got together.

So you found someone you like. He might be a friend, a fuck, a boyf or all three. Who knows? You've been messaging, chatting and maybe camming. Perhaps you've even picked up the phone. Cyber is hot and we've all done the one-handed typing thing or spent a good few hours perfecting close-ups on cam. But the aim is to take your fledging relationship offline and if you're reading this chapter you're obviously at this stage.

96% of Gaydar users have actually arranged to meet someone offline. The most popular venue choice was the other guy's place (59%). 42% arranged to meet in a bar.

Now for the bad news: 54% of you have been stood up by a Gaydar date. Timewasters! Don't worry, it's happened to us all at some point. Yes, dear reader, even *moi!* But only 14% of you admit to leaving a hook-up hanging. Either some of you are fibbing or there are a few serial timewasters skewing the numbers. OK, I'll admit to not turning up once or twice myself. But I had good excuses, honest!

Gaydar is a virtual community but it can be as real as you want it to be. Whether the guy is a potential pal, pull or partner, you need to play it safe and have fun. Here's how.



## To meet or not to meet?

Last year I was in Glasgow for work and had an hour between meetings. I was staying in a nice city-centre hotel and I had the horn. It was the middle of the day so I logged on to the Dar. Glasgow is full of hot guys and I quickly found what I was looking for. We chatted for about 20 minutes and clicked. I had just enough time to nip in the shower and throw a towel round my waist before answering the door. I looked through the peephole first—if he'd been a total minger I would have stood very still and pretended not to be there. But he was as hot as his pics suggested. I opened the door, dropped my towel and he dropped to his knees.

Half an hour of room service later we both lay there sweaty and pretty pleased with ourselves. As I rolled over to get up I noticed a tattoo on his arm. Somewhere in my head something started to click. I was in the shower when it finally fell into place.

'What's your name again?' I shouted over the water.

'Kar,' he shouted back, obviously mildly affronted. 'Why?'

'Kar, short for Karim?' I laughed.

Walking into the bathroom he looked terrified, like I was about to tell him his full name and address before cutting him into small pieces.

'Oh my God...' he said, 'it's you!'

Turns out we'd been to uni together ten years before. A decade had passed and we'd both grown up LOTS! So much we didn't recognise each other. It's not like even we fancied each other then. If you'd asked, I wouldn't have said he was top of my to-do list and I doubt I was on his. In fact, pretty much everything except his tattoo had changed. And the sex wasn't just great—it was amazing.

The point is this: if I'd spent more time chatting to him I would've realised who he was and probably missed out on v v hot sex, a moment of hilarious embarrassment and a brilliant story.

Remember, it's up to you to decide when, if at all, is a good time. A guy might pressure you to meet but unless it feels right you don't ever have to meet him. A chat, however raunchy, is just that—no more, no less. You don't have to agree to chat again, give out your email, text your number or agree to meet. Even if you do agree to meet, you have every right to change your mind. If it doesn't feel right, don't do it.

Once you've decided you want to meet up, be clear with that person and yourself what it is you're meeting for. Friend, fuck, date. Those are basically the three categories. Whichever your meet falls into, make sure you're both on the same page by communicating clearly. It could be quite embarrassing if he turns up looking like the boy next door and you're in a leather harness with a butt plug.

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## Six safety tips

1. Don't invite a total stranger to your home (see below for hook-up info).
  2. Tell a friend where you're going and who you're meeting and arrange for them to call half an hour into it and check on you.
  3. Always meet a guy in public for the first time (a lonely beach with high cliffs is probably not best!). Don't meet a guy for the first time in his car.
  4. Always take a mobile phone with you—make sure it's charged and has credit.
  5. Don't meet someone you've previously seen on Crime Watch.
  6. If the guy looks weirdly like your dad, don't risk it—those mental scars will last a lifetime.
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## Arranging hook-ups

The busiest day on Gaydar is Sunday. The busiest time is, as you know, the evening. The busiest time of the year is Christmas to January. Not because Santa makes us horny but because we're all so frustrated and stressed out after two days with the family we just need to go out and misbehave. If we can't go out we'll go upstairs and, er, 'catch up some work'. Just think, your poor mum is downstairs making a turkey sandwich and you're upstairs arranging a man sandwich. Just make sure she knocks before she walks into your old bedroom and gets a nasty shock!

So, from our fabulously scientific research we have concluded that...the absolutely all-time best moment to find a hook-up is a Sunday or Mon in early January around 8 p.m.\*

We've explained what your profile needs to say and show if you stand any chance of getting what you want, when you want him. We've even told you how to set your status, search effectively, message and chat. So, if you've taken all our advice, you're now in a position to meet a man (or men).

We've all got pretty good experience of the friend thing and the date thing. So let's focus on the hook-up for now.

Personally, I always talk to a guy on the phone before I meet him. He can be the hottest-looking hunk o' spunk but if he sounds like a sales assistant on a make-up counter I'm not going get hard for him. FACT! It's harsh but true. Same goes for Brummy accents. Can't do it. Just does nothing for me: Sorry Brummer Bummers. I suggest you talk to him before agreeing to hook up. You can always do 141 before you dial his number so your number is concealed if you're unsure.

There are all kinds of hook-ups and they all come with expectations. So it's really about managing expectations—oops, this sounds a bit like a job

\*Not scientifically proven but log on and see.

interview. But you know what I mean. It's not just the friend, fuck, date thing...

Once a guy is standing in front of you, you can't click Block. You can go to the toilet and then run away but that's not really very nice, is it? You have to deal with him. There and then. Especially if he's on your doorstep.

If you've been chatting for months, and you've suggested meeting and he's always got an excuse, then get rid cos it's never going to happen, however much you want it to. OK? Don't waste your time and indulge his fantasy. Focus on the guys who really do want to meet you.

Having said, 'Don't have a complete stranger over to your house', the fact is we've all done it. I have. And we'll do it again. Even if you've had a coffee or a drink before heading back to your place you still need to know how to handle it before you get there.

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## Some things to agree **BEFORE** your hook-up

- Say 'Look, there might be no chemistry.' Or words to that effect. That way you're acknowledging he might not like you (as if!) in the same way that you might not like him.
- Make sure you're very clear about what you will and won't do sexually e.g. 'I'm not into fisting' or 'I'm top only' or 'No BB'.
- Be clear about where you need to be and when. Get a postcode and shove it in Google Maps.
- Make sure you have each other's mobile numbers so you can text if lost/late/change your mind.
- Is he/you staying overnight?

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## Some things to do **BEFORE** your hook-up

- Again, tell a friend where you're going and who you'll be with.
  - Pick up condoms, lube and any other supplies (poppers or whatever) you need because he might not have any.
  - Don't brush your teeth in the couple of hours before hook-up in case you make your gums bleed (wee bit of a sexual health risk there). Just gargle with mouthwash or rub toothpaste on your teeth to de-kebab your breath.
  - Bottoms—you need to shower and dump. Unless the guy you're meeting is into brown. (Beware—douching too often can remove the helpful mucous lining of your bottom.) See our Gay-to-Z (Chapter 9).
  - Tops—if you're planning on popping Viagra now's the time. Seriously though, get a wash and de-trash your bedroom/dungeon.
  - Tidy your place and put your valuables out of sight—even the nicest-looking guy with the sweetest of smiles can have the lightest fingers.
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Sexual time management is a skill many gay men lack. In fact, Gaydar gets complaints from poor frustrated gays kept waiting, cock in hand, at 2 a.m. for someone to appear. Be realistic because traffic jams happen, Tube trains break down and whole streets disappear. You should always give yourself twice as long to get there as you expect. But if you only have a short window of opportunity don't expect someone to travel 40 mins each way just to spend 10 mins with you.

Doorstep rejections are crippling. I've admit I've gone through with sub-average sex rather than let some guy down just cos he wasn't quite what I expected. I bet loads of you have too. It's easier to reject someone if you meet in café or bar or whatever because you can always make an excuse ('I just got call from my housemate and our flat is burning down' or 'I have homework'). Whereas if he's travelled 20 miles and he's super-keen and you're not and he's right there...well, you don't have to do it. Think: would I expect someone else to have sex with me if they didn't like me? The answer is no. It's better to have them hate you a bit now than it is to hate yourself later. So just say, 'It's not going to work,' or 'I'm really sorry but you're not like your picture.' It sounds totally cringe and awful, and it is. But there you go. You win some, you lose some.

