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INTRODUCTION



So...
you want
to date a
vampire.



This is not a question. Of course you want to date a vampire. Who doesn't want to date a vampire?

You might think it's as easy as showing a little neck, picking a few scabs, and looking helpless in all the right places (when a car's about to hit you, when a mountain lion's about to eat you, when the teacher calls on you and you don't know the answer because you've been daydreaming about your hypothetical vampire lover, etc.). But it's not as simple as that. Sure, sometimes you might be able to warm the space where his heart used to be. But a lot of the time, the vampire is just not that into you.

You'd think that vampires would be easy to read, with their astonishingly translucent skin and all. Well, think again. Telling the difference can be a matter of life and death for your relationship (as well as a matter of life and death for your, well, life).

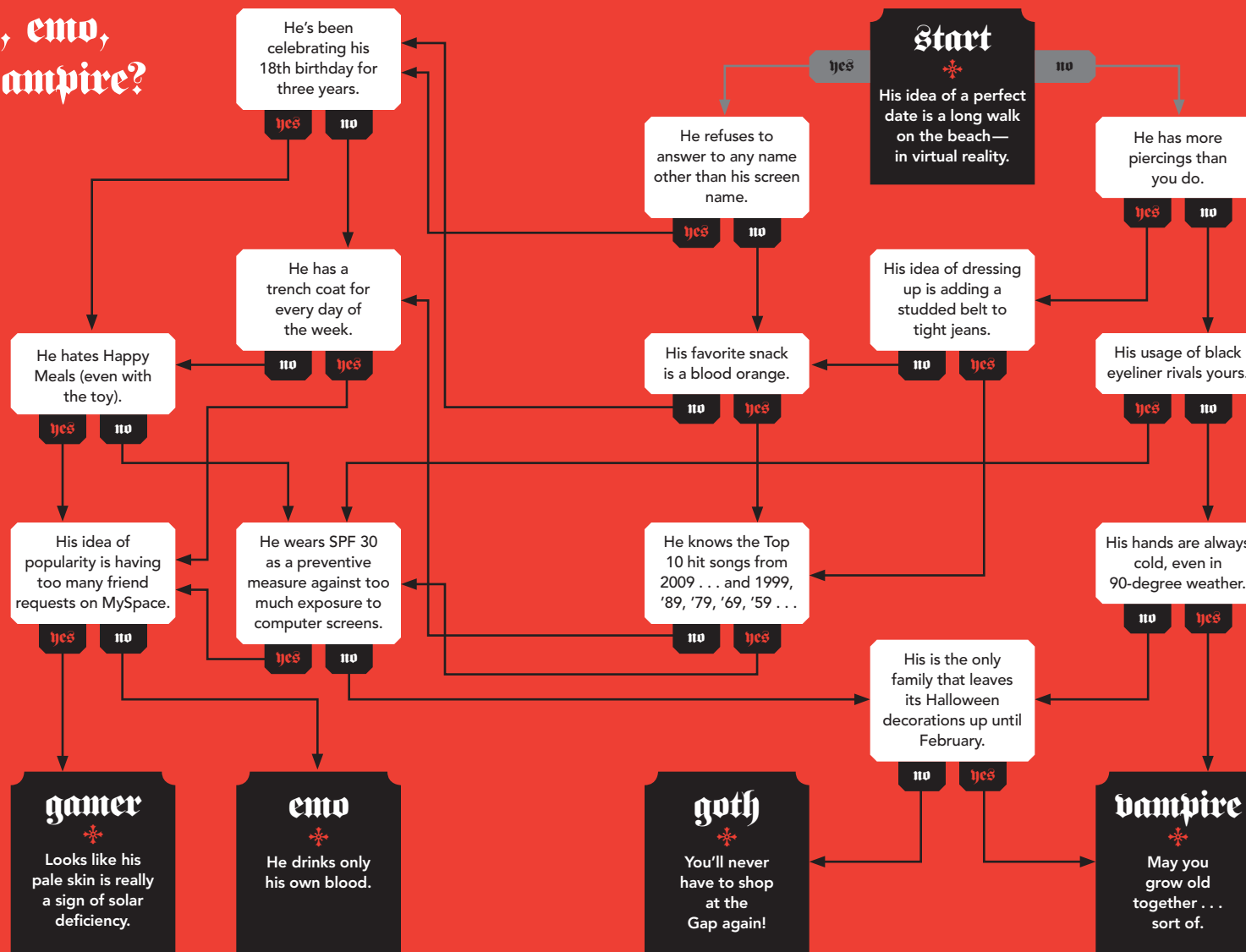
This book is meant to help. I, Vlad Mezrich, will show you all the ins and outs, ups and downs, bleedings and healings of dating a vampire. I will let you know what he's thinking when he's with you, what he's thinking when he's without you, and what you can do to make him yours — morning, noon, and twilight.

After all, it takes one to know one. And I, Vlad Mezrich, most definitely am one.

is he a goth, emo, gamer, or vampire?



