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The Shards Guide to Being Hot & Rich is your unofficial '80s guide to navigating Los Angeles' most exclusive social circles.

Inspired by FX's upcoming original series The Shards, from executive producer Ryan Murphy and based on Bret Easton Ellis's best-selling novel, this guide brings the show's world beyond the tv screen.

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The Shards

GUIDE TO BEING
HOT & RICH



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Setting the STANDARD *On Being Hot and Rich* *An Initiation!*



It's 1981. The decade has barely begun, but everyone is already behaving as if the good times are permanent. The beautiful are becoming more beautiful, the rich are becoming richer, and everyone else is trying very hard to keep up. There is an overwhelming sense that life should be exciting at all times. For those who live in Los Angeles, it usually is.

LA isn't just a city, it's a carefully maintained illusion with ocean views. A place where actresses, trust fund kids, rock musicians, lawyers, producers, and private school teenagers all seem to exist within the same strange ecosystem. Everyone is selling something. A face. A lifestyle. A fantasy. Sometimes multiple at once.

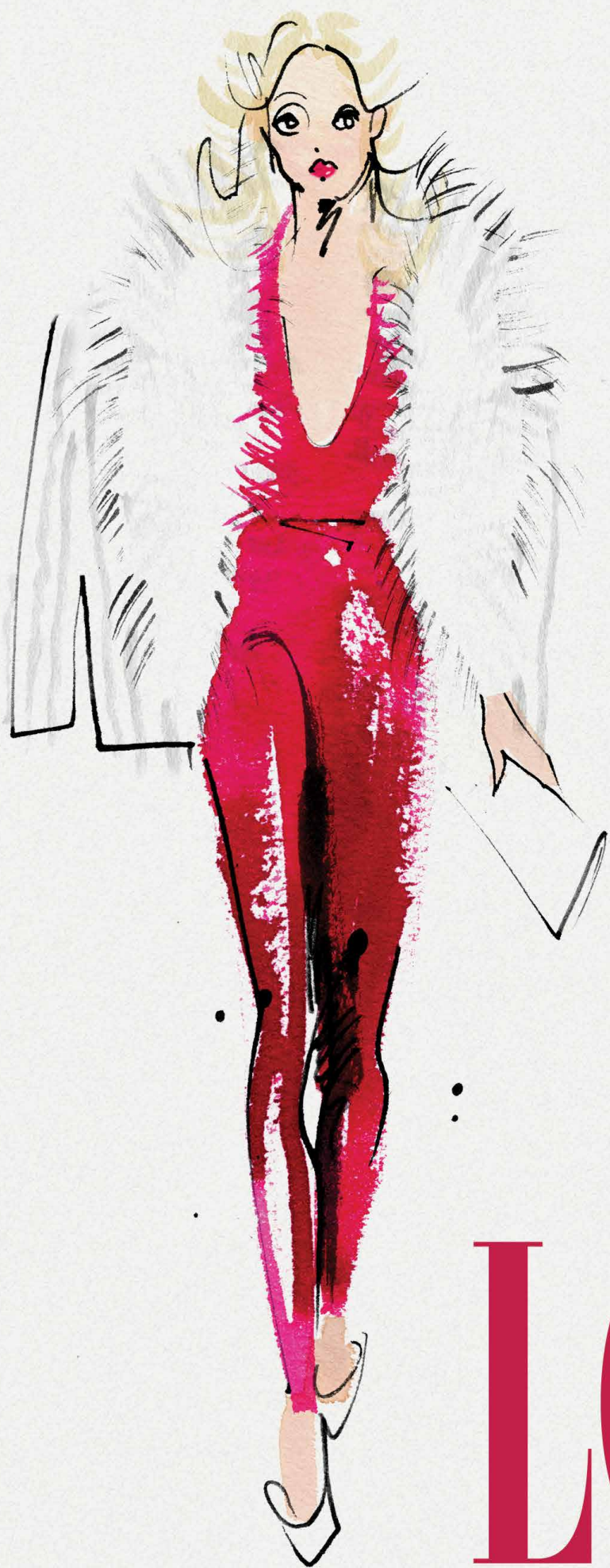
To thrive here, it is not enough to simply be attractive. California is full of attractive people. What matters is whether you can become impossible to ignore. That is where *The Shards Handbook to Being Hot & Rich* comes in.

The hot and rich understand that life is a performance, although they would never say that out loud. They know what to wear, how to enter a room, which parties matter, and that being ordinary is socially fatal. They move through the world with the confidence of people who have never seriously considered consequences.

This handbook exists to teach these very important rules, not because they are necessarily fair but because they are essential. That's why you're here. To begin your journey. It isn't about becoming someone else. It's about understanding how attention works, how to manipulate it, and then gain from it.

Some people are born privileged, the rest have to study.

So, pay attention. You have a lot to learn.



The
LOOK

DRESSING THE PART

What to Wear When it Matters (*Which is Always*)

To be Hot & Rich, first you have to look the part. Every outfit should impress, and intimidate. Dressing well is a daily obligation and in some cases, the only thing standing between you and obscurity. Remember: dress like a ten or end up a zero.

Our full list of styling tips below.



The 6 Rules of Dressing Hot & Rich

01. FIT | The right outfit leaves very little to the imagination. Whatever you think your size is, buy one or two sizes smaller. If you have to lie down to zip your jeans, congratulations: they fit.

02. QUALITY | Designer is preferred, naturally. If you must buy off the rack, buy the best quality you can afford then act as though it costs twice as much.

03. FABRIC | Opt for premium textures and materials. Silk, leather, cashmere, and quality cotton make even staples look like statements. Polyester is a dead giveaway that you don't belong, burn it.

04. COLOR | Neutrals are the foundation of any expensive wardrobe. Pastels feel fresh and youthful, bold colors belong after dark or poolside, and everything looks better with a tan.

05. CONSISTENCY | The well-dressed do not take days off. Every errand, lunch, party, and poolside appearance is a chance to confirm your ranking.

06. TASTE | None of this matters without taste. For some, it is instinct. For everyone else, there's this guide.



THE *Hot & Rich*



CASUAL ATTIRE

Women: A fitted tee with padded bra (stuff it if you have to), high-waisted shorts, socks, tennis shoes, barrette or headband.

Men: A collared shirt, knit sweater, slacks, penny loafers, daddy's credit card.



NIGHT OUT ATTIRE

Women: Skin-tight pants, lamé and metallic, glam furs, piercing side-eye.

Men: Tee, leather pants, jacket, boots, shades, slicked hair, huge ego.

DRESS CODE



SCHOOL ATTIRE

Women: A pleated gray mini, knee-high socks, perfectly-pressed Oxford, A+ smile.

Men: A button-down shirt, understated tie, expertly-tailored slacks, uniform blazer nonchalantly tossed over shoulder.



SWIM WEAR

Women: A bright bikini or tasteful one-piece, head-to-toe baby oil for a sexy sheen.

Men: Bold or printed swim trunks and your biggest sunglasses, ideally 6-pack abs.



ACTIVE WEAR

Women: Tennis or riding outfit, mind the preppy sports.

Men: Likewise.



THE ART OF "EFFORTLESS BEAUTY"

Skin, hair, makeup, and the quiet labor of appearing poreless

Intelligence, capability, and ambition are all admirable. They are also, regrettably, much easier to overlook than a devastating chiseled jawline or glamorous curls and sky-high cheekbones. In a cutthroat world of wealth and power, beauty remains your most valuable asset. If you want to move up in the world, you need to be effortlessly hot. Here's all the effort you need to put in to pull off this look.

The Hot & Rich Routine

01. Mind your money maker. Wash your face.

Rinse with cleanser for a clear, eternally-youthful looking appearance. Then follow up with a tingly toner pad. A pimple on your watch?
Over your dead body.

02. The higher the hair, the closer to Queen Bee.

Healthy, glossy hair is always what to aim for. Try a shine-boosting shampoo, hot rollers, and extra hold hairspray for voluminous hair as untouchable as you are.

03. Makeup seals the deal.

Enhance your features by applying foundation and concealer to maintain a flawless base — followed by eyeshadow, eyeliner, and a coat of mascara thick enough to hide any insecurities you want to keep buried. Finish with a swipe of lipstick in "Don't Speak To Me" pink.

By practicing this routine and carefully prepping your appearance, you should be able to achieve that effortless look that will get you where you want to be in life. Don't leave the house if you don't look your absolute best. You either look flawless, or you remain hidden. Give them something to talk about while they burn with jealousy.



Dress Debbie

(Until You Can Dress Yourself)

IF YOUR WALLET
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(and steal the spotlight).



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**PREP SCHOOL
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A polished look ideal for
social climbing between classes!

Debbie dresses the way all glamorous people should:
with the understanding that the goal is to look hotter than
everyone else. Whether she's wandering the mall or attending
a party in the hills, Debbie knows that in 1981, style is not only
self-expression... It's social currency.

THROUGH THE LENS OF LUXURY

The right pair of shades is a status symbol and a disguise all in one essential little object. They tell the world you have taste, money, and somewhere better to be.

There are sunglasses for blocking the sun and sunglasses for making an entrance. Naturally, the hot and rich are only interested in the second kind. The right frames can make even the most ordinary person look richer, cooler, and significantly more important.



THE LOOK



5 Reasons Why the Right Pair of Shades is Essential

They're an outfit necessity.

Sunglasses naturally add an alluring touch to complete an outfit. The tinted lenses block more than just the sun adding intrigue, all while preventing others from unearned access to your baby blues.

They conceal beautifully.