Here's how hook-ups actually happen (with some life experience mixed in):

1. He rings the intercom and you put on your 'straightest' voice and buzz him in.
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2. He knocks on the door and you answer. You both check each other in a micro-second and work out if you need to make a split-second decision to do him or ditch him (obviously this is more difficult for the guy who 'accomms').
  3. You ask him if he wants a drink. He asks for a Mojito and you tell him to 'fuck off' so he makes do with water. You sit around awkwardly in the living room and he says something vaguely nice about your flat (you've just chucked all the mess in a cupboard). You start to regret this.
  4. Awkward pauses leads to one of you going into the bedroom—it's perfectly acceptable to do this by pretending to be an estate agent and giving a 'viewing' of your flat. If it's your place, you should take the lead. I usually have porn on in background to set/lower the tone.
  5. You do it. Finally.
  6. More awkward conversation while tissues and towels are being used. You should invite him to use your bathroom. You're naked and he tries to find his pants which he finally does before hopping around on one leg trying to get them on.
  7. Finally he's dressed. You walk him to the door and mumble something vague about maybe texting or messaging or doing it again. Maybe you will. Maybe you won't.

My worst hook-up was a 3some. Me and my boyf at the time had been chatting a guy online for about three months. I found him and the boyf liked him too. We traded pics and progressed to camming and it was all looking good. He lived 15 miles away so we agreed he could stay overnight.

The big night arrived. The wine was chilled and so were we. We'd even got a cleaner in so the place was immaculate. The guy—let's call him Dan—was 30 mins late. I opened the door and the first thing Dan said was 'Will my car be all right parked there?' Stepping inside he immediately said our flat was too hot—we'd cranked the heating up cos we didn't want to be cold when naked. Dan then said he drank only red vino. A quick trip to the offie later I returned with a bottle to find him and boyf sitting in total silence. Asking about Dan's work leads to a 30 min rant about his boss which somehow turns into a rant about his mother.

Desperation rather than lust made me suggest moving to the bedroom and Dan agreed. We all got naked and got into bed. Well, onto it. For whatever reason he couldn't really get it up. He started sweating all over. His whole body was shiny and glistening like a freshly defrosted sausage. Eventually, in frustration, I jumped out of bed and somehow (subconsciously) hit him in the face. Next thing you know he's crying and blood is pouring from his nose. A bag of frozen peas later and the lights come on and it's like a meeting of the Naturist Self-Harming Society with all the sobbing, naked and blood-soaked men. All I could do to make it better was to offer a shower or bath before he left. Not good. Really not good.

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## Hook-up top tips

- **No small talk before** Go straight to bedroom and don't offer to let them stay—it's a bonus if you want them to and they do.
  - **Quality over quantity** I've had about a hundred hook-ups. That's not so many—about ten a year for ten years. Don't be judging me, slags! I've kept in touch with about twenty of those guys and we occasionally hook up again depending on our circumstances. I like to think of hook-ups as an open audition for fuck-buddy status. And who knows, if he hangs around for some pillow talk after it might become something else.
  - **Follow-up is essential** Think of it as after-care. If it didn't work out for you, then let him down gently. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. A simple 'You're cool but it just didn't work for me' or 'It was fun but I'm not up for it again' or whatever works. Don't leave them hanging. And if they get weird or abusive about it, then let Gaydar know and they'll deal with it.
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## Safer sex

Gaydar is all about the gays having a good—safe—time. You're more likely to have more fun more often and for longer if you're not clawing at crabs, worrying about *Chlamydia*, sent mad by syphilis, burning from the clap, bulging with warts or stressing about HIV. We're not judging you for having an STI. We've all been there. A six-monthly check-up can sort you out pretty quickly.

You might not always know if you have something wrong with you—that's why you need to get checked out. No one wants to get the call from someone saying 'You gave me the clap' or whatever. You owe that check-up to yourself and the guys you're getting on with.

There are six chat rooms on the Dar dedicated to community health issues. These are Hepatitis C, Scottish Netreach, Stop SISA, The Rainbow Project (counselling), THT Counselling, THT HIV+Groupwork and THT Sexual Health Info.

You can ask the advisers anything and they'll tell you what you need to know. They're friendly, helpful and confidential. I've chatted to them about loads of stuff and they've been super-cool. Soon there will be NHS sexual health advisors in the chat rooms too. So there's plenty of help—find out what

**65%** ALWAYS

**26%** RATHER NOT SAY

**5%** SOMETIMES

**4%** NEEDS DISCUSSION

**1%** NEVER

Safer Sex

you need to, when you need to!

Only 1% of the profiles say Safer Sex Never. 5% admit to Sometimes and 4% say it Needs Discussion. They're being honest and upfront. They don't need or want your judgement. You can decide not to interact with them if you want—that's your call. But abusing someone because of their HIV status is as bad as racism and Gaydar will take action against such discrimination. That said, a lot of guys say they always have safer sex and then have pics of them being pummelled without a rubber.



65% of Gaydar users say they always have safer sex. 26% 'would rather not say'. It's best to assume on Gaydar—as in real life—that all your sexual partners are HIV+. The latest stats from THT say at least 1 in 20 gay men in the UK have HIV, rising to more than 1 in 10 men in places like London, Brighton, Manchester and Birmingham. They may not know. They don't have to disclose that information but you can, of course, ask for it. The best way to protect yourself—and them from any bugs you might be harbouring—is to use a condom. It's pretty simply advice really but it needs to be said over and over again. Use a condom. There, said it. Now have fun!

**Anonymous** The weirdest experience I had was driving to a guy's house, only to discover it was on fire by the time I arrived... Apparently he had wanted to make it nice and moody with candles, but had set his bedroom curtains alight. Luckily no one was hurt.

**Paceprobe** I am now 55 and when I was in my early 20s I was married. Last year I became friends with a guy the same age; he too had been married in his 20s. We realised that we had both lived with our wives in the same part of North London at the same time and just a few doors away!



**Chapter 7**  
**Are You a Dar**  
**Addict?**  
**Do Our Quiz and Find Out**

The average Gaydar session lasts 1 hour and 35 minutes. Remember when your sex sessions were that long too? According to our survey, half of you think you spend too much time online. These are our super-users!

## ***Are you a Dar addict?***

### **1. My eyesight is...**

- a) Great. 20-20 vision. Why?
- b) I should wear glasses but I'm vain so I wear contacts (nice blue ones).
- c) Ruined. Thanks to five hours chat a night for ten years.

### **2. I type with...**

- a) One finger. I'm just not very tech-savvy.
- b) One hand...the other one is busy.
- c) My cock.

### **3. How would you describe your communication skills?**

- a) I express myself through interpersonal interaction, talking on the telephone and writing detailed letters on hand-made paper.
- b) I probably text and IM more than I should. It's easy.
- c) LOL ru kidn? M'comm styl is gr8. lv chtin 2 ppl.

### **4. Do you know, without reading our Gay-to-Z, what 'BDA WLTM cut cuddly bear for B/D and ATM' means?**

- a) Cuddly bear? Like the teddy I had when I was a boi?
- b) Something to do with big hairy guys but...
- c) 'Big-dicked Asian would like to meet a circumcised chubby, hairy man for bondage and domination, and ass-to-mouth action.' Have you been reading my wish list?

### **5. When you're in the supermarket and you see bananas, apples and pears do you think...**

- a) I might make a nice fruit salad—tasty and healthy!
- b) They would look good draped round my crotch and covered in squirry cream and maybe that carrot would fit nicely in my...Great profile pic!
- c) Supermarket? I only shop online cos I've not left the house since 2006 when I inserted my first cucumber.

### **6. When you arrive at a bar to meet friends, what do you say?**

- a) Hi gays!
- b) Hey! I love that colour on you.
- c) I don't go out anymore.

