

# Picking up chicks takes more than creepy tricks

By Vincent Ross

AS anyone ever seen a guy wearing a furry top hat, giant goggles, a chin ring, lip ring, earrings and probably other rings we can't see, walk out of a bar with girls hanging on both arms?



MY OPINION

Yeah, me neither. Somehow, though, a man matching that exact description dubbed himself a "master" at picking up women, and VH1 gave him a TV show.

Tuesday marked the final episode of *The Pick-Up Artist*, one of the saddest (or most ballin', depending how you look at it) shows the reality monster has vomited up lately. In case you haven't been able to tune in, Mystery (a.k.a. Erik von Markovik. I think I'd go with Mystery, too), who looks like he could be the front man for a Jamiroquai-Prodigy mash-up project, takes socially awkward men and turns them into masters of picking up women. Oh yeah, his fellow "masters," Matador and J Dog, help out, too.

Normally it might be a valiant cause to help out your fellow man, but Mystery's techniques are a little questionable.

First, scope out a "set" and "target", also known as a woman or group of women. Many times this happens in a bar, although girls can be drunk in almost any setting, right? Right. Next, approach them with an opener, also known as a lie. "Did you see the fight outside?" There was no fight outside.

"I saw the cutest kid this morning. He was just so cute." You saw a bum asking for money outside the club, shaking a

Happy Meal cup. That makes him almost a kid, right?

"My friends and I have been arguing about this all day ..." No, you haven't. You've been watching *The Pick-Up Artist* On-Demand, trying to brush up on your technique.

OK, once you've slimed yourself into a "set" you have to determine whether it's going well. This is where it gets confusing. You've got your IOI's (Indicators of Interest), your IOD's (Indicators of Disinterest) and finally, your TNWIHS-BTCKS's (There's No Way In Hell She Bought The Cute Kid Story).

Now, after a few tries there may be a girl that has a weakness for men with a knack for spotting cute kids. It's time to work on the close. There are two types of closes: the kiss close and the number close. Honestly, I get a little creeped out just talking about the kiss close. Like the opener, the key component of the number close is lying. Just lie.

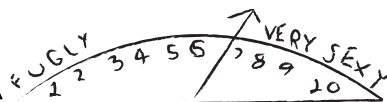
"I'm having a pool party tomorrow, you're welcome to come, I just need your number." There is no pool party. You don't even have a pool.

Even though the concept of the show, helping hapless men gain confidence, was originally a good idea, it spiraled out of control when Markovik, I mean Mystery, stressed lies over truth.

Shouldn't being yourself be enough to get women to talk to you? Even though it should, women can be a mysterious (get it?) creature and maybe little white lies are enough to woo them. I hope not. If nothing else works, though, you can always try adding Dog to the end of your name. Good luck.

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## SEXYMETER



### HOT Cirque du Soleil takes over downtown State College

But seriously, please don't kill me.

points: 8 comparable to: Date My Mom

### A'IGHT Jerome Bettis is a Distinguished Speaker

Good for Steelers fans, but where's Randall Cunningham?

points: 6 comparable to: NEXT

### UGLY Penn State loses to Michigan

Maybe that "completions" stat isn't so overrated, Morelli.

points: 2 comparable to: The Hills

### FUGLY Rocky Mountain Collegian: Taser this

Yeah, I can curse too. There's nothing profound about it.

points: 0 comparable to: My Super Sweet 16

## STATE COLLEGE'S SEXINESS THIS WEEK: UN-SEXY

overall average: 4 comparable to: MTV Exposed

## AWKWARD...



William Anthony Wellock III

## WOULD YOU RATHER:

LICK YOUR MOTHER'S ARMPIT OR BETWEEN HER TOES?

"I'd do the toes because I don't think you'll leave until I give an answer."

Ben Steinberg

freshman - computer science



"That's a tough question. I would say between her toes. I just don't have a thing for armpits."

Brendan Pack

sophomore - science



"[The armpit] would taste better because the deodorant would get on your tongue."

Leo Jackson

junior - crime, law and justice



"I would definitely go with toes even though I don't like feet at all."

Jonelle Lesky

junior - elementary education



"My mother's toes, assuming she had just gotten out of the shower."

Meg Rahner

sophomore - public relations



"I would say between her toes only after she showers. They're both equally disgusting."

Laura Timer

junior - supply chain and information systems