Exhaustion, boredom, dark circles, last night's indulgences, and the judge-y look you just gave Tiffany's boyfriend all vanish behind the right frame.

They're a valuable tool of observation.

Sunglasses let you study a room, a person, or a situation without surrendering your intentions. Very useful at lunch, even more so at parties in the hills.

They imply importance.

A good pair of shades tells people who you are before you speak. Every celebuntante knows power is gained from their mystique. If you want to be treated like a movie star, you need to dress like cameras could flash at any corner.

They create distance.

Sunglasses place a tasteful barrier between you and the rest of the world. People become far more interested when they can't fully read you. Aspire to be the mysterious type.

Oh and one last tip... Don't be caught dead in cheap plastic frames.

Prep Goes **PUNK**

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I spend a great deal of time in punk clubs, flea markets, record shops, and secondhand stores, which means I have seen the best and worst of personal expression under poor lighting. I know where to find British imports, how to rescue a vintage jacket, and when a little damage improves the garment. This makes me qualified to say what many people are too polite to admit: punk and prep are much closer than either side would like to believe.

On paper, punks and preppies are natural enemies. One belongs to country clubs and Ivy League schools. The other rejects institutions entirely and occasionally smells like cigarettes and basement mildew. But fashion has never respected enemy lines.

This is not the anarchist punks of the '70s, nor the hardcore thrash crowd that reject even the slightest whiff of the mainstream. This new wave finds balance. It's punk with privilege and prep with a pulse. It allows one to flirt with rebellion without sacrificing designer clothes, perfect hair, or social standing.

A Little *Rebellion* Looks Good on Everyone



THE Grooming

Start with the hair. It should look daring enough for a club but acceptable enough for brunch with your parents. For girls, short and spunky works beautifully. For boys, feathered cuts and quiffs are ideal. Gender-bending is part of the charm. Eyeliner, rouge, and even lipstick are all fair game provided you stop before looking theatrical. You are making a point, not auditioning for the circus.

THE Fashion

The clothing itself should feel polished rather than destroyed. Think mods and Teddy Boys more than gutter punk. A blazer is essential, preferably one stolen from your father's closet or rescued from a second hand store that smells as if it could be haunted. Pair it with drainpipe trousers, vintage denim, tartan skirts, or a leather mini if you enjoy a little more attention.

Footwear matters. Creepers, monkey boots, loafers, flats, and even espadrilles all work nicely. Full combat boots will look like you're trying too hard.

THE Accessories

Accessories are where amateurs usually reveal themselves. Skip the full leather-and-chains routine. A studded belt, sparkly pantyhose with runs, costume jewelry, or a few well-placed buttons do enough damage. Mismatched earrings are especially useful. They suggest taste, carelessness, and just enough trouble.

Most importantly, punk's greatest contribution to fashion is the idea that clothes should feel personal. Paint a shirt. Add trim to a jacket. Sew on a patch. The point is not to look poor. The point is to look as though your wardrobe is truly priceless, one of a kind.



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background, others CUT
through the noise.

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A Quiz to Define Yourself Before Someone Else Does

Choose carefully, these tend to stick.

01. WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT ITEM IN YOUR BEDROOM?

- A. My notebook
- B. My makeup
- C. Nothing...I'm a minimalist
- D. My tiny tennis skirt
- E. My sports trophies
- F. My walkman

02. HOW WOULD YOUR FRIENDS DESCRIBE YOU?

- A. Attentive
- B. Curated
- C. Reserved
- D. Hot
- E. Athletic
- F. Whimsical

03. WHERE CAN YOU BE FOUND ON A HOT SUMMER DAY?

- A. Driving aimlessly with the top down
- B. Planning my next project by the pool
- C. It's none of your business
- D. Relaxing at the country club
- E. Tossing around the ball with friends
- F. Rollerskating down the PCH

04. WHAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO MAINTAIN?

- A. Your reality
- B. Your social status
- C. Your privacy
- D. Your good looks
- E. Your physique
- F. Your spontaneity

05. WHAT'S YOUR GO-TO FASHION STAPLE?

- A. A striped tie
- B. A tailored blouse
- C. A pair of sunglasses
- D. A fur coat
- E. Your varsity jacket
- F. Anything loud



The Observer - Mostly A's

With a keen eye, you put things together about people before they do. Though always a bit outside the in-group, your access to it is more important than forming platonic ties anyway.



Miss Perfect - Mostly B's

Your façade is flawless, as is your social status! No one will ever learn the secrets to your impeccable demeanor (or your heart).



Mr. Mysterious - Mostly C's

You never let anyone figure out what your next move will be. After all, there's nothing more fun than a mystery.



The Main Attraction - Mostly D's

You're easy... all you require is all the attention, all of the time. And don't you think you've earned it with your exquisite beauty and social graces?



The Golden Boy - Mostly E's

You're beautiful but a bit boring. The extra airspace in your head provides for a perfect gravitational pull and every group needs someone to orbit around.



The Wild Card - Mostly F's

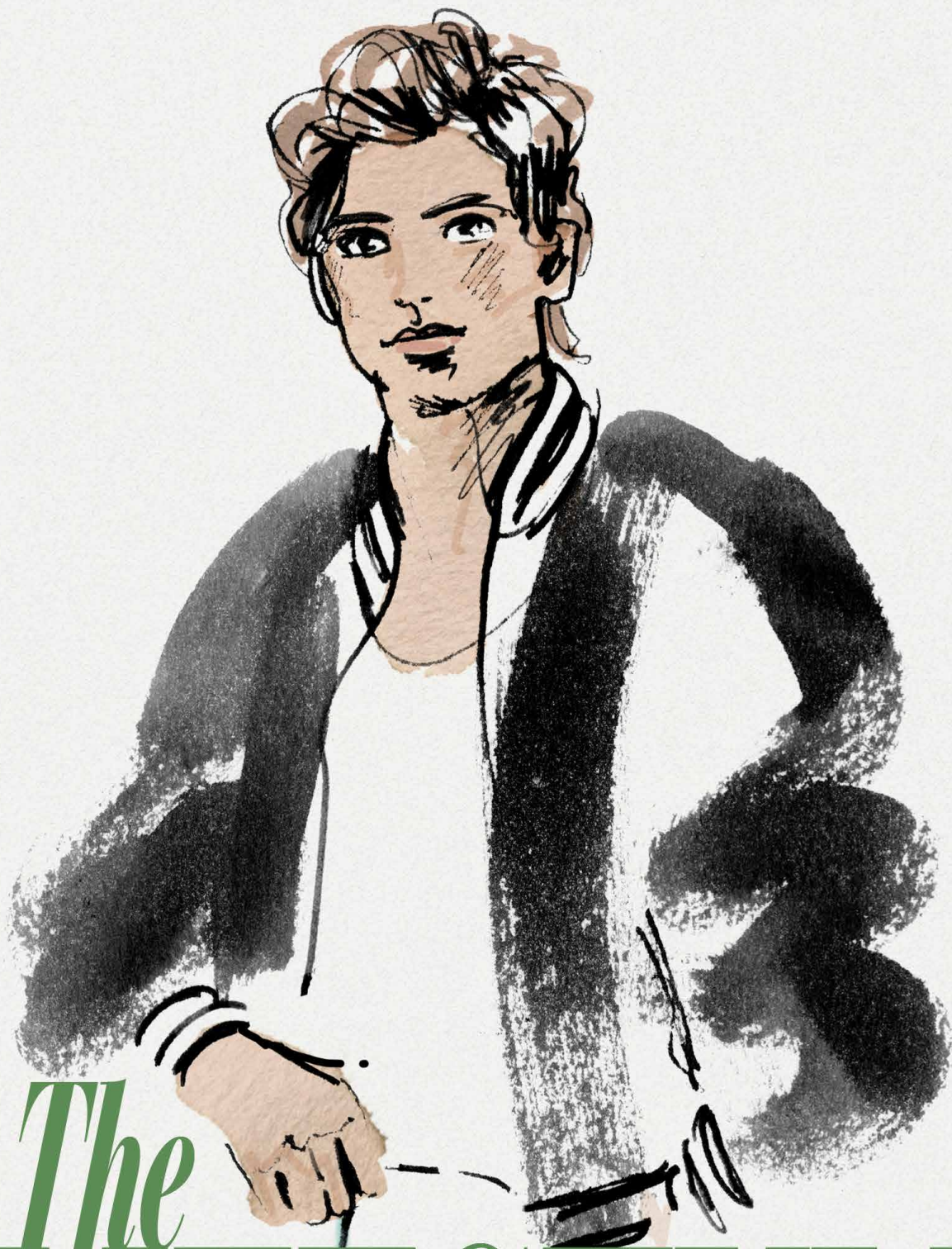
You're fluent in chaos, but something tells us you already knew that. Good on you for always keeping it interesting. And keeping everyone else guessing.

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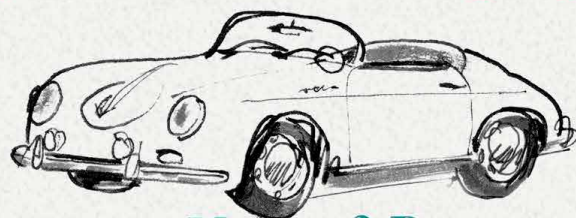
24 HOURS

in Los Angeles:



If you live in LA, driving is a must. Lucky for you all the worthwhile places are connected by *The World's Most Important Freeway*, the 405. Looking for the perfect day in LA? Here's where to go, and where to get off.