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10 MONTHS,  
23 DAYS,  
14 HOURS,  
9 MINUTES,  
34 SECONDS

**LONELY.GAY**

10 MONTHS,  
18 DAYS,  
7 HOURS,  
20 MINUTES,  
27 SECONDS

**ATULADO**

10 MONTHS,  
23 DAYS,  
6 HOURS,  
55 MINUTES,  
35 SECONDS

**MARKTAP**

10 MONTHS,  
13 DAYS,  
2 HOURS,  
25 MINUTES,  
41 SECONDS

**HARLEY68**

9 MONTHS,  
29 DAYS,  
9 HOURS,  
7 MINUTES,  
36 SECONDS

**HOTBUDDY69**

9 MONTHS,  
26 DAYS,  
9 HOURS,  
27 SECONDS

**VOLANTE82**

9 MONTHS,  
25 DAYS,  
17 HOURS,  
32 MINUTES,  
13 SECONDS

**TONYOB**

9 MONTHS,  
15 DAYS,  
18 HOURS,  
1 MINUTE,  
1 SECOND

**SODANAMKATE**

9 MONTHS,  
13 DAYS,  
10 HOURS,  
26 MINUTES,  
12 SECONDS

**JONNY2B**

9 MONTHS,  
12 DAYS,  
1 HOUR,  
17 MINUTES,  
50 SECONDS

**JAMIEGO**

9 MONTHS,  
11 DAYS,  
18 HOURS,  
01 MINUTES,  
06 SECONDS

**CCS20MAN**

9 MONTHS,  
9 DAYS,  
22 HOURS,  
38 MINUTES

**GAV1980**

9 MONTHS,  
6 DAYS,  
6 HOURS,  
48 MINUTES,  
2 SECONDS

**RIONLICK**

8 MONTHS,  
31 DAYS,  
11 HOURS,  
16 MINUTES,  
40 SECONDS

**VERSBTMLK**

8 MONTHS,  
20 DAYS,  
2 HOURS,  
50 MINUTES,  
20 SECONDS

**MOTOHOT**

8 MONTHS,  
7 DAYS,  
7 HOURS,  
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8 MONTHS,  
10 DAYS,  
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**MOOMIN**

7 MONTHS,  
29 DAYS,  
17 HOURS,  
41 MINUTES,  
11 SECONDS

**TREVCLAR**

7 MONTHS,  
7 DAYS,  
5 HOURS,  
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**SUPPORT.JP**

7 MONTHS,  
6 DAYS,  
13 HOURS,  
29 MINUTES,  
36 SECONDS

20 Profiles online the longest

**7 Your main profile pic is...**

- a) Your smiling face.
- b) You in your underwear, with a tantalising hint of a treasure trail.
- c) Your smiling arse as three buff guys take their turn.



**8. The weirdest sexual practice you've ever heard of is...**

- a) Kissing. Girls.
- b) Arabian goggles (see our Gay-to-Z).
- c) What you mean *actual* sex? Like, not cyber?

**9. You're on a date. How does it go?**

- a) Intelligent chat, occasional light contact and I could drown in his swimming-pool blue eyes. There was a soft kiss at the end of the night. I'm playing it cool...till the next date.
- b) Bit of a fumble, good snog...headed back to his and he wasn't lying when he said EXTRA LARGE.
- c) Everybody turned up on time and they all looked as good as their pics. Nice mix of tops 'n' bottoms and a few pigs. I've got all the sheets through the wash already! Can't actually walk anymore.

**10. What are your friends like?**

- a) We've all known each other since school.
- b) I've got a nice range: friends from work and the scene. Even some I made on the Dar. I've only slept with a few!
- c) I've got friends all over the world. But I only know their usernames.

**11. The longest time I've ever spent online is...**

- a) As long as it takes to check my work email and get back to the real world.
- b) A Sunday afternoon trying to write a work presentation while hanging out on Gaydar.
- c) I start the day by buying three big bottles of wine. As I drink them I can then pee back into the empties so I don't have to leave my computer. The day ends when the last bottle overflows.

**12. I check my Gaydar profile...**

- a) Once a month, I forget it's there really.
- b) Every other day—if I'm drunk, horny or bored.
- c) I've been online for ten years. I leave my computer on all night—my laptop is by my bed so I can check it when I get withdrawal symptoms (nothing heavy, just the shakes, sweats and occasional bed-wetting).

## **Mainly As**

Have you ever even been on Gaydar? Are you really a gay man? You need to reconnect with your inner gay. Or marry a nice woman named Jane and move to Tunbridge Wells.

## **Mainly Bs**

You know your Dar, but still have room in your life for other things. A healthy balance. Keep going just as you are but don't be smug.

## **Mainly Cs**

Dar slag! You're totally addicted and need to go into Dar Rehab. No more broadband for you. Seriously, turn your computer off and go outside. Now. Put on some trousers first, please!

**JAN**

**MON**

**18:00 -  
23:00 GMT**

Busiest month, day and times on Gaydar

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## **...Ten more signs of Gaydar addiction**

- You go by your username (at work) and put it on your passport application.
  - You recognise guys in the street and can instantly recall their dick size.
  - You recognise guys in the street when you're on holiday and instantly recall their dick size.
  - You are a remarkably quick and accurate typist—even with one hand.
  - You'd rather lose a leg than your broadband.
  - You have six Gaydar profiles...
  - ...All six profiles have had six-figure views.
  - You've got GaydarMobile and a special satellite phone that cost £10,000 *just* so you're never out of touch.
  - You pretend to be writing a book/making a film/doing research about Gaydar to justify your time on there. That's how I got started...
  - You're getting annoyed with this book cos even though it's about Gaydar it's not the real thing.
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**Harry** I have been on since day one (well, I must have been an early starter as I got my first name as my profile name!), so over ten years I have had too many sexual encounters to mention. I organise regular naturist parties—last one was Halloween theme—naked but compulsory one item of Halloween gear that mustn't cover cock—superb fun—20 guys showed up!

**HighEstate** I met a lot of great shags—and made contact again with my current boyfriend of 18 months through it. So thanks, guys!

# Chapter 8

# Gaydar Scandals!

## The Stars on the Dar!

- Pink politics
- Musical types
- Men in uniform

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# GAY SEX

# SCANDAL



## STAR RUMBLED IN THE JUNGLE AGAIN!

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**brightonlad82** Without getting down to the details, I have met a few people for one-offs, regulars, and even met a long-term partner. Usually one-offs are at their place.

Met a couple of long-terms from Gaydar. The first one we ended up being together for 3 years, owned a property and even got cats! We grew apart as partners, but have remained the best of mates.

**Saltykettle** I found my gardener and handyman on Gaydar. I am disabled so he really is important in my life. He's a wonderful guy, caring and kind, and a brilliant gardener. This is entirely platonic.

**Andygayer** I met a guy online and we arranged to meet at Glastonbury Festival which we did at 4 a.m. in the morning on the first night. We ended up doing it in a tent and I spent the rest of the weekend smelling of spunk unable to have a shower...

So-so-so-scandalous! Is that how the old choon goes? Oh yes, the Dar is full of scandal and gossip! The poor jealous heteros might feel a bit better if they knew just how much of the supposedly hot chat going in the rooms was actually about who was wearing what last weekend. What was she thinking? Did you see her fake tan? On and on it goes...

Gaydar is probably 90% gossip and 10% sex-of-some-kind. We gays love to goss about each other. We especially love gossiping about celebs— who's gay, who's the gayest and who we just \*wish\* was. Quite a few of you claim you've had celebrity conquests.

In the ten years since Gaydar started it has attracted plenty of headlines. And plenty of celebrities. Here's the thing—famous gay men like sex. Yes, they do. Just like us everyday gays. And, here's the best bit: they don't all have sex with each other! There is no secret A-List Club in London where you'll find Graham Norton doing it with Paul O'Grady while Dale Winton looks on. Actually, maybe there is. But we won't go there.

Thrillingly, celebrities like sex with civilians—that's you and me.

So who are the stars on the Dar?

## ***Pink politics***

There are 656 MPs in Parliament. So following our highly scientific 1 in 10 formula, at least 65.6 of them are gay. Yet only 11 MPs are out. Harriet Harman MP, big friend of the gays, is calling for a target of electing 39 openly gay MPs—nearly four times the present number. Go Harriet! Some MPs have already found their way on to the Dar. But how many have profiles we don't know about? Surely it's a great way for them to gain votes! I was trying to make a joke about the 'erectorate' but couldn't fit it in so...