To help you navigate these confusing subcultures, we have come up with a simple quiz. Choose the path that best applies to the boy, and we'll let you know to what set he belongs. Is he captivated by your molars? Is he impressed by the extensive range of black in your wardrobe? Guys are even harder to read than girls, so let us help you figure out if your crush is as out of this world as you think he is.



getting to know your vampire's needs



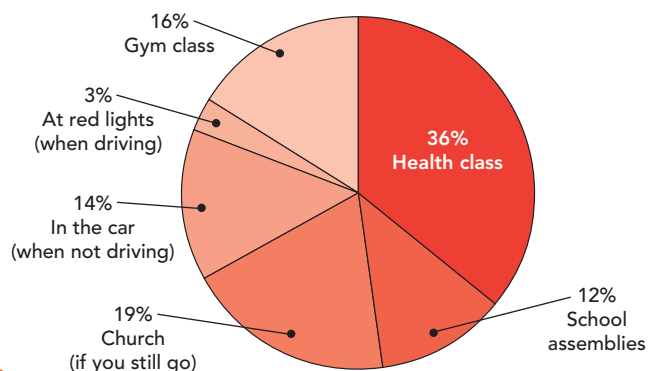
Every relationship involves compromise. On your side, at least. If you want to be with a vampire, you have to embrace some of your differences . . . and compensate for your weaknesses by accommodating his strengths.

❖ sleep

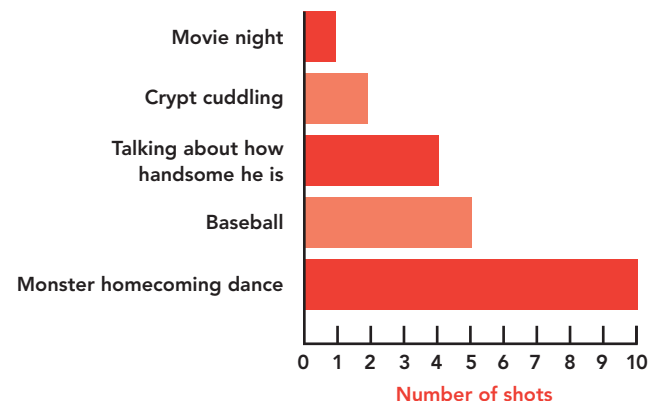
He doesn't need sleep, and *you* don't want to be thought of as a snooze. In the first heady months, he might occasionally enjoy watching you sleep. But it's always more fun if you fake-sleep instead, "accidentally" murmuring his name while arching your neck. (Do I really have to tell you how to play the game?)

However, I know the weak little flesh vessel that is your body needs downtime . . . so what to do? The answer, my mortal friend, is catnapping and caffeine.

WHEN TO SLEEP WITHOUT BORING YOUR VAMPIRE



ESPRESSO SHOTS NEEDED FOR VAMPIRE DATES



❖ blood

Is there a local slaughterhouse nearby? Good. Put on a raincoat and plan to spend some time on the killing floor. You're going to need to build up your gag reflex if you're in love with a bloodsucker. Nothing will put your vampire off his tasty blood meals faster than a mortal girl puking in the background.

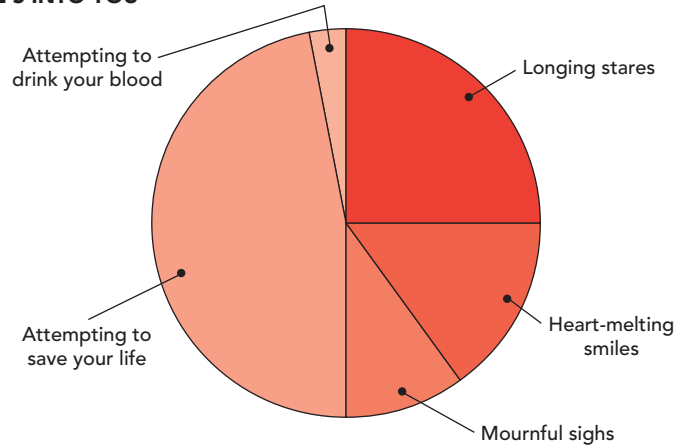
❖ cold

You are a fiery 98.6 degrees, but he is one cool customer. You want to spend eternity snuggled in his arms, but it's cold. Arctic, icy, frigidly cold. Your body will be tempted to shiver, but don't. There's nothing sexy about a hypothermic girlfriend. So start your cold-tolerance training now. Begin by cranking the AC, then move on to cold showers. By the time you graduate to ice baths, he might just find you tolerable.

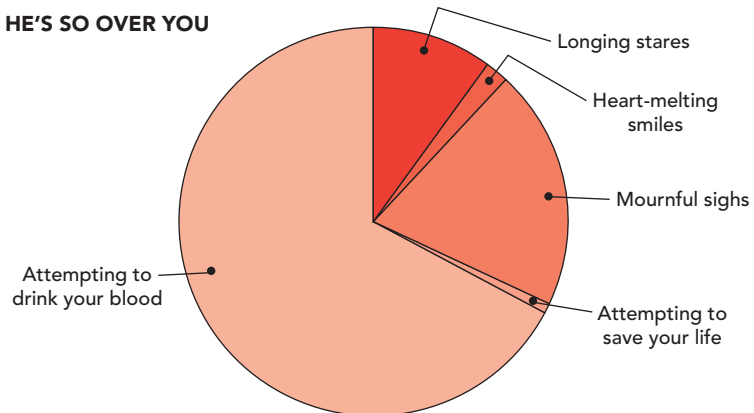
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