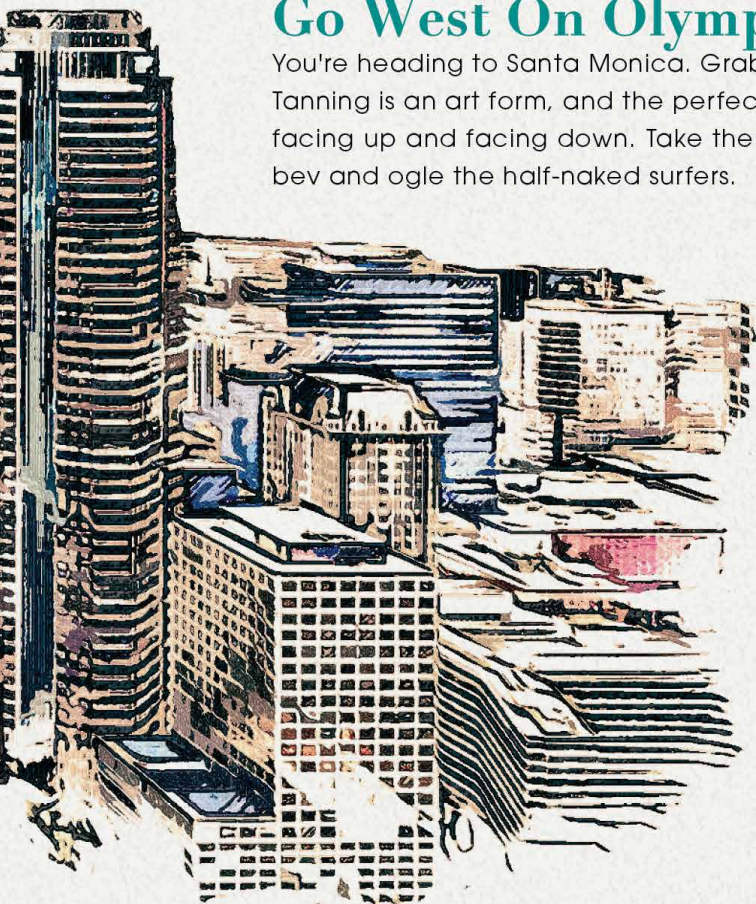
FROM THE 10 TO THE 405 TO THE 101



No car? Buy one.

Go West On Olympic Blvd.

You're heading to Santa Monica. Grab your tiniest bikini and oil up, you have work to do. Tanning is an art form, and the perfect golden glow takes time and a careful balance of facing up and facing down. Take the occasional break from this hard work to sip an icy bev and ogle the half-naked surfers.



Head Up Santa Monica Blvd.

Welcome to Beverly Hills. It's as fabulous as you think. The perfect blend of movie stars, directors, first- second- and third- trophy wives, exhausted nannies, and really rich kids. Act like you couldn't care less when you see your celebrity crush trying on leather jackets. Instead, head to Rodeo Dr. to pick out your favorite \$2,000 designer bag.

Go East On Sunset Blvd.

Time to hit The Sunset Strip, the street that never sleeps. Sneak into one of the shows and pretend you know the band to get backstage. After the after party, crash at your friends' place in the hills and get up around noon.

Take Laurel Canyon To Ventura Blvd.

Welcome to The Valley. Full of industry folks and rich kids that go to private school in the canyons. Walk down Ventura and catch up on the gossip from girls with sky-high perms and matching bike shorts. They may seem harmless, but stay alert, there are secrets in the suburbs.

Mall or Nothing:

A VALLEY IT GIRL'S FRIDAY



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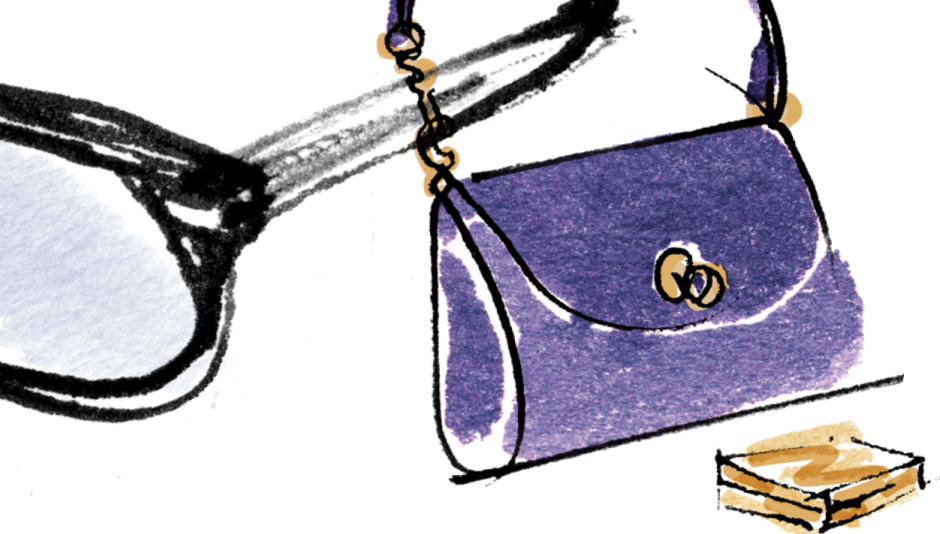
The mall is a formative experience — an air-conditioned mecca of materialism and hedonism. For the uninitiated, the mall is a place to meet, eat, and shop. But those in the know **consider this our Roman Colosseum.** A place to witness spectacular drama and spill blood (figuratively speaking). **If you're not here, you're nobody.** So to all you wannabe somebodies, here's how you show up on a Friday night.

4:30 PM - Time to get dressed. Think neon, skin-tight, chunky jewels, lace, an oversized jacket. You try hard, but you're not try-hard. The look should reflect your signature style and feature the hottest items at the mall. You're the first to wear them. Once everyone else catches on, they're in your giveaway pile.

5:00 PM - Crack open a fresh bottle of hairspray and tease your hair to the heavens. Volume is non-negotiable. As for makeup, keep it simple. Line your eyes with kohl, add a colorful eyeshadow, three swipes of mascara, a hot pink blush (swipe up toward the temples), and an even hotter pink lipstick.

5:30 PM - Grab your cash and wait for Tammy to drive up. Sit in the front seat (power position), then pick up exactly 2 more friends before getting to the mall. You ideally enter alongside three others with high-profile status. Arriving alone is too mortifying to imagine.





NIGHT

6:00 PM - You have arrived. The automatic doors open, the fan blows your hair back. Take your time and make sure everyone sees you come in. Smile, laugh, survey. Depending on everyone's interests, the group may immediately disperse. Don't take it personally, just never be alone. Then, follow this routine:

Head to the Department Store.

You're not actually shopping, you do your shopping during daylight hours. But you do want to cross the mall to see who else is around. Walk in, try on perfumes, absentmindedly flip through the racks. This is recon.

Get a table.

Head to the Food Court and get an Orange Julius, a soda, a cup of fries, honestly it doesn't matter. Just secure a table. Something with a good view, you're going to be there for a while. People will come to you, and Heather always has the juiciest gossip.

Exchange numbers.

At this point, someone is bound to catch your eye. Make eye contact. Follow their every move. It's not stalking, it's called being mysterious. Slide them a note with your number before you leave.

9:00 PM - Go before the shops close and it gets sad. You never want to be the last person to leave. Find Tammy and the group and invite everyone over to recap the night in the hot tub. New mall strangers welcome.





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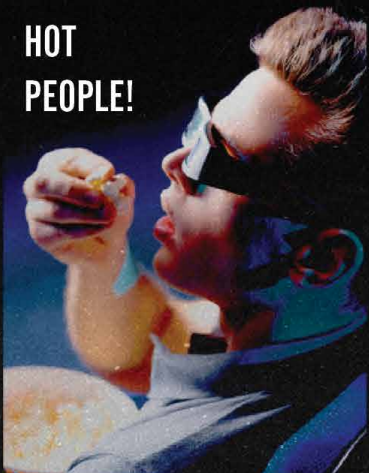
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Finding a High-Value Prospect: **LADATI**

Tn LA, dating is a competitive sport disguised as casual fun. People fall in love fast and lose interest faster. Lucky for you, there are ways of finding someone who may actually be worth your time. Here are **8 essential principles** for navigating romance among the hot, rich, and emotionally unavailable.

1. Be polite, and rarely available.

Thank you notes matter. Putting a napkin on your lap while dining does too. Know how to order wine and greet a maitre d' properly. But never rearrange your entire life for somebody you met three days ago at a party in Laurel Canyon. As far as they know, your week is already filled.

2. Never call first or wait by the phone.

The energy should remain: catch me if you can. People are less interesting when they're too easy to reach. Practice your tennis serve. Go to the country club. Take a dip in the pool and go out dancing with friends. Let them wonder where you are for once.

3. Attention is a currency. Spend it like you have a trust fund.

There's nothing more obvious than desperation. Memorable people don't scramble for validation, they focus on what they want. Keep your eye on the prize and a high-value partner will reveal themselves to you.

4. Do not make another person the center of your day.

They will notice if they are not. Ironically, this is what keeps them interested. People are drawn toward lives already in motion. Obsession is never seductive.

5. Interest should feel mutual. If it doesn't, it isn't.

Confusion is not chemistry. If you are constantly analyzing tone or mixed signals, it's time to move on.

NO Rules

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6. Arrive ten minutes late. Leave before dessert.

A slight delay suggests a life outside the evening. Leaving early suggests discipline and a good head on your shoulders. The ones who stay until the lights come on are usually the saddest of the bunch.

7. Don't overstay an invite.

Not at parties and certainly not in relationships. Know when things have soured and exit before you're asked.