Politics suddenly got sexy for Labour MP Chris Bryant when his Gaydar profile was outed in the *Sun* in 2003. According to that newspaper—can we call it a newspaper?—his profile described himself as ‘horny as b\*\*\*ery’. We can safely assume the censored word is ‘buggery’—this from the paper which brazenly boasts a pair of boobs a day (blame the *Sun* for that sentence). The most hilarious quote in the story comes from ‘Rhondda shopworker Dorian James, 44’ who apparently, said: ‘I dare say this is how people may act in London but you would never expect Rhondda’s MP to do it.’ Marvellous! Those Londoners and their gay ways! Another brilliant quote from the piece comes from ‘Gran Nettie Price, 58’ who added, ‘What a pillock. You’d think he could get a better pair of pants.’ True, love.

In a pleasing sign of the times, Bryant, a former Anglican priest, has survived the scandal and was made Leader of the House of Commons.

Not-so-lucky Lib Dem MP Mark Oaten was outed in the *News of the World* after allegedly engaging in a sex act with a rent boy ‘too disgusting to describe in a family newspaper’. What? Not paying?!?!? The Dar was said to be the place they met. Friends and family were said to be stunned at the revelations, including claims of three-in-a-bed sex and asking the prostitute to dress up in soccer kit. So much for the Liberal bit of the Liberal Democrats, he left the Commons under a cloud of shame. It should be noted that he attended Queen’s School. Nuff said.

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## **Other out gay politicians who may or may not have a profile**

- Baron Mandelson of Foy in the county of Herefordshire and of Hartlepool in the county of Durham, or Baroness Mandy as she’s known on the scene.
- Christopher (‘Chris’) Robert Smith, Baron Smith of Finsbury, the first British MP to come out. Formerly Culture Secretary cos the gays are good at Culture.
- Alan James Carter Duncan, Tory MP for Rutland and Melton and the first Tory to come out. Probably too busy being really really rich to go on the Dar.
- Nicholas (‘Nick’) Le Quesne Herbert, Tory MP for Arundel and South Downs (convenient for hook-ups from nearby Brighton and Hove).
- Gordon Marsden, Labour MP.
- Stephen Twigg, Labour MP.
- Ben Bradshaw, Labour MP (spotting a trend yet?).

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## **Musical types: singing and dancing queens**

Oh yes, we gays can carry a tune. Remember when Freddie Mercury was supposed to be straight? Now we’ve got Will Young and QBoy and the

Scissor Sisters and Danyl from *X Factor 2009*. We loved Danyl when he did the karaoke at the Kudos gay bar in Soho. Especially his extra-wide mouth on those high notes. Gorgeous! And Mika's gay too. Oh, no, not Mika. I forgot. Oops. Mika is not gay. Nope, totally straight.

## **Boy George**

Boy George had a Dar profile which he used to find the escort he was charged with falsely imprisoning. Apparently the Carnal Chameleon chained the unwitting escort to the wall of his Shoreditch flat during a kinky photographic session. Who has that much chain just lying around? Or somewhere to lock it?

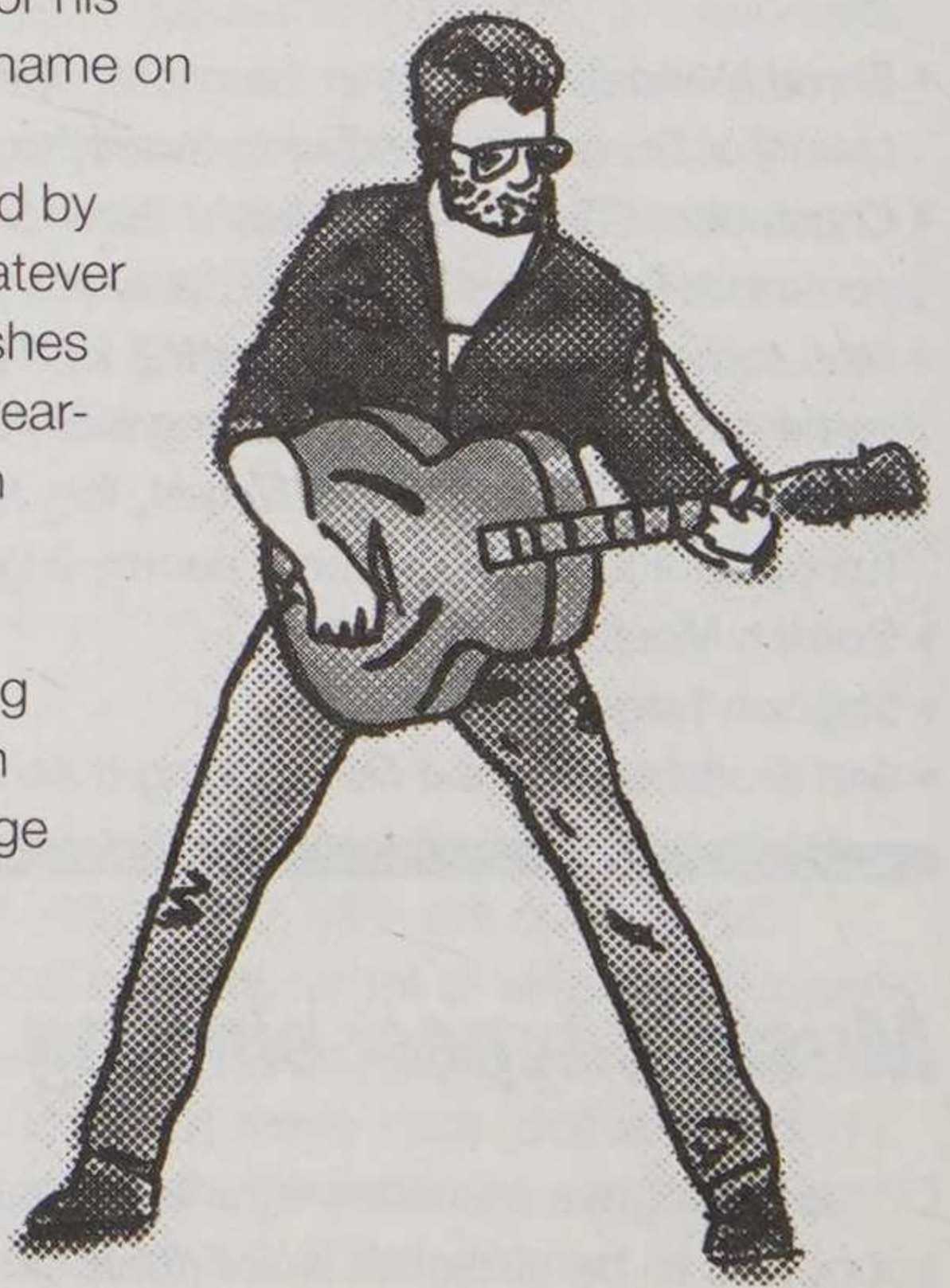
Auden Carlsen, then 28, somehow broke free and fled in his underpants to a nearby newsagent's where he called the police. Obviously he didn't have his mobile on or *in* him. Poor boy. Actually, not so poor: as he charged £400 a night. Boy George (O'Dowd) went down for it. The shame. What became of Mr Carlsen, we wonder?

## **George Michael**

George, George, George. Crack cocaine, terrible highlights and cottaging habit aside...what a model gay he is. Seriously though, he's a living legend and he's recovered from the kind of sexual scandal that lesser gays would have folded under. He was forced out of the closet in 1998 after being caught in a sting by a hot cop in a public bathroom in Los Angeles. I've been to that loo and that cop was not there. I'd like my airfare back, now please! He made fun of the incident in the video for his song 'Outside' and talked about his shame on *Oprah*. Go George!

More recently he was apprehended by 'News of the World investigators' (whatever they are) as he 'emerged from the bushes after cavorting with a pot-bellied, 58-year-old, jobless van driver'. We've all been there, let's face it. And if you haven't, there's plenty of time. Where did they meet? On the Dar of course, according to the non-celebrity who said: 'But I'm astonished a man as famous as George should even think about doing it. It's potentially so dangerous.'

Oh whatever. Any celebrity considering sex with a civilian they met on Gaydar just needs to follow all the hints and tips in this book



and they'll be fine. Just fine. If you're a celebrity and you're reading this and you've got concerns, just get the publisher to give you my number. I can help.

