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Q. I'm 18 years old and rather attractive, if I do say so myself. That's the problem! I can't go a day without creepy guys hitting on me and ogling me and taking those 'sneaky' cell phone pictures of me in my shorts! I constantly have stalkers calling me in the middle of the night as well. What should I do?

A. First of all, I'm 30, overweight, underpaid and single. Hey baby. Add me up and let's make beautiful friendships. Secondly, it sucks but sometimes you have to accept that guys are perverts, Bangladeshi guys doubly so. If you're sitting around at home, shorts are OK. If you're going to a friend's house and won't be out in the streets, shorts are OK. Any other occasion, you gotta go for the boot cut, not the booty cut. Don't wear revealing clothes where Pervez bhai can sneak a peek. In Dhaka, that's everywhere. Re: cell phone, get a new number. Don't give it to everybody. It's more expensive to block a number than it is to get a new SIM card. So if someone has your number, they'll keep calling from different SIMs.

Another option is: pick up the phone call every time, but don't say anything. It's painstaking but eventually they'll get tired of losing money with no payoff.

Q. Everyone always says Nice Guys Finish Last but that's not true in my case! I'm a good girlfriend, I don't call him every hour on the hour just to ask whether he has slept or eaten or has had proper bowel movements. I give him space and everything he wants and I certainly don't fall for the 'bad boy type'. I like the nice guys but even they end up being jerks! Am I supposed to treat him like shit? I've noticed that lots of girls who do treat their men like toys always end up having a string of love struck puppy dogs trailing behind them. Am I supposed to be a psychotic, bitchy gf then? Do NICE GIRLS finish last?

A. Most Bangladeshi guys have grown up with limited access to women, so they treat them like an endangered species. This is also why girls act so entitled. The problem is, when a guy encounters a girlfriend acting "normally" i.e. without emotional hangups or mind games, they assume that

there's something wrong with the girl. Whether you like it or not, every relationship is about an imbalance of power. The person with the more power is less invested in the relationship. And by not being bitchy, you are giving up your power. That being said, I don't think you should start acting cruel. Just be more selective. There are plenty of guys out there who want a relationship that's based on respect and not putting the other person on a pedestal. Find them.

Q. I love my partner dearly but I can't cope with his aversion to soap and water and clean clothing. He wasn't like this when I first met him. I love him but I can't stand him being near me sometimes because quite frankly, he smells. I've tried dropping hints and also just being direct but nothing works. I don't want to stop seeing him but I will have to if he can't respect me enough to spend 5 minutes a day in the shower. He has enough time to spend 4 hours a day with his friends playing video games when I'm at work. Any suggestions?

A. Anybody who wants a healthy relationship would recommend telling him that bad hygiene is disgusting, and your love is not an entitlement. But my approach has been forged in the hellfire of lunatic parents and codependent girlfriends. So I say: get some garlic and onion paste. Apply it on those body parts that Shakespeare would describe as "bootilicious" and "boobtastic." Invite your partner over for privacy and consummation. Let things get hot and heavy. Let him discover your spice-rubbed charms. Don't let him stop. Because after all, if he expects you to deal with offensive smells, then you deserve the same. Or you could simply cease all privileges until he showers. No seeing you unless he's clean. No holding hands, gazing lovingly into each others' eyes, sharing a milkshake at Pop Tate's or whatever hedonistic pastime you have in mind. Playing devil's advocate, however, I can't help but wonder-when I was young, our tenant's son was the kid in the Life Buoy commercials. I lived with him for seven years and never saw him with a girl.

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