8. If it feels off, it probably is.

LA is filled with fabulous people with terrible instincts. Women ignoring the pit in their stomach just because he dresses well and drives an expensive car. Men making promises they have no intention of keeping. Your intuition is not wrong: pay attention.



The Shards **SOUNDTRACK CLUB**

"LA Wants Me Dead" Troye Sivan
"Don't You Want Me" The Human League
"Rapture" Blondie
"Icehouse" Flowers
"Tusk" Fleetwood Mac
"Funkytown" Lipps Inc.
"Japanese Boy" Aneka
"The Weakness In Me" Joan Armatrading
"We Got The Beat" The Go-Go's
"Don't Stand So Close to Me" The Police
"Heart of Glass" Blondie
"Help Me Rhonda" Beach Boys
"Dancing With Myself" Billy Idol
"Year of The Cat" Al Stewart
"Call Me" Blondie
"Deja Vu" Dionne Warwick
"Video Killed The Radio Star" The Buggles
"Bette Davis Eyes" Kim Carnes
"Vienna" Ultravox
"I Got You" Split Enz
"Start Me Up" Rolling Stones
"Lady" Lionel Richie
"Endless Love" Diana Ross and Lionel Richie
"Our Lips Are Sealed" Go-Go's
"Super Freak" Rick James
"Waiting For a Girl Like You" Foreigner
"Just Can't Get Enough" Depeche Mode
"Edge of Seventeen" Stevie Nicks



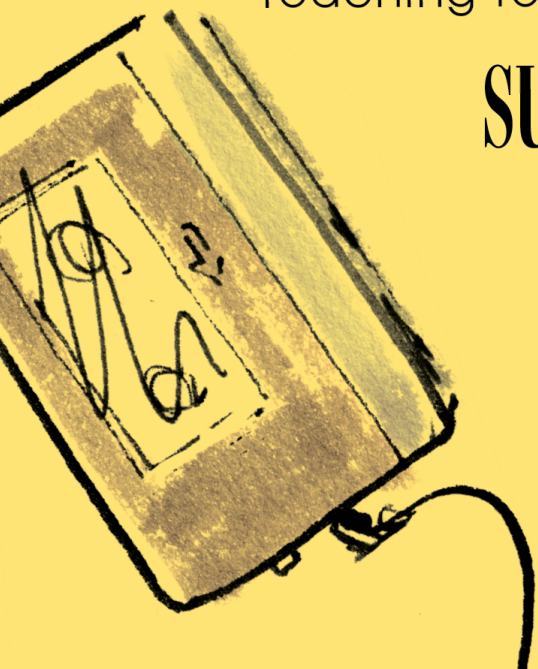
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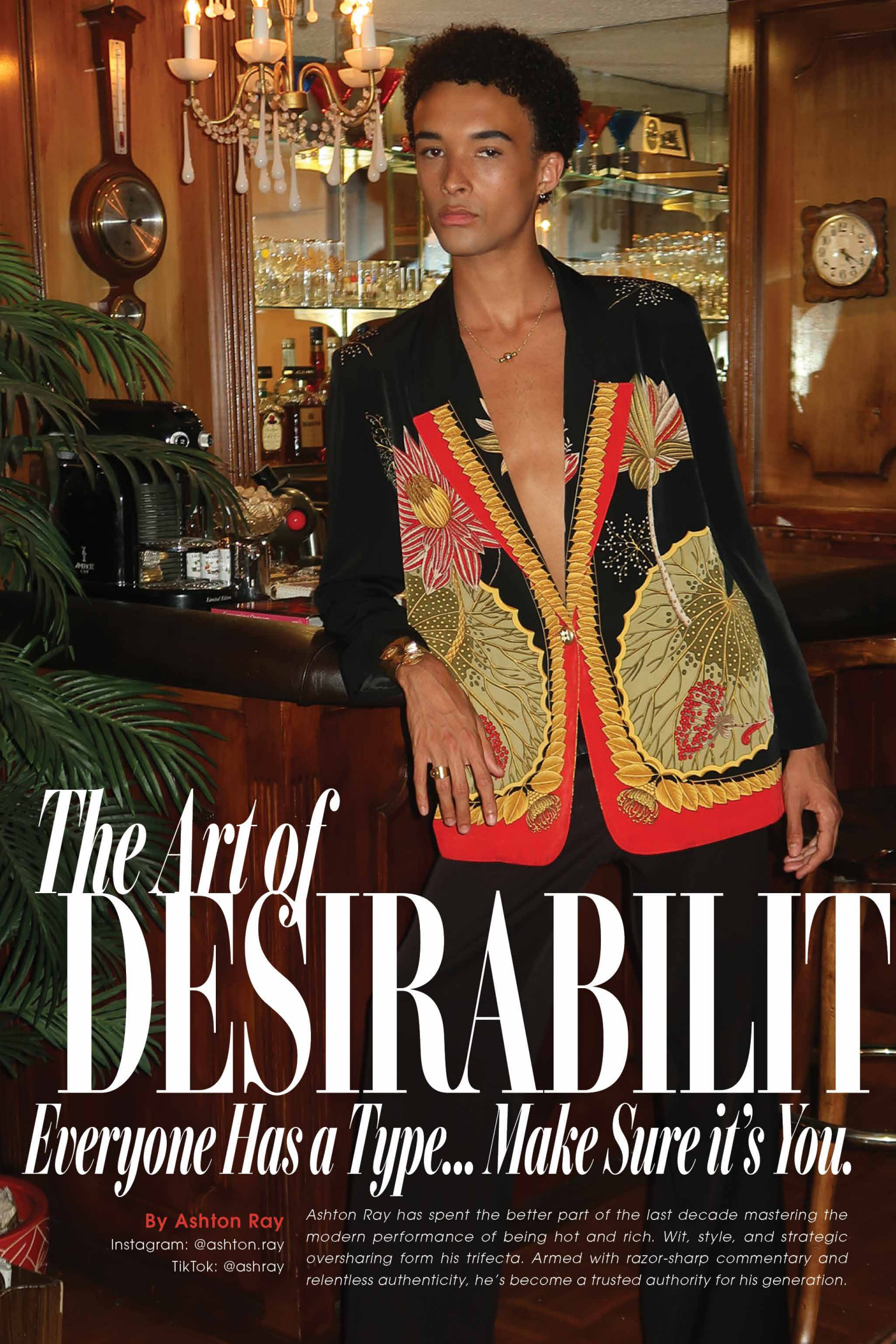
Cherry red convertible, purple sky, ocean air.

You're winding down PCH and what are you listening to? **THE SHARDS SOUNDTRACK.** Twenty-eight of the hottest hits of the decade, now available in one collection.

Perfect for the pool party. Made for making out. Great for lurking in the shadows. It's the tape everyone's reaching for - so get yours before it's GONE.

SUMMER STARTS NOW





The Art of **DESIRABILITY** *Everyone Has a Type... Make Sure it's You.*

By Ashton Ray

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Ashton Ray has spent the better part of the last decade mastering the modern performance of being hot and rich. Wit, style, and strategic oversharing form his trifecta. Armed with razor-sharp commentary and relentless authenticity, he's become a trusted authority for his generation.



We all know a person who instantly turns heads when they walk into a room. They always know the right thing to say. And of course, they possess undeniable, god-like good looks. Here, Ashton shares how to optimize your attractiveness, magnetism, and stand out in the crowd — prepare to become the object of everyone's desire.

Appearance:

A little pretty privilege never hurt anybody, so give the people something to look at. Remember, the devil's in the details with your appearance; so I recommend starting with the perfect canvas of glowing, glass skin. A simple routine of cleanser, a high-quality face cream, and a spritz of illuminating mist should do the trick. A face they can't look away from, no matter how hard they try.

Confidence & Charm:

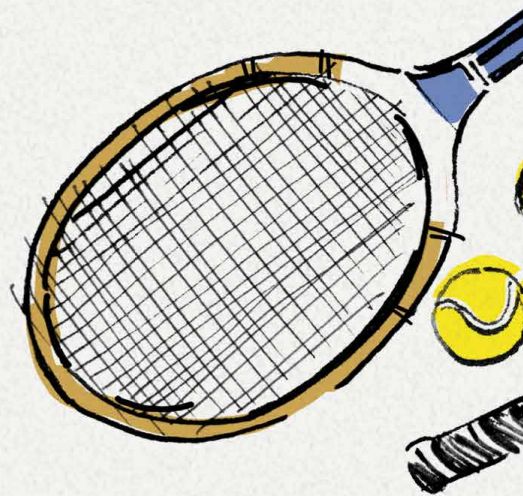
The double C's are an irresistible asset, and no, not the ones on your mother's purse. These operate together better than Bonnie and Clyde: confidence and charm. Confidence without charm is arrogance; charm without confidence is a wasted opportunity to be admired, respected, or get ahead in this world. Use your confidence to garner attention, use your charm to make people want more. Desirable people don't dominate a party, they cultivate one everyone wants to attend.

Generosity:

This is seriously a form of witchcraft if used correctly. Most would assume generosity refers to monetary contributions...WRONG. Generosity is in your ability to provide strong recommendations, give specific compliments, introduce two people who will eventually be exes. You'll always be remembered for what you gave, and no one's reputation or legacy is more important than your own.



RIDE!



Competition is in your blood. Only the deeply uninteresting or the sadly overworked don't partake in extracurricular sports or hobbies. They're proven to be the best way to de-stress, maintain your physique, and mingle with others who reflect your interests and status. **For the upper echelon**, the only sports worth pursuing are deeply exclusive and exceedingly expensive.