## Men in uniform

Once upon a time Fabrizio Caiazza was a traffic cop in Milan—no, this isn't a porno plot—this is the truth. In 2008 he beat out 46,000 contenders in 162 countries (including at least one other policeman) to win the Gaydar Sex Factor competition's €15,000 top prize and a modelling contract.

Italy—a country known for hotness and a certain intolerance of homos, despite the camp Vatican—has now taken Caiazza to its heart. After a bit of a struggle. His superiors in the Milan police offices slapped him with a reprimand because he donned his official uniform to pose for online shots in the Mr Uniform category. 'I know I should have asked, but it would have been a complicated request,' said Caiazza. Complicated indeed. If only he'd asked me.

Yes, he's handsome and photogenic. But he's also a very nice man. His handsome form has graced the covers of several magazines including Italian *Vogue*! He has used his powers for good and plans to front a group of openly gay Italian soldiers and set up an organisation to combat discrimination, the *Guardian* reports.

Edinburgh isn't as hot as Milan but Chief Inspector David Lyle, of Lothian and Borders Police, was another Sex Factor entrant in 2008. Lyle, then 55, said he was flattered into entering because someone else had nominated him. Oh yeah?

'I have had a profile on Gaydar for eight years and the force has known about it since Day One. The main reason for using it is trying to reach out to police officers who are not out. I have been able to make contact with a lot of gay officers who have nobody to talk to.'

We've heard that one too. There are plenty of hot cops on the Dar. I wonder if Brian Paddick ever had a profile? NO, someone who showered nearly naked in the Australian jungle in front of millions of viewers would never do such a thing. Would he?

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We're not saying they *have* got a profile. We're not even saying they're gay... but which celebrities are we talking about?

- He's terribly well spoken and famous on both sides of the Atlantic for his acting skills. Not that he even bothers to act straight anymore. One of a handful of gay actors once thought likely to be the first gay James Bond.
- This guy is fit. Really fit. It's almost like he's a footballer or something. Premier League Talent, if you ask me.
- This fashion designer's clothes are *de rigueur*. Everybody loves him—Donatella,

Madonna, even Lorraine Kelly. Unlike most fashionistas, he's basically a nice wee boy.

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**johnny0789** I've met quite a few guys through Gaydar for casual sex, the most amazing experience was a very masculine hairy guy (which always turns me on) who quite by chance was really into underwear in a big way. He was wearing a jock and it was the most incredible fuck I've ever had. We used to meet regularly for some hard sweaty sex over the following year and used to wear a whole variety of sexy briefs, jocks and thongs. We once arranged to meet in a busy straight pub. I was wearing jeans with a hole in the back, we had a beer or two and got really hard. I did a lot of bending over so he could see my briefs. We then went back and he shagged me senseless by ripping the back of the jeans and my briefs. Amazing! I've settled down with my partner now and don't do casual sex but it was great.

**.2hung4hung** I use Gaydar for sex, and have been a member for almost as long as it has been in existence. Gaydar has changed the cultural/sexual face of gay life the world throughout. I have met three partners through Gaydar. One was fairly short-lived (about eight months) but, of the other two, one is my current partner whom I have been with for almost six years and the other was someone (now sadly deceased) whom I was with for about three years and with whom I kept up a close friendship. Well, it's compelling. I guess that, in all honesty—and I'm sure that deep down many would agree with me (even subconsciously)—receiving messages does massage one's ego and the thrill of the chase (or being chased) is gratifying. Not knowing what might happen is exciting.



**Chapter 9**  
**The Gay-to-Z of**  
**Gaydar**

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Confused? Who is this man? What sort of man is he after? And what the hell's he going to do with you if and when he finds you? We explain the abbreviations, decode the codes and generally spell it out so you don't have to.

Note: You can get answers to any questions about HIV, testing and sexual health by calling THT Direct on 0845 12 21 200 or emailing [info@tht.org.uk](mailto:info@tht.org.uk) or by checking out the web sites here [www.chapsonline.org.uk](http://www.chapsonline.org.uk). FRANK ([helplinetalktofrank.com](http://helplinetalktofrank.com); confidential helpline 0800 77 66 00) can help you with questions or concerns about drugs.

**Accomm** You're going to have sex, you need a place to do it. This is called accommodation. 'Can you accomm?' See *also* Travel, Hotel, Frustration.

**Anal** Guys who're obsessively tidy. A way of describing any sex involving the anus. See *also* Fucking.

**Arabian goggles** A BJ where you balance your balls on the closed eyelids of your beloved. Really.

**Armpits** You've all got them—even if you've got no arms. Usually armpit fans like them smelly. Fancy a pit stop? See *also* Tickling, Pocket of paradise, Bagpiping and Pitty fuck.

**Attitude** Easy to have online. Less easy when someone spots you in the street in your curlers. See *also* Twink, RAT and Queen.

**Average** An average cock is about 6.5 inches long when properly hard. It should be enough to keep you going. Average is not the new large. Thanks to super-sized porn, and some super-sized fibs, we all expect a bit too much meat.

**Bareback** Fucking without a condom is barebacking (BB). It's the fastest ticket to catching HIV (now treatable but still incurable) and a load of other nasty infections. There isn't a doctor in the world that thinks it's a good idea. It's the easiest way to catch STIs including HIV. A very *bad* idea. Some monogamous couples who are tired of using condoms have BB sex on the basis they're not having sex with anyone else. See *also* Monogamy, BB, Seeding, Poz Daddy, Bug-Chaser, Gifting, Ripe, Creampie and Death wish.

**Bears** Big, chunky, chubby men with lots of unwaxed body hair (fur), beards and probably shaved heads. Younger bears are called cubs. Older bears are called polar bears on account of their grey fur. See *also* Fur, Stocky, Rugby build, Cubs, Otters, Polar Bears.

**Bikers** Not cyclists pedaling timidly through traffic but great big leather-clad Harley Davidson drivers with roaring engines and aviator sunglasses. See *also* Dom, Top/Active and Role-play.

**Bisexual** They do exist. But when did they last do anything with a pair of boobs but laugh at them bouncing on the dance floor? See *also* Married, Butch, Straight-acting, Greedy, Top/Active and Fibbing.

**Body hair** Handy for those days when you haven't waxed or shaved. Just find guys who're into your shaggy look. Very 70s. See *also* Fur, Hairtopia, Bush, Treasure Trail and Man Garden.

**Boots** (not the shop) Preferred brands include Dr Martens and Caterpillar. See *also* Bootlicker, Boot-bitch and Boot-boy.

**Bondage** Getting turned on by tying up, restraining, chaining, cuffing, imprisoning, teasing and generally pleasurably torturing. See *also* S&M, Leather, Role-play, Sub, Bottom, Discipline and Pig.



**Bottom** The partner getting fucked in the arse—seemingly submissive but actually very powerful. See *also* Passive, No-drama power bottom, Bossy bottom, Greedy bottom, Sub, Pig and Douche.

**Breath control** Flossing, brushing and gargling with mouthwash—every man should do it. This refers more to gagging, choking or somehow restricting the breath of the passive/bottom partner. See *also* Dom, Sub, Role-play and Pig.

**Builders** They wake you at 6 a.m., turn up late, finish early, then overcharge you. Some people find this hot.

**Butch** The classic man—heart-stoppingly handsome, chiselled jaw, glint in his eye. He can fix and drive cars, put up shelves and doesn't know what moisturiser is. Think Vin Diesel (or Jeremy Clarkson). See *also* Top/Active, Dom, Straight-acting, Bisexual, Professional, Masc and Mythical beasts.

**CBT** Cock and ball torture. Usually involves clothes pegs, string and other handy household items. See *also* Knots, S&M, Role-play and Trip to Casualty.

**Chems** Drugs, basically. Gaydar does not endorse drug-taking. Chems can include legal drugs such as Valium (which some people take to ease a come-down). Viagra/Kamagra (blue pills used to get and maintain a hard-on, but which can lead to a dangerous drop in blood pressure) and P (poppers, sniffed during sex or while dancing for instant head-rush and eventual headache; also known as amyl nitrite). The following are illegal drugs and the use/dealing or possession of any of them will land you in jail (if you get caught).

