

Our Generation

Summer Lovin'....

He Said

Havin' A Blast?

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Before I launch into this column, I want to apologize now, because I am fairly certain that what I am about to is going to make the majority of my readers start calling me seriously creative swear words. So ...with-out further adieu....

GTI to all of you "GYM, TAN, I don't care what you think" because I know that what I'm about to say you will all agree with in some way, shape, or form. Don't deny truth. And yes, this topic is a big deal... that's what she said.

I'm starting with guys, because, well.... I'm one of them. So fellas....here comes summer. This is what we waited for all winter long....the chance to have the summer fling! See, guys love summer hookups because it's just a fling....that's it. Summer hookup's offer something for everyone! If you are stuck in a boring relationship, you have the chance to come to the dark side! And honestly, guys don't care what other guys actually do because we are all deep down all the same. I say DO YOUR THING! Summer hookups are nothing more than the fun you really have when you are talking about the night before with friends the next morning after another drunken party night. Yes, ladies will be compared to each other...and the question will always be who hooked up with the hottest chick.... and that's the way it goes. Just keep in mind, my boys, you never ever fall in love at the Jersey shore....or wherever else you may be this summer!

Put those stunner shades on and start counting those ladies. There are some other rules to live by too, so pay attention. Boys, we are Kings. And remember that even though we are royalty, we're not looking for Queens. See, in the summer hookup situation, you don't want a Queen because you're not getting married to her. My friends, you simply need to treat her for only what she is: A ONE NIGHT STAND! If you need some help with this, especially if you are one of those real lover boy types, I suggest you listen to Justin Timberlake's song called *Summer Love*. It will explain everything.

And don't think I just have advice for the guys! I have a lot of insight for the ladies too! There are plenty of reasons why this summer, and any summer, could be your summer. Visualize this with me. You just broke up with your boyfriend your hot. And trust me, the guys know you're hot, so flaunt it. Play hard to get and do your thing, too. No one is holding you back do what you got to do!

Then there are the hearthbroken girls! Keep visualizing with me! You just had your heart broken by your long-term boyfriend. Sure, you were in love, and yes, it's a shame, but I say it's time for you to put up both middle fingers and tell your boyfriend "You think you won? Ha! No shot!" See girls, this is your opportunity to get him back. Take the time this summer to hookup with a sweetly ripped, good-looking guy to make that boyfriend who dumped you so jealous he comes crying back for you...I mean, if you really want him. If you need help with that problem call me whenever? I'm here to solve all your needs. I'm just kidding!!

But seriously, Penn State guys and gals... I'm here for you. Girls, all these rules apply to you as much as it do to guys... except try to not be so catty, and you allknow that, at some point, you can be!

So to all the guys and girls out there, I say OWN that summer hookup! Don't act like they are a bad thing because really, they can really help you. They can get a boyfriend back, start conversations, take care of temptation, and, my favorite? They can really make you feel like you still got it. Summer is what everyone waits for so why shouldn't you enjoy yourself, especially with a random summer hookup. It could be fun. You should never take life too seriously, because you'll never get out alive. Just remember... don't be a fool, wrap the tool.



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I have never really been the "relationship" type. Throughout high school and my first year of college I spent most of my weekends doing what every other guy tries to do, go to parties and look for some random hook-ups with girls I probably wouldn't even remember in the morning. Just to be clear, I define hook-ups as just making out for all of you dirty minded people out there.

My hook-up-o-meter was at its highest not too long ago when nine of my friends and I rented a house in Wildwood, New Jersey for the summer. Most people see Wildwood as a place to party and find hot chicks, and I was no exception. To make my situation even better, I got a job as a lifeguard in a water park on the boardwalk. So I thought my summer was going to consist of having a house I could do whatever in with some of my closest friends and looking at girls in bikinis all day. Life was good.

In a twist of fate, within two weeks of living the life I met a hot girl in a bikini that I tried to hook-up with, and I couldn't help but want to get to know her better. Throughout the summer, instead of my nights consisting of hook-ups with random girls at raging parties, they consisted of watching movies on a couch and taking her out to dinner. Needless to say I went looking for hook-ups and ended up with a wifey. As bad as that sounds, I couldn't have been happier.

This point of this story isn't supposed to deter anyone from having summer hook-ups. I was all for them until I met my girlfriend. The point of this story is that some summer hook-ups can turn into more than just a hook-up. Even if some guys have an interest in some of the girls they hook-up with, they would never think of trying to get to know them better. Most guys just have the mentality that they should be on to the next one. This kind of mentality could cause a guy to miss out on an interesting girl that he could actually see himself being with.

Hook-ups are something that most guys get to experience, and the summer is a great time for them; however, there is no reason to pass up the opportunity of getting to know a girl you're interested in better because you don't want to be tied down for the summer. Being tied down for the summer or even at all isn't as bad as most people make it out to be. Besides, hook-ups have to end sometime in your life so it's not the end of the world if they end sooner than later. A lot of guys are probably reading this and saying I'm nuts and that's perfectly fine with me. All I know is I'm still going out with that girl from the summer, and I wouldn't change a thing.

Dear Lioness



Dear Lioness,
Hi. My anniversary just passed and my boyfriend didn't do anything. No flowers, nothing. All I got was a stupid text that said, "Hey babe. I'm hungry. You tryna go to Chic-fil-A for lunch?" I thought he was kidding and had a surprise or something waiting for me, but when I met him at the mall - nothing. I've been tight about it for a few days. My friends said I'm over-reacting, but I don't know. What do you think?
Thanks,
Upset and Frustrated

Hi Upset and Frustrated,
Girl, don't get all tight about that. It is disappointing when your significant other forgets about important dates like that, but the truth is - we all forget sometimes. I'm sorry, but I agree with your friends. Maybe he has a lot going on with school and simply forgot. It happens. Instead of being upset with him (I bet he doesn't even have the slightest clue how you feel!), why don't you tell him how you feel? Communication is key!
xoxo,
Lioness

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