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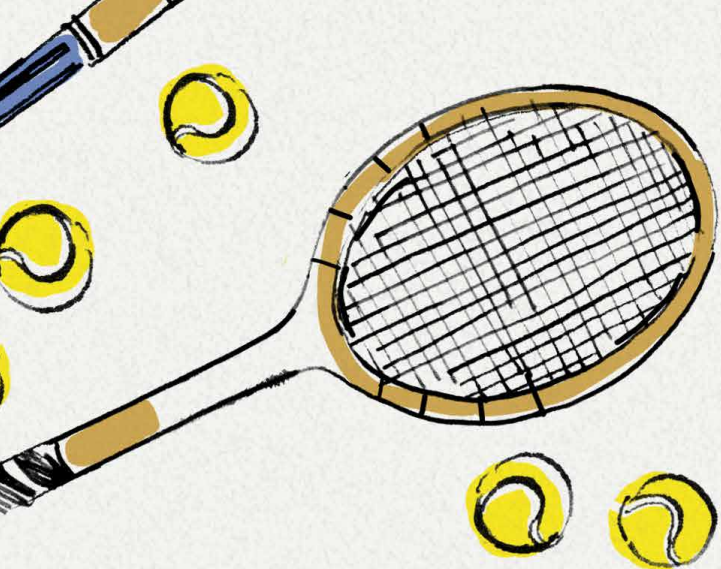
Squash

Popular with Wall Street tycoons and C-level executives, squash is typically played at lunchtime. Doubling as a stress-reliever and high-intensity business meeting, there's no better way to test your rival than to challenge them to a game. Played in a confined space with a rubber ball and small racket, eyewear and mouthguards are recommended. Don't want anyone to lose an eye.



Sailing

For those looking to master nature itself, control the wind through recreational sailing. Meet your instructor for your weekly one-on-one lesson, sailing from the marina to a nearby island, hoisting your sails, setting course, tacking or gybing accordingly. You do this because you love it, but also because you love telling people about your annual trip to French Polynesia.



Horseback Riding

Nothing beats a morning at the stables. After a thorough brushing of your thoroughbred, you mount, gallop, and jump until noon. Every trick requires patience and mastery as you build trust with this impressive animal. As hard as you work, you never have a hair out of place, looking positively pristine in emerald riding gear and designer leather boots.

Tennis

A classic for a reason. While almost everyone has a court in the backyard, the Club is just more social. Singles is great cardio and healthy competition, doubles is social warfare. Pick your partners wisely. If you make enemies on the court, you could make enemies for life.

Skiing

Whether it's on the slopes or on your coffee table, nothing beats endless powder. Money can't buy balance, but it can buy lessons, equipment, lift access, and a slope-side condominium. Spend the day weaving between moguls and European aristocrats before retiring to the lodge for hot toddies and strategic flirting.

NO! HEAVE!

*How the HOT & RICH
Let off Steam*

Anatomy of a Home

Interiors of People Who Matter

BY ETHAN GASKILL

Whether you're purchasing a new home or updating the current one, there are a handful of details no well-appointed household should overlook. After consulting several of Beverly Hills' most socially-relevant residents, here are the 5-star standards of the most coveted homes on the market.



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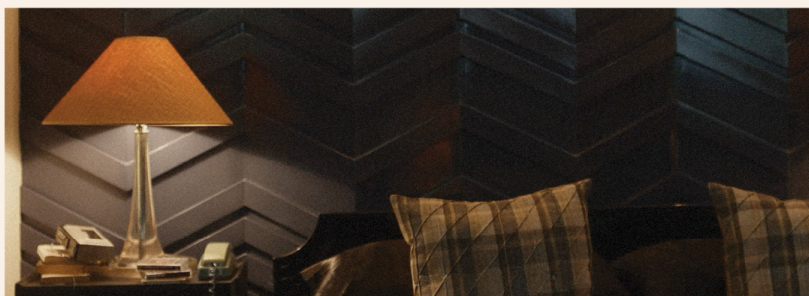
AN INVITING PARLOR

The living room is where first impressions are made and reputations are maintained. Furnish it accordingly with sculptural furniture, fresh flowers, and enough seating to accommodate unexpected visitors.



THE PERFECT LIGHTING

Lighting should flatter both you and the room. Overhead fixtures are for interrogation rooms - avoid them. The foyer calls for a mirrored chandelier slightly larger than your ego, while brass lamps with oversized fabric shades create an intimate mood for the bedroom.



A BOLD BOUDOIR

Sleep is only one of the many activities a bedroom should accommodate. It's where you recover from the night before and prepare for the next. Invest in bold fixtures, rich fabrics, and an oversized bed with enough space for you and your partner(s).



A PRISTINE POWDER ROOM

The space itself should feel more like a private dressing suite than a bathroom. The focal point? A luxuriously lacquered Italian Deco vanity with the largest mirror the wall can support. How else are you going to admire yourself?



POOLSIDE GLAMOUR

Nothing says success quite like dedicating a significant portion of your property to a recreational body of water. It serves no practical purpose, which is what makes it impressive. Pastel striped chaise lounges, meticulously groomed palms, and a pool house well stocked with libations are all a must.



Remember, any home can be purchased. But few homes can be truly personalized. Taste, atmosphere, and an endless budget put a customized touch on any space.

Leave your mark.

A centerpiece
worth *gossiping*
about!



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Alexia is an expert-level hostess, homemaker, and firm believer that any social catastrophe can be averted with a beautifully garnished drink or distractingly perfect dessert. When she isn't busy suspending vegetables in gelatin, she enjoys baking, creating elaborate tablescapes, and avoiding any unflattering overhead lighting.



recipe so simple that even the most inept of husbands could make it, yet elegant enough to be served at the most sophisticated of tables. It's a low-calorie, low-fat dish (perfect for maintaining a tight waistline!) that's packed with vitamin C-rich tomatoes and collagen (hello youthful skin) – making it a refreshing, nutrient-dense choice that is healthy enough to justify that second vodka soda. Cheers to a fabulous centerpiece and party EVERYONE will be talking about!

Recipe:

Serves 12

Ingredients:

- 1 cup of room temperature water
- 4 packs of gelatin (1 oz total)
- 6 cups of tomato or vegetable juice (whatever you take in your morning Bloody Mary)
- 1 cup of yellow onion (finely chopped like the haircut Nina debuted at the country club last week)
- 1 cup of diced celery
- 2 tablespoons of lemon juice (bright and acidic like a proper backhanded compliment)
- 4 teaspoons of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon of freshly cracked pepper (pre-ground pepper has the same flavour profile as a stale marriage)

Method:

1. In a small bowl, combine gelatin and room temperature water and mix until thoroughly combined. Set aside.
2. To a large pot, add remaining ingredients and bring to a simmer over low-medium heat. Let simmer for 15 minutes (the perfect amount of time to pour yourself another cocktail) before adding gelatin mixture.
3. Turn off heat and stir until all gelatin is dissolved. Let the mixture cool for about an hour.
4. Spray your mold with non-stick spray, then add the mixture. While you never fit the mold, gelatin was made for it.
5. Chill in the refrigerator for at least 6 hours until the aspic has fully set. You can use this time to shop for a new party dress or book a consultation with your plastic surgeon.
6. Embellish with your favorite mayonnaise.
7. Present to your company and prepare to become the subject of envy.

Steal Your Girlfriend?

01. Is your "friend" a good dancer?
A. Yes
B. No
C. Never noticed
02. Has your "friend" ever encouraged your girlfriend to wear something sexy?
A. Yes
B. No
C. I don't know
03. Does your girlfriend ever "defend" his actions towards you?
A. Yes
B. No
C. I wasn't paying attention
04. Have they addressed your school about recent missing students together?
A. Yes
B. No
C. This is oddly specific
05. Do you catch them looking for each other in every room?
A. Yes
B. No
C. Hard to say
06. Has your girlfriend given him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation before?
A. Yes
B. No
C. It was a life or death situation
07. When you fight him for being a prick, does your girlfriend tell you to stop?
A. Yes
B. No
C. I can't help it when his face is so punchable
08. Does he help your girlfriend to realize her dreams of what she really wants in Life?
A. Yes
B. No
C. Who cares about her dreams
09. When you confront him, does he call you a needy, worthless, embarrassment of a man?
A. Yes
B. No
C. That was only once
10. Do you have a feeling that this person may want to hurt your girlfriend?
A. Yes
B. No
C. It's just a gut feeling...

Do you ever notice your “friend” eyeing your girl? Feeling suspicious about what happens at those study sessions?

Here are 10 questions to help cut the bull and get the truth.