**K** is for ketamine, a powdered horse tranquilliser taken in tiny pinches 'bumps' which acts as an instant downer and can lead to K-holes.

**C** is for cocaine, a white powder usually snorted with instant short-lived high; also known as Charlie, Coke, Snow and Gak, can make you very aggressive.

**E** is for ecstasy, usually 'dropped' as pills which induce euphoria and being 'loved up'. Serious come-down/depression results from serotonin depletion.

**G** is for GHB, a clear liquid taken with drinks and sometimes used to spike people—sort of like super-strong E, it induces sustained euphoria and disinhibition which can lead to you doing very dangerous things indeed.

Mixing any of these results in new and dangerous effects. Crystal Meth is a relatively new drug also known as Tina—see *separate entry*.

**Chaps** All gays like chaps (as opposed to ladies). This refers to the love of those leather outer-trousers worn by actual cowboys and Village People dressed as cowboys.

**Chubbies** See *also* Fat, Bear, Rugby and Too many nights in with DVD, bottle of wine & ice cream.

**Clubbers** An essential phase in the development of every adult. From the closet to the clubs! Some grow out of it; others don't.

**Cock-spamming** The act of sending out pictures of your cock to total strangers in the hopes they'll take the bait.

**Cottaging/Tea rooms/Beats** Sex in toilets (usually public). Thrills include the reek of urine and the possibility of being caught. Completely illegal. See *also* Married, Closet and Fetish.

**Creampie** The eroticisation of cum dripping, seeping or being blown out of a bum. See *also* Barebacking and Ughhhh!

**Crystal meth** An illegal drug that has come to the UK from the USA. It is a powerful stimulant made from industrial chemicals and cleaning products and comes as white or colourless crystals which are crushed to make a powder that can be smoked, snorted or injected. It removes all sexual inhibitions, lowers your pain threshold and gives you more energy so you could end up barebacking all night with a bunch of total strangers and waking up with a chair leg in your arse. Highly addictive, extreme come-downs, totally destroys the brain. Sometimes also called Crystal or Tina. See *also* You'd be crazy to try it, Totally fucked up and Road to ruin.

**Cut** If you've been circumcised, you're cut. See *also* Most Americans, Jews and Muslims.

**Cybersex** Get your rocks off without getting out of your chair. Perfect for a rainy Tuesday. Just make sure the curtains are closed... For some guys, a means to an end. For many men, an end in itself. See *also* Role-play, Timewaster and RSI (Repetitive Strain Injury).

**Denim jeans** Usually blue, sometimes ripped or dirty or bleached or patched or tight or loose. A very accessible fetish that sadly extends to denim bedding. See *also* Fetish.

**Dildo** Anyone that annoys you in the chat room. Also something you stick up your arse. *See also* Passive/Bottom.

**Discreet** Someone doing something he shouldn't be or feels he shouldn't be because he's straight or married (or both). *See also* Professional, Married, Monogamy, Non-monogamy and Liar.

**Drag** Men dressed as women but still with all their bits. Often in dodgy wigs and Primark tights. *See also* Transvestite (TV).

**Dom** Short for dominant. The top/active partner and he's in control and you better just lie there and take it, bitch. *See also* Role-play, S&M, Butch, Masc and Daddy.

**Douche** Whether you use a bulb or a bag or an old water bottle, the practice of squirting lukewarm water in your arse to flush out the poo before putting anything or anyone up there. Recommended once in a while but not too often or just before fucking as it can remove the mucous lining of your bottom. *See also* Passive/Bottom, Fucking, Safer sex and Nice clean boys.

**Electro** Sometimes known as electro-stimulation, e-stim or electrosex. Electro involves using low-current electricity for sexual stimulation either by placing electrodes on skin, in the urethra or up the arse. Equipment includes body-toning devices or TENS units (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation) more commonly used to relieve back pain. Toys specially designed for sex include butt plugs, dildos, cock rings and 'sounds' or 'sparklers' (special rods that go down the urethra). Electro induces sensations from tingling and tickling to serious and painful jolts. *See also* Fetish, Role-play, Masters & Slaves. Always use eco-electricity!

**Exhibitionists** You looking at me? Please look at me! LOOK AT ME! People who get off on showing off and being watched. *See also* Voyeurs, Cyber and Most people.

**Extra large** An extra-large cock is one which cannot fit inside a toilet roll tube. FACT!

**Facial** Getting as much cum on your face as quickly as possible—a facial. Goggles recommended. *See also* Passive/Bottom, Bukkake and Role-play.

**Facial hair** Demonstrate how much of a man you are by growing some serious stubble. Beards, taches, face-garden...feel it tickle...any excuse not to shave, right? *See also* Bears, Cubs, Otters, Bikers, Masc and Butch.

**Fag-hag** Usually a big girl with big tits and a 'bubbly' sense of humour.



Usually secretly in love with their GBF (Gay Best Friend), they can be found screaming and dancing with glitter on their tits in any gay bar in the world. Where would we be without them? Gawd bless them! Yay fag-hags!

**Farmers** If the idea of hands that have spent the best part of the day up a cow's bum get you going, then go for a farmer. Easily identified by their flat caps and whiff of hay.

**Feet** Another accessible fetish because most of us have at least one. Check if your man likes them clean or dirty. Trim your toenails if you're into foot-fucking. See *also* Toegasm and Pedicurious.

**Femme** Mincing, lisping, super-gay. Think him off *Gimme Gimme Gimme*. The opposite of butch and usually intended to mean passive/bottom. See *also* Most gay men at some point.

**Firemen** How good are you with a hose? It could be the heroics, the uniform, the drama or just the idea. Let's face it, they're hot.

**Fisting** For when a finger of fudge just isn't enough. Not for beginners. Tops: wear gloves, trim your nails and go easy. Bottoms: douche deeply, breathe deeply and slather lube. See also Fetish, S&M, Role-play, Sling, Sub and Dom.

**Footballers** Presumably the ones who don't have wives. See also Jocks, Sports, Shorts, Butch and PWHOAR!

**Frottage** Sounds like a kind of yoghurt and the end result is... two (or more) men rub against one another, sometimes through clothes or other layer of soft material. See also Dry-humping, Grinding and Slightly pointless.

**Fuck-buddy** A guy you wouldn't hang out with if it wasn't for the fact that you sometimes get off with each other and the sex is hot. Just make sure you both want the same things. See also Friends with benefits, Booty call and Slippery slope.

**Fur** Lot of hair! Beloved of bears and cubs and otters and wolves and the like. May also refer to furies—guys who like dressing as giant furry animals, usually cartoon-like.

**Generous** Usually an older guy who wants to pay a younger guy for sex.

**GAM** Stands for Gay Asian Male. Asian is the fourth most popular search term on Gaydar. See also Oriental, Rice and Rice-queen.

**Geeks** Skinny, speccy, nerdy. Secretly we all want Clark Kent just as much as Superman. See also Preppie and The geek shall inherit the Earth.



**Girth** It's important for a dick to be thick as well as long. So we talk about it in terms of girth. A fave expression of mine: Girth Means Mirth!

**Glory holes** A hole cut into a toilet cubicle wall so you can reach the 'glory' (cock, arse, whatever) on the other side. See also Cottaging, Married, Bisexual and Fetish.

**Goldilocks** A fag-hag who spends too much time around bears.

**Groups** Anything more than two is some kind of group sex. Six men is the technical definition of an orgy. Past a *ménage à trois*, remembering names is optional. See also 3some, Non-monogamy, Hotel rooms and Orgy.

**Grism** A term used by bears to describe their cum. Bears are grizzlies so grizzly jism = grism.

**GSOH** Abbreviation of Good Sense of Humour. Guys who write this have never intentionally made another human being laugh.

**Hands** A desire to see hands, often long-fingered or roughly calloused. Corresponds with a desire to be touched. See also Fisting and Very specialised.

**Hoods & Masks** Some hoods and masks are designed to make a master look more masterful; others are designed to be an extreme discipline tool for slaves that have a hard time following orders. See also *Lucha libre* (the hilarious Mexican wrestling masks), S&M and Role-play.

**Jism** Also known as jizz, man-milk, baby-batter, cum, spunk, cream, ejaculate, spooge, man-juice, slime (Australian), daddy tadpoles, wad, load, seed...the sticky wet end result of any or all of the actions described herein. See also Worth it.

