

You **call** that a dark side? **Just because** I do that **every now and then** doesn't mean I'm like that all the time.

I can't believe you **think of me as** a guy with a dark side. **We've known each other** for years. Why **have** you never **told** me?

I thought you **knew**. I mean, look at the other **things you do**. **Reading** the last page of every book **in case** you die **before you finish** it? **Constantly wondering what it's going to be like** when **you're** dying.

Well, **that's the way things are** and **you'd better get used to** it.

I **wish I could** be **friends** with a girl.

Either you like her but you **get tired of** her and you don't know how to **get rid of** her. Or you see **right away** she's **all wrong** for you. Or sometimes you **wonder** if she **might be** right for you but you don't **feel like spending** months **trying to find out**.

That **may be** true. But maybe you **haven't met** the right girl **yet**.

When **my wife and I** first met, it was **love at first sight**. I've never **even** thought of other women **since then**.

I understand you're **different** and that's **fine with** me.

But saying things like that **on a first date? That's not what** you're supposed to do. You're **supposed to** enjoy life, not **waste** it **by** constantly **coming up** with crazy ideas and **worrying about** things **that** will probably never happen to you.

I **do envy** you **in a way**. You **and** your wife are a perfect couple and I'm sure your marriage will **last**. **Although** sometimes I **get the impression** that **the two of you try too** hard to be a perfect couple. -- **What do you mean**, try too hard?

Whenever I see a couple like **the two of you**, I always get very **suspicious**.

I guess **I'll have to** think about that.

Well, **apparently you and I** are two very **different** people.

You **should be** a little **less** pessimistic, it would **do you good**. It would also **make it a lot easier to** find someone you could go to New York **with**.

Let me know when you're leaving **so I know** I can **stop looking**.

I'm **looking forward to hearing** all about it.

I'll **definitely** give you a call as soon as I **get back**.

Have a good time in New York.

Watch out for the **muggers** and don't **get too drunk** on the first night.