Results:

IF YOU GOT MOSTLY A'S:

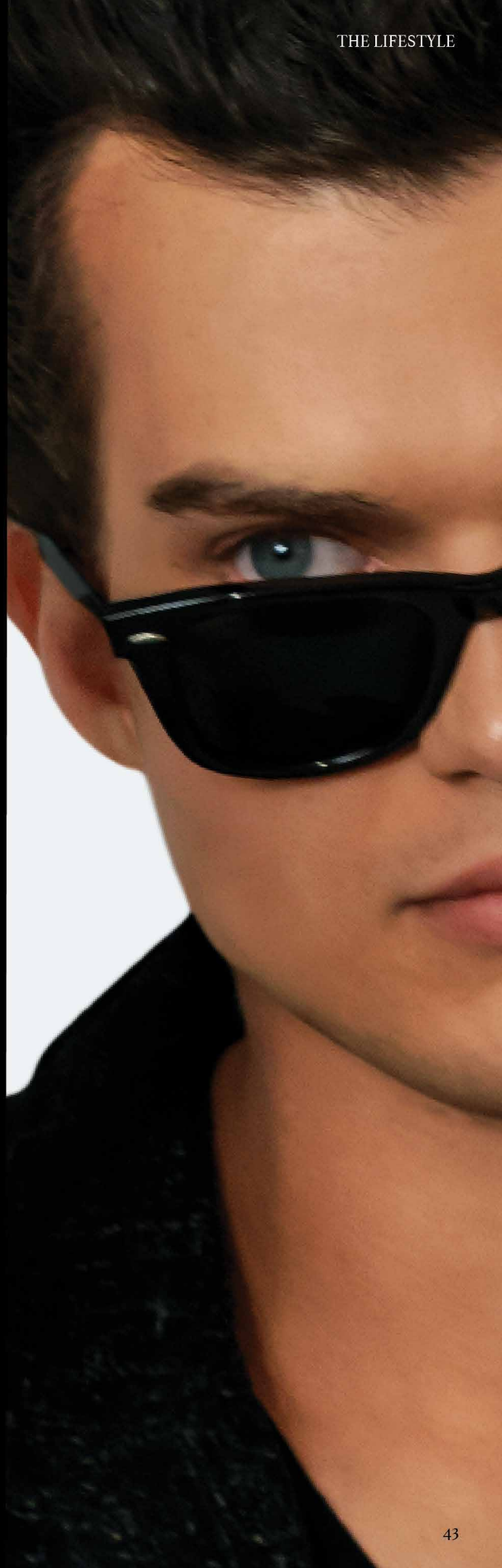
Your girlfriend is as good as gone. Maybe take up some dance lessons, or kill the person trying to steal her.

IF YOU GOT MOSTLY B'S:

Your girlfriend has been stolen from you and you're in denial.

IF YOU GOT MOSTLY C'S:

Your girlfriend is probably still being stolen from you and you're dumb for not noticing.





The LEISURE

The Invitation EVERYONE'S GUNNING FOR



How the Hot & Rich Entertain — And Secretly Run This Town

The most powerful people in LA are the ones that throw the best parties, bringing together Hollywood's biggest players to mingle and get messy. Hosting is an art form, and few are willing to share their secrets (let alone their guest lists). But we were able to compile a list of three precious tips from anonymous socialites on how they keep their guests coming back for more.



1 MANIPULATE THE GUEST LIST

Inviting the same 60 people to your party gets dull, fast. Keep your guests guessing with a carefully crafted guest list that brings people together for a reason. “An actor friend of mine offered to pay me 5 grand to invite a certain producer to my next gathering. I told him to keep his money. Having that kind of leverage over someone is priceless.” Successful hosts play puppetmaster as often as party planner. After all, parties aren’t actually about having fun. They’re about being seen, making deals, and getting laid.

2 IF YOU’RE GOING TO ENTERTAIN, ENTERTAIN!

“Don’t expect people to entertain themselves.” A spectacle seals the deal. Remember, your guests can buy anything, do anything, and go anywhere — give them something to remember. “I’ve been to parties with live tigers, Mongolian throat singers... We once threw an apres ski party, with 70 tons of real snow, in the middle of July.” Outdo whoever came last.

3 STIR UP DRAMA

“It’s not that you want something bad to happen at your party, but if a couple’s screaming match erupts into a monumental public break-up... people will talk about it for weeks. And you’ll get all the credit. That’s gold.” Keep drinks refreshed, gossip circulating, and whatever happens next may make you the most talked-about person in town.



A *Hot Girl's* Guide to STEALING THE SHOW

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As a certified Hollywood hot girl and video vixen who has rocked out with more bands than you have on your last mixtape, I consider it my duty to help the uninformed make the most of their concert experience. From a killer outfit, to hair that never falls flat, to makeup that reads under stage lights, **you're guaranteed to steal the show** and maybe even secure a spot backstage with these quick tips.

Nailing the Look

The first rule is simple: do not look like you came to see the band, look like the band came to see you. The correct outfit suggests you have backstage access, but are kind enough to stand in the audience.

Begin with one piece that has authority: a leather jacket, a studded skirt, tight denim, a top that catches the singer's eye in the right lighting. The rest stays clean, balanced, and sharp.

Shoes decide the evening. Choose based on the crowd, the venue, and how badly you need to be seen walking past someone. A chunky silver crucifix always makes the look and catches the eye. Be bold.

Every piece should look intentional, even if the intention is simply to be stared at.

A Blowout That Blows Them Away

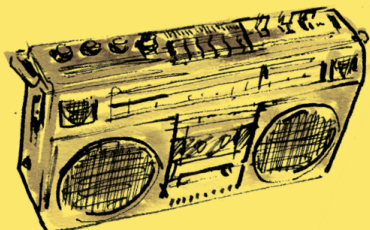
Rockstar hair is built for impact! And it's built to last. Volume starts at the crown, lifted and set in place with a hairspray. Tease the roots for maximum height and lift. Regular headbanging will help keep it big all night.

Every other girl's hair will bow down to yours as theirs falls flat. There's no such thing as too big. With intentional shape, never any stiffness, and enough volume for even the band to notice, you're sure to be unforgettable from the first song to the last!

Glamour That Sparkles Brighter Than Stage Lights

Concert makeup isn't subtle... It's stage ready. The eyes carry your look. Smoky, blended, not delicate, but never too much. Blush sits high on the cheeks so the face doesn't fall flat under harsh front-row lighting, with just enough glitter to catch the lights!

Lips finish the look. Opt for a red, berry, gloss, something with attitude. Don't be afraid to be bold. You do not wear makeup to look pretty. You wear it to be remembered.



The Art of VIP

Once the look is handled, the performance begins. Nobody who looks this good came merely to watch the show. A backstage pass is rarely earned from the middle of the crowd, and if Daddy has not paid for VIP, then one must rely on charm, timing, and the natural advantages of being difficult to ignore.

Begin by identifying someone who works for the band: a roadie, a manager, the man selling t-shirts. This person is not the destination. He is the transport. Be kind to him. Compliment him. Ask a question that makes him feel briefly powerful. Men with laminate passes are often desperate to be mistaken for talent, which is very convenient. Give him five minutes of importance and he may give you the door.



Owning Backstage

From there, behave as if backstage was always part of the evening. Do not squeal. Do not thank anyone. The band has just spent ninety minutes being worshiped by strangers. They do not need more worship. They need contrast.

Do not run toward the singer. Everyone runs toward the singer. Start with the member who is being ignored just enough to notice you noticing him. The guitarist is usually pretending not to care. The bassist is used to being underestimated. The drummer is either exhausted or insane. All are useful, depending on your taste and how much trouble you want to get into.

Do not ask for anything. Not a photo, not an autograph, not a promise, not a ride. Instead, create the impression that whatever happens next would be fortunate for him. If he wants your number, he may ask. If he wants you at the after-party, he may mention it. If he wants to impress you, let him try.

That is the difference between seeing the show and being part of the evening. One requires a ticket. The other requires the perfect outfit, the right timing, and the steadfast belief that doors are meant to open when you arrive. Listen to the music, of course. Dance if you're in the mood. But never forget that the only thing that really deserves an amp is you.



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MARTINI

TO DIE FOR



The very successful hostess in Beverly Hills has two things: a good plastic surgeon and an excellent martini recipe.

The perfect martini should be cold, dry, and slightly dangerous. Like a woman returning from Saint-Tropez with fresh highlights and divorce papers.

Lucky for you, I've perfected the art. This recipe never disappoints. Recommended serving: 2 minimum for necessary social lubrication.



Ingredients:

- 2 oz Top Shelf Gin
- 0.5 oz Dry Vermouth
- Large lemon twist
- Thin cucumber slice

Method:

1. Stir slowly with ice. A martini should be composed, even if you aren't.
2. Don't be stingy with the ice. The colder, the better. I love the icy shards.
3. Strain into a sexy, chilled V-shaped glass. Crystal, ideally.
4. For the twist, hold the lemon peel over the glass, skin side down, and give it a sharp pinch. You want to see a mist of oil hit the surface like a splash of expensive perfume.
5. Garnish with a cucumber slice as thin as your waistline, delicately draped over a silver pick. After all, appearances are everything.
6. Enjoy and repeat until everyone around you becomes more tolerable.

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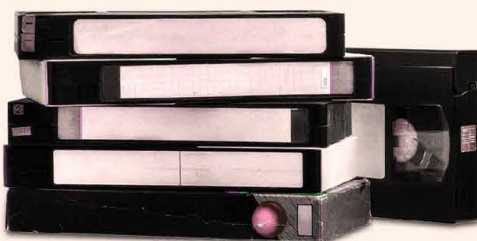
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watch it again and again.

The Hot & Rich do not ask whether a trend is good for society. A thing does not need to be healthy or democratic to last. The most durable institutions are the ones that allow people to feel superior, tapping into our basic human needs to judge, to recline, be perceived, make deals, take calls from cars, look recently vacationed, and surrender one's personality.

Rob Anderson is a performer, author, and cultural examiner. He is not merely observing the nature of influential humans, he is standing inside it (where the lighting is better) while taking notes. He can walk into a room and understand who has power, who is pretending to have power, and who is one horrendous haircut away from losing all of it. He understands that Gay culture is a science that deserves taxonomy, fieldwork, and the occasional warning label.