**Jocks** The big buff lumps of muscle from American high school movies that play football and beat up geeks. Also the seemingly useless piece of elastic known as a jockstrap which many tops like their bottom to wear to highlight the, er, bottom. See also Butch, Masc, Sports, Muscle Marys and Duh.

**Kilts** Not a skirt—ask any Scottish man. Usually wool but sometimes denim or even rubber, they are worn with nothing underneath.

**Kissing** Strangely vanilla and sadly underrated. Reconnect with your inner teen with endless hours of snogging and angst.

**Labourers** Lifting, digging, sweating, puffing. Watching them work is

practically foreplay in itself. See *also* Builders.

**Large** Any boner over 6.5" is technically Large. But is it really? See *also* Extra-large, VWE, VVWE, Hung, Superhung, Where do you expect me to put that? and Liar.

**Leather** An anti-vegetarian fetish that features heavily in S&M. See *also* Tom of Finland, World of Leather and Judith Chalmers.

**Lingerie** Lacy, floaty, slutty, panties, nighties, camisoles, baby-doll dresses and bits of nothing designed to titillate and intrigue. See *also* Drag, TV and Your mother's secret drawer.

**Lycra** Think cycling shorts, catsuits and leggings. Wearers enjoy the sensation of tight garments and some like them to be torn or cut off piece by piece. A good opportunity for well-hung men to show off their tackle. See *also* Fetish.

**M8** Not a motorway. See *also* Mate, Mister, Mr, Man, Guy and Other standard greetings.

**Married men** For some men there's something hot about somebody else's man (especially if he belongs to a woman). Watch out for wedding bands, tan lines on the ring finger and child seats in the sports car.

**Masters & Dogs** Not actual dogs, but being led around on a lead, forced to spend time in a kennel or pup room, told to heel and possibly even wormed (OK, we made that last bit up).

**Masters & Slaves** A variation of S&M, the master is the top/active/dom and the slave is the passive/bottom/sub. Often involves tying up, leather and other fetishes.

**Medical** (uniforms & play) 'Dr, Dr, I've got something hard in my pants, could you take a look?' Variations include 'It's not an oral thermometer' and 'Cough, please'. Avoid games like 'Identify the rash' and make sure any implements are removable; otherwise you'll end up red-faced in the real A&E.

**Monogamy** Where you commit to having sex with only one other man and he does the same. See *also* Mythical.

**Muscle** We all want it and some of us have got it. The average Muscle Mary has muscle groups unknown to science. Unfortunately their pursuit of the perfect body can lead to diminished intelligence and shrivelled testicles. See *also* Vin Diesel, Steroids, Roid rage and Cher fanatics.

**Nappies** Whether it's Terry towelling or Pampers, adult babies love being put in a nappy. Some enjoy soiling them—especially as it's being changed. Special adult-sized nappies and other accessories are widely available. See *also* Fetish and Why?

**Naturist** Naturists are to nudists as homosexuals are to gays. Sexless, worthy and dull. Tendency to enjoy muesli.

**Nipples** They don't make milk but they do make fun! See *also* Itty Bitty Man Titty, Scaramanga and Jordan.

**Non-monogamy** An agreement between two partners that they can have sex with other people (play together or apart). Boundaries about the home, rules about repeat encounters and behaviour with regard to safer sex should be established. See *also* Open relationships and Time to get real.

**NP** Short for 'no problem'.

**Non-scene** Gay men who prefer straight venues or mixed company. Sometimes abbreviated to N-S.

**NSA** No Strings Attached. Don't bring any strings or expect them. No commitment required or expected. See *also* Married men, Non-monogamy and Bisexuals.

**NW** Short for 'no worries'.

**Older guys** Anyone over 21. Seriously, I was only 21 the first time I was told I was 'too old' (the guy only did teens, even though he was 40). So, we're all going to get older but not necessarily wiser.

**Oral** Nibbling, licking, chewing, sucking and generally doing things to a cock with your mouth. Pretty safe but not advisable without a condom if you have cuts, sores, ulcers or recent dental work. Talk to THT if in doubt (see the contact details at the start of this chapter). See *also* Blow job, BJ, Deep-throat, Gobble, Chow-down, Suck it and Bukkake.

**Otter** A skinny bear with loads of hair—not yet fat enough to be a cub.

**Outdoors** The woods, the beaches, the great outdoors! Even round the back of Tesco. Outdoors can be wherever and whenever you fancy it. See *also* Exhibitionism, Don't get caught and Cold bum.

**Phone sex** What people did before the Internet. I know, ancient!

**Piercing** You think a Prince Albert is daring? Some Gaydar members have 20 or more piercings in their members. Quite a few have entire buttocks pierced. See *also* Fetish, S&M and Difficulty In Airports.

**Pig** A dirty gay who is into sleazy sex. Usually used to describe bottoms but not uniquely. See *also* S&M, Role-play, Masters & Slaves, Scat, Tying-up and Watersports.

**PnP** Stands for Party and Play. A term used to describe the taking of crystal meth, E, coke and other drugs.

**Polari** Polari is a secret language spoken by gay men and it's a mixture of Italian, Romany, London slang, back slang, rhyming slang, sailor slang, Yiddish and nonsense. Now rarely spoken, it was common in the 1950s–1960s to hide gay activity from hostile outsiders (like undercover cops). It was made famous by Kenneth Williams in his radio show *Round the Horne*. For example: 'Vada the lallies on the omi-palone!' is 'Look at the legs on that effeminate man!' A really useful one is 'Bona drag!' or 'Nice outfit!'

**Policemen** The ultimate man in uniform. A figure of authority and force for good, we just want him to handcuff us and start some serious interrogation. See *also* Uniforms, Fetishes and Hot.

**Polyamorous** Men who somehow have the time and energy and desire to enjoy more than one close sexual and emotional relationship at a time. See *also* Polygamy, Non-monogamy, Bisexual and Greedy.



**Power-bottom** A bottom in total command of their best asset. Someone who just loves taking it and who takes it better than all the other bois. See *also* no-drama power-bottom.

**Preppies** Sleeker than geeks but not as buff as jocks, they are smart and can be found in the library and the gym. Often a bit posh. See *also* Sneakers, Student and Mineral water.

**Punks** Do they still exist? Gay men who probably describe themselves as queer, kweer, radical, faeries, cybergaypunk. See *also* Fetish, Denim, Dame Vivienne Westwood and Time to grow up.



**RAT** Stands for Rapidly Ageing Twink. Beneath the fake tan you can see the wrinkles as they start to worry if they're too old for that crop-top. Not long till 30 now, boiz.

**Rimming** The top/active/dom licks the arse and arsehole of the bottom/passive/sub. The gay version of cunnilingus. Some guys like a clean arse; others are dirty and don't. See *also* Eating out, Butt-munching and Douche.

**Role-play** OK, you be the cop and I'll be the robber. I'll be the princess and you be the dragon. I'll be Jordan and you be Peter. Any situation where you're both (or all) imagining yourselves to be someone or something else. See *also* Fantasy, Fetish, Masters & Slaves and Best-kept-secret.

**Rubber/PVC** Clothes, masks, sheets, hoods, gags and any number of sex toys...this is the preferred material of many fetishists. Wipe-clean!

**Rugby players** Actual ruggers buggers, such as Danny Cipriani, are hot. Guys who say they play rugby but are actually just too fat to run around after a football are usually not. See *also* Stocky, Sports and Lay off the beer.

**Safer sex** Apart from wanking yourself off, all sex could potentially be risky to your sexual health. (If you have any queries on this score, see the contact details for THT Direct and the Chaps website at the beginning of this chapter.) But it's supposed to be fun! And good for you! Get the safer sex bit right and you can relax and enjoy it. We've covered all the bits we can but please

contact THT with any questions, however silly or embarrassing they seem.

**S&M** Stands for Sadomasochism. The top/dom/active is the sadist and the bottom/sub/passive is the masochist. S&M is very complex and involves agreeing limits and rules (including a safe word to say if it all gets a bit much—pick something you wouldn't use during sex, like Mum!). It can be very elaborate and involve fetishes and specialised equipment such as slings and harnesses. Or it can be just a bit of slap and tickle and some dodgy handcuffs. Know your limits! See *also* Fetish, Safer sex and Loads of people do it.