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Seven HOT THINGS

THAT ARE ABSOLUTELY HERE TO STAY

DANCE COMPETITION SHOWS

Ah, the joy of watching regional theater survivors in leg warmers fling themselves across a stage in pursuit of validation. Dance is one of the few art forms that can be appreciated by people who know nothing and still feel qualified to comment. You do not need to understand technique to say someone "wanted it more" on a hit TV show like "Dance Off!" The hot and rich will always invest in this.

WATERBEDS

The waterbed refuses to be ordinary. It demands commitment. It must be installed, filled, maintained, and defended in conversation. A normal mattress offers support, but a waterbed offers narrative. There is a difference, and the second one will make you more interesting at parties. The time to invest in one or more waterbeds is now.

MALLS

Malls create levels, entrances, but most importantly, visibility. Who can enter the expensive store without being followed by the staff? Only malls can offer such an immediate display of financial hierarchy, and they aren't going away.

POWER LUNCH

A power lunch is where deals are made, and deals will never go out of style. The correct power lunch is poked at, considered, and abandoned. "You barely touched your Dover sole." That's the point. The plate should look like an important business decision was made near it. There will always be power lunches because there will always be power, lunch, and people who want both served with chilled Chablis.

CAR PHONE

The car phone claims one of the highest forms of modern authority: being in touch while moving away from others. Its owner is between destinations, which is where powerful people prefer to be imagined! Still moving. Still desired. Still late as hell. People will always want proof that they are needed somewhere else before they have even arrived.

TANNING

A tan is not just color, it's a vacation made visible. It says the person has been somewhere bright, expensive, coastal, irresponsible, or all four. A tan says access. It says boats, pools, islands, terraces, ski trips where the sun reflects off snow and your Carte Blanche credit card. Tanning is here to stay because it turns leisure into melanin. And leisure, properly displayed, is one of the oldest forms of power.

CULTS

People say they want freedom, but freedom is work. Independent thinking is exhausting and could be outsourced to someone charismatic with unbroken eye contact. The desire to be chosen, guided, reborn, ranked, renamed, and told what to eat has always thrilled people. Plus, the promise of magical powers or total enlightenment while relaxing in Malibu doesn't sound bad at all.





Live from **DANCE OFF!**

Behind the Scenes of TV's Hottest Dance Show with Host **Tony Cruz**

By the time the "On Air" light comes on, Tony Cruz already knows who's chasing fame, who's chasing each other, and who's about to make excellent television. We caught up with the host of Dance Off! for a few questions about life behind the hottest dance show in Southern California.

Q: YOU'VE HOSTED HUNDREDS OF EPISODES. CAN YOU USUALLY TELL WHO'S GOING TO BE A STAR?

Within thirty seconds. Some kids walk onto that stage expecting the spotlight to find them, and for them it does. The rest spend the whole show looking for camera three.

Q: WHAT'S THE ATMOSPHERE LIKE BACKSTAGE BEFORE THE CAMERAS START ROLLING?

Beautiful people fixing their hair, producers yelling into headsets, somebody crying in a dressing room, somebody else kissing in one. Television, sweetheart. If everyone's behaving themselves, you probably don't have much more time on the air.

Q: THE COMPETITION CAN GET SURPRISINGLY INTENSE. DO YOU EVER HAVE TO BREAK UP RIVALRIES BACKSTAGE?

You'd be amazed what people will do when they think they're one dance away from becoming famous. I'm a television host, not a guidance counselor. A little competition makes for great ratings, as long as nobody bleeds on the set.

Q: CHA CHA RODRIGUEZ HAS BECOME ONE OF DANCE OFF!'S BIGGEST BREAKOUT STARS. WHAT'S IT LIKE WORKING WITH HER?

No comment.





Q: SLOW JAM ROMANCE IS THE MOST TALKED-ABOUT PART OF EVERY EPISODE. WHY DO YOU THINK AUDIENCES LOVE IT SO MUCH?

You can't script chemistry. You just dim the lights, put on a good record, and let teenage hormones do the rest. America eats it up every time.

Q: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BECOME GROOVER OF THE WEEK?

Playing it safe never made anybody Groover of the Week. Give the folks at home something worth dialing for. If they aren't talking about you during the commercial break, you've already lost.

Q: WHAT'S THE CRAZIEST THING YOU'VE SEEN HAPPEN ON THE DANCE OFF! SET?

If I answered that honestly, I'd be looking for a new job tomorrow morning. Let's just say the cameras don't catch everything. And thank God for that.



DO YOU HAVE THE HOTTEST MOVES? PROVE IT!

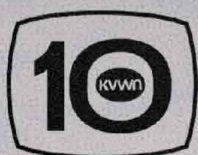
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Equal parts athlete, daydream, and certified roller babe, Ana Coto has spent years turning parking lots, boardwalks, and roller rinks into her personal runway. We sat down with her to discuss confidence, floor-work, and why visible joy might be the ultimate status symbol.

Life as a Certified ROLLER

An Interview with Ana Coto

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Thanks for taking the time to talk to us.

Right off the bat, can I just say — you exude confidence. What's your secret?

Confidence is hot, but confidence is built and practiced. It isn't a secret. It comes from falling on my a** and deciding to get back up. I don't even fall anymore, that's just called floor-work.

Have you skated since you were a kid?

God, no. I skated briefly at eight years old in a pair of deeply cursed rental skates, then didn't touch them again until twenty-eight, after a breakup severe enough to qualify as a personality reset. My then-boyfriend fell in love with my best friend, which felt dramatic at the time but was ultimately terrific for my bone structure.

Afterward, I became temporarily addicted to saying yes. I learned to surf. Learned stick shift. Took silversmithing classes. Went skydiving. An elderly Italian woman entrusted me with a pasta recipe so

secretive I'm fairly certain several men died protecting it. And somewhere in that little spiral of reckless self-improvement, I found roller skating. Which turned out to be less a hobby and more a complete restructuring of my personality.

Where has skating taken you?

Barcelona. Saint Barts. Extremely questionable warehouses in Brooklyn. Beautiful homes belonging to people who only drink sparkling water from glass bottles. But mostly it returned me to myself, which unfortunately is the sort of thing women in silk slips say before changing their life.

Can I meet my soulmate at the rink?

Absolutely. Maybe your soulmate. Maybe your next ex. Maybe a dealer with beautiful eyelashes. Los Angeles is about remaining open. But you will meet a hotter version of yourself, which is honestly more useful long term.





Photo by Carly Jean Andrews

Is it as fun as it looks?

More. But that's because people confuse pleasure with ease. Skating is work. Looking good is work. Being the kind of woman strangers project fantasies onto is absolutely work. You earn the glow. The bruises become part of it. Better posture. Better legs. Better butt. Better understanding of momentum, spiritually.

Any inspiring words for the roller-curious?

Embarrassment is part of the aesthetic. Nobody glides immediately. You sweat. You wobble. You accidentally develop a public persona as someone recovering from a minor leg injury. Then one day you stop thinking and your body understands before you do. Very few things in life are hotter than earned effort disguised as ease.

What kind of equipment do you need?

Proper skates. This is not optional. Rental skates have the energy of divorced parents forced to attend a graduation together. They've suffered enough. Also: knee pads, wrist guards, and a willingness to look ridiculous before you look iconic. Safe is sexy. So is commitment.

What should people expect once they start?

Bruises. Attention. Mild delusion. Excellent calves. People smile at skaters in a way they don't smile at pedestrians. There's something offensive about visible joy now. It reads as wealth.

That's why I love rink culture. Everyone is performing a fantasy version of themselves at once. The teenagers, the divorcees, the old couples dressed like they're fleeing Miami with casino money. Nobody gets on wheels accidentally. It means you still want something.

Any final words?

Becoming hot is less about beauty than permission. Most people are waiting to become confident before allowing themselves pleasure, attention, visibility, desire. The hot rollergirl simply skips that step.



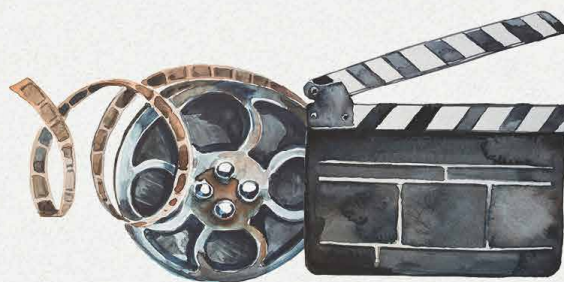
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IN LOS ANGELES, THE BACK DOOR SWINGS WIDER THAN THE FRONT.

JUST THE TIPS WITH TERRY SCHAFER

If there's a deal to be made, a party to attend, or a promising young person in need of guidance, Hollywood insider Terry Schaffer is never far behind. With 20 years in the business and an address book full of names he can't wait to drop, Terry has learned a thing or two about getting ahead.



Here are ten of his tried and true tips for making it in "the biz" (and in life).

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| <p>01. Buy sunglasses big enough to hide last night's decisions.</p> <p>02. Sex sells. And sometimes it even pays.</p> <p>03. Don't be afraid to show off your young, fresh voice. The movies are always in need of a new hot thing.</p> <p>04. Your assistant should know two things: your lunch order and your alibi.</p> <p>05. The most fruitful arrangements are made with an unspoken understanding. It's best to keep it that way.</p> | <p>06. Everybody in town is 'developing' something. Usually a rash.</p> <p>07. A true Hollywood mogul never pays full price for anything, except a divorce.</p> <p>08. Never judge someone for their vice. They know you have one too.</p> <p>09. You get noticed where it counts, not where it's convenient. Le Dome, Bel Air, Spago, and Ma Maison are places to be seen.</p> <p>10. No one cares who you are, they care who you know. The right relationships are the key to success.</p> |
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TAKE A RIDE WITH THE *AFTERLIFE*

Everything You Need to Know About LA's *Hottest* Cult



The Mansons are out, Riders of the Afterlife are in. Satanic Panic must be in full swing, because these cryptic creeps are all ANYONE'S talking about. Whispers, rumors, and stories involving friends-of-friends have permeated the ether. After all, are you really living in LA if there isn't a demonic cult on the loose? The Times' recently published portions from the group's alleged Handbook featuring hellish mantras like:

WE RIDE WHERE FEAR RISES.

WE RIDE UNTIL CHAOS YIELDS ITS SHAPE.

The group is being blamed for the recent crime wave across the city. Disappearances, break-ins, missing pets, and occult-related graffiti. Local residents have also reported a slew of phone calls followed by heavy breathing, alongside reports of stalking. Writings from their Handbook detail an inscrutable belief system, but no action plan.

Fear is not an enemy to be soothed. It is a signal. It sharpens attention. It strips away pretense. What remains in fear is what was never false. Chaos is not failure. It is exposure.



Are these real Boogeymen, or is this another Hollywood ghost story? It's easy to blame unfortunate events on a shadowy group — but let's remember there are many other potential explanations. Consider the record number of hostile, inebriated, and wealthy young people driving recklessly and taking over public and private spaces. There's sure to be some fallout from entitled kids not getting what they want. But could The Riders of the Afterlife be behind it all? The truth always comes to light.

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IS EVERYONE OBSESSED WITH YOU?

Look, you know how to make an entrance. The parting of the crowd as you cross the dancefloor. The little gasps when you approach a group. None of this is new. What is new, is the dread. A feeling that you're not being admired, you're being watched. But how is that any different?

Chances are, it's nothing. Life in the bubble is perfect, no need to burst it. Could be a little paranoia. People who have a lot to lose are usually apprehensive. But is it something more nefarious? Real talk, there has been a significant increase in disappearances and violent crimes in Southern California this year. Now's as good a time as any to brush up on personal safety practices. After all, there's a big difference between being noticed and being selected.

Know the signs. Save your skin.

Separating Good Attention from Bad

No free lunch.

You're no stranger to favors and freebies. Usually when you offer to pay you never have to follow through. But is there someone who is always treating you? Take a look at what they may have to gain. Could be sex, connections, or worse, your trust.

Examine your inner circle.

It's easy to assume your closest friends are watching out for you. But how do you know? They could just as easily be getting close to you so they can slice your throat. If you are suspicious of a friend, cut them loose ASAP.

Notice the mindgames.

One of your favorite things about social gatherings is the casual manipulation happening between acquaintances. But what if someone's playing with you? That new kid who keeps teasing you, that girl who keeps dressing like you. They could be trying to get in your head. You are a predator, don't act like prey.

Danger is closer than you think.

Are you walking alone at night? Look around. Notice the glow of a cigarette in an unmarked van. Check for things missing in your home. Phone calls with heavy breathing. Sure, it could be jealous nobodies trying to bother you, but it could also be a psychopathic serial killer. Stay alert!

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ruin lesser women.



Ask me anything.

ASK LIZ,

Dear Liz,

I moved to Los Angeles last year, hoping to make it as an actress, and met a director who swept me off my feet. Everything felt like a fairy tale, from meals at the best restaurants to nights on his private yacht. One night I followed his car just to see him pick up a beautiful male model in his convertible before they kissed and drove off. What should I do?

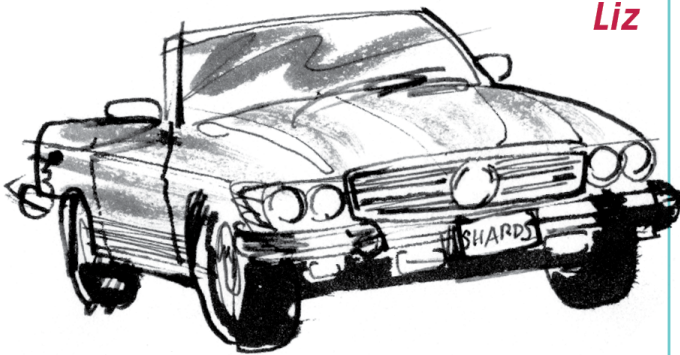
Sincerely Yours,
Trouble In Paradise

Dear Trouble,

If a man in Hollywood owns both a yacht and a convertible, the only thing exclusive about him is his first look deal. Your ambition has to exceed his attention span. Find someone richer, preferably with better taste and fewer secrets in their passenger seat.

P.S. Call me. Not all acting jobs are on the silver screen.

Cheers,
Liz



Dear Liz,

My best friend has started copying everything I do. First it was my hairstyle, then my perfume, and now the dress I wore to a party last weekend. People keep saying we look like sisters, which is so not the point. How do I stop her without looking like I care?

Sincerely Yours,
Original, Unfortunately

Dear Original,

Show her you can live a lifestyle she simply can't afford. Designer clothing. Trips to Cannes. Style can be copied. Status cannot. Lastly, if they say you look like sisters, tell them you're the younger one.

Cheers,
Liz



Dear Liz,

There's a guy at school who stares at me. A LOT. I thought it was romantic, but now I'm seeing him everywhere: the mall, the theatre, outside my house sitting in his car. My friends say he's smitten but it's starting to feel strange. Am I being dramatic?

Sincerely,
Watched in Westwood

Dear Watched,

If someone always knows where you are, you're either too predictable or in danger. My advice? Stay interesting, but harder to find.

Cheers,
Liz

Dear Liz,

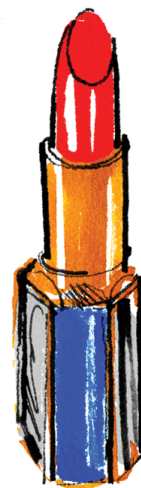
My mother treats everything I do like a personal attack. Last week she said I was "trying to destroy this family" because I missed dinner for a pool party. It's insane because I looked incredible and dinner was meatloaf! How do I make her understand that not everything is about her?

Sincerely,
Misunderstood in Beverly Hills

Dear Misunderstood,

You sound exactly like my daughter, which concerns me. Your mother is probably reacting to your new hobby of disappointing her publicly. Try acting slightly less impossible for just one evening.

Cheers,
Liz



Horoscopes for the Hot & Rich

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A new school year means new horizons, and we knew just who to call to guide you through it. A chance to start fresh, redefine yourself, or emerge as someone else entirely. Here, astrologer Indigo Selah shares her insights into each sign, and what strengths and weaknesses to watch out for. Trust her with your life, your love, and your next move. What's written in the stars will always find you.

ARIES

THE NEW ARRIVAL

Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

You set things in motion but not everything you start stays in your control, no one knows where you came from but suddenly you are everywhere. You do what you want and don't care about the consequences.

TAURUS

THE TASTEMAKER

Apr. 20 - May 20

Your world is flawless and golden, just make sure no one sees those price tags, how much it cost, or what had to be sacrificed to keep it that way.

GEMINI

THE OBSERVER

May 21 - Jun. 20

You know everything before it happens. The question is, what do you do with it? Information is power and you hold all of it.

CANCER

THE GATEKEEPER

Jun. 21 - Jul. 22

You decide who gets to sit at your table, and lately you've been saving a seat for someone new. Careful who you fall for, my soft-hearted beauty, not everyone is who they say they are.

LEO

THE IT GIRL

Jul. 23 - Aug. 22

All eyes are on you, but don't mistake attention for admiration. Heavy is the head that wears the crown, especially when everyone is watching, whispering, and waiting for you to slip.

VIRGO

THE FIXER

Aug. 23 - Sep. 22

You clean up every mess, but this time the chaos may follow you home. Each detail is intentional and carefully curated but perfection starts to look suspicious when no one can tell where the performance ends.

LIBRA

THE SOCIALITE

Sep. 23 - Oct. 22

A fashionista and social climber who knows all the right people, you make access look effortless. Everyone wants a place beside you. Just be careful who gets it, not everyone has what it takes.

SCORPIO

THE ENIGMA

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You sense a feeling... a shift in energy you can't quite explain. Fascination can turn into obsession quickly, and while you're no stranger to scheming, you shouldn't let your secret love affair go too far.

SAGITTARIUS

THE ESCAPE ARTIST

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

The life of the party, you know where the night begins and every place worth disappearing to after. Be careful, even you may run out of hiding places.

CAPRICORN

THE POWER PLAYER

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You've built your life on control, tradition, and everyone staying exactly where they belong. Unfortunately, the past has a way of resurfacing and you know better than anyone that reputation matters far more than the truth.

AQUARIUS

THE OUTSIDER

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

A wallflower with a God complex, they think they're better than everyone else in the room. Always watching, always documenting... but you may not be the only one keeping notes.

PISCES

THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Feb. 20 - Mar. 20

People see what they want in you, but lately they're starting to see more than they should. Sweet, artsy, and smarter than you let on, you may be the next IT Girl if you stop pretending you're above trying.

Indigo is an astrologer and cultural commentator known for translating modern desire, power, and identity through the lens of the zodiac. Her readings blend intuition with observation, almost like advice overheard at a party from someone who already knows what's coming next.



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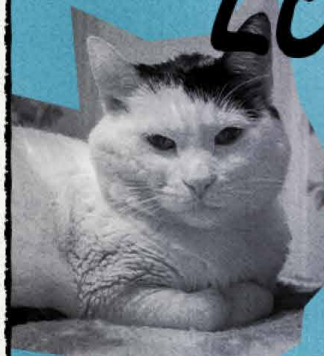
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