**Santrum** A very old-fashioned but very descriptive word describing the post-sex mess of lube, cum and man-juices. See *also* Polari, Trick towel and Get me a tissue.

**Sauna/Bathhouses** A men-only place where you go to have your pores opened and your sexual horizons widened. You arrive clothed, check your clothes in a locker then wander round in a towel for hours looking for sex. See *also* Accom (solution to that problem), Married men, Bisexuals, Place to go when the clubs close and slight shame afterwards.

**Scally** A pale-skinned criminally behaved trackie-wearing b-o-i (under 25). The sort you see in porn made by Triga. See *also* Chav, Boi, Sportswear and Rough trade.

**Scat** Shit. Men who like sniffing, playing with and maybe even eating shit. Leads to all sorts of really nasty infections and diseases. Properly filthy. See *also* Brown, Douche, Pig, S&M, Role-play, Dutch oven and Do people really do it?

**Sero-sorting** We should all know our current HIV status. Get a quickie test every six months. Sero is a medical word meaning blood type. If you don't have HIV your sero-status is negative. If you do have HIV, it is positive. Sero-sorting refers to the practice of trying to find men based on what you think their HIV status is. Maybe you're negative and only want sex with negative men or you're positive and only want sex with other poz guys. But you have no real way of knowing—even if a profile says 'Safer sex ALWAYS' they could be lying or have forgotten about that one time at the sauna. It's best to assume everyone is positive and always have safer sex. Thousands of gay men say they're HIV negative but have picked up HIV without realising.

**Shaving** You do it to your face and maybe your back but what about your arse and balls? Go careful with that razor! You don't want to become a tranny by accident. Cuts down there aren't great for safer sex either. See *also* Hair, Fetishes and Neat.

**Short guys** It's all relative. But anyone who can't get on a roller coaster at a theme park is short. See *also* Pockets gays.

**Size queen** Everyone. And anyone who says they don't like a big dick is a liar.

**Skins** Not the Channel Four show but skinheads and their admirers. See *also* Not usually Nazis.

**Sling** A handy piece of kit which the passive/bottom/sub climbs into. It makes fucking easier and more fun because your weight is supported by the sling. Just be sure to have it fitted safely. See *also* Role-play, DIY and Ceiling joists.

**Smegma** Ughhhhhhhh! Nobody likes knob-cheese. Wait there, you do? See *also* Uncut and Just NO!

**Smoking** Banned but for some guys it's just the hottest thing. Cigars, cigarettes, roll-ups, joints, perfumed, hand-rolled, half-smoked, spit drenched...they're all fags. See *also* Blow-backs, Smoked-rings and stubbing.

**Socks** Dirty or clean? Business-black or jock-white? Falling down or held up tightly by a brace? Fun to wank in. See *also* Sports.

**Spanking** Every naughty boy got spanked once or twice. Some didn't grow out of the habit. Hands, canes, paddles and belts are all used. Marks or no marks? See *also* Fetish and S&M.

**Speedos** There are other brands of swimwear but none reach the iconic status of the arse-skimming bulge-defining Lycra-based brief. See *also* Sports, Jocks, Budgie Smuggler, Lycra and The Thorpedo.

**Sportswear** This can go two ways: scally or classy. Scally is Adidas trackies hanging low over a skinny white arse. Classy is Nike hanging low over a pert tanned arse. See *also* Shorts, Football kit, Rugby, Lycra, Gym, PE, Triga, Scally, Chav, Council estate.

**STI/STD** What your gay gran'pa calls VD (Venereal Disease). See *also* Chlamydia, Syphilis, Clap, Crabs, Scabies, UTI, Gonorrhoea and HIV/AIDS. And all the others. Again, THT are on hand in the chat rooms to offer advice as are NHS health workers.

**Straight-acting** See *also* Butch, Professional, Discreet and Why bother?

**Sub** The passive/bottom who just wants you to do anything want to him. Use him! See *also* Pig, Bitch, Passive/Bottom and Role-play.

**Suits** Usually worn by daddy figure, these are made bespoke on Savile Row or bought off the peg from M&S. Formal, smart and powerful—ready to be serviced by the office boy. See *also* Zip, Cut, Lining, Satin, Silk, Serge and Black.

**Tall guys** Anyone who can get on the roller coaster at a theme park or who has to bend his knees when he bends over for you. See *also* Giant, Bean pole and Tower of power.

**Tattoos** Whatever design you have, however many you have, tats or ink are popular with madly drawn boys. 'Slag-antlers' are the tats across the base of your back designed to give a top something to read as he fucks you.

**Threesomes** Three men, getting it on. Simple. See *also* Non-monogamy, One doesn't always have to feel left out.

**Tickling** Yes, really.

**Timewaster** Anyone who says they're going to call you/meet you/message you and then doesn't and who hasn't actually died is a timewaster. You can't report them to Gaydar but you can tell all your friends. LOSERS!

**Top** The one who does the fucking, rimming etc. The man who wears the trousers. See *also* Active, Masc, Dom, Daddy and Top daddy ass master.

**Toys** Dildos, vibrators, cock-rings, love-eggs...anything and everything that makes sex more fun. Batteries not included.

**Trainers/Sneakers** Some collect them, some lick them and some actually fuck them. Some want to sniff dirty sweaty pairs. See *also* Sports and Jocks. Sneakers is a US term describing preppy brands like Converse All-Stars. See *also* Geeks and Students.

**Transvestite/Transexual** Transvestites are men who enjoy dressing up as women. Transsexuals are individuals who were born men and who are on their way to becoming women socially, legally, surgically and/or in how they dress. They don't like being confused.

**Truck drivers** You pull over in a lay-by and suck off an Eddie Stobart driver. Maybe he invites you into his little cabin and you do it there. An orgy of truck drivers is called a convoy.

**Twinks** Strictly under-21 — that's their age and their IQ. They travel in packs, wear more make-up than their fag-hags and communicate at supersonic frequencies heard only by bats. Kylie is their queen, their clothes are tight and they are FABULOUS! We love them, really.

**Uncut** Your cock as God made it — with foreskin. See *also* Docking, Roll-back and Smegma.

**Underwear** It keeps you warm, it can look good and some guys really REALLY get off on boxers, briefs, tangas, jockeys, jockstraps, thongs... See *also* Fetish and Always wear clean...

**Uniforms** Police, fire, builder, farmer, rugby...even scally. You can act the part if you can dress the part. See *also* Fetish and It's quite good fun actually.

**Vacuum pumping** Like expressing breast milk, but more fun. Insert your cock in a plastic tube and suck the air out with a hand pump. Can add inches, supposedly. See *also* Large Penis, Size queen and Toys.

**Vanilla** The kind of sex we all start out having: two men, one position, five minutes. Easy, non-kinky and not always anal. See *also* Monogamous, Married and DVD/Bottle of wine/Night-in.

**Verbal/Gob** You're a dirty little fucker, aren't you? Aren't you! Verbal is the verbal abuse a top/dom/active hurls at his bottom/passive/sub. Not the sort of language you use in public. Gob is extreme verbal where the top also spits on the bottom. See *also* S&M, Masters & Slaves and Fetish.

**Versatile** A guy who enjoys fucking (being a top) and getting fucked (being a bottom). He may not enjoy them 50/50 but he's up for a bit of both. See *also* Greedy and Wishful thinking.

**Waders** Giant wellies more commonly worn by fishermen and anglers; some guys enjoy pissing in them. See *also* Sailors and Captain Birdseye.

**Wanking** We all do it. Masturbation. Sex with yourself. The safest form of sex, no rejection guaranteed and always a result! See *also* Jerk off, Jack off, Tug, Spank the monkey, Knock one out, Choke the chicken, Spank the bishop, Hand job for one, Beat off, Crank, Whack off, Buffing the Banana, Holding your sausage hostage, Jackin' the beanstalk, Pounding up the tadpole, Applying the handbrake, Attacking the one-eyed purple-headed warrior, Auditioning the finger puppets, Beef-stroke-it-off, Charming the snake, Checking for testicular cancer, Choking Kojak and Taking matters into your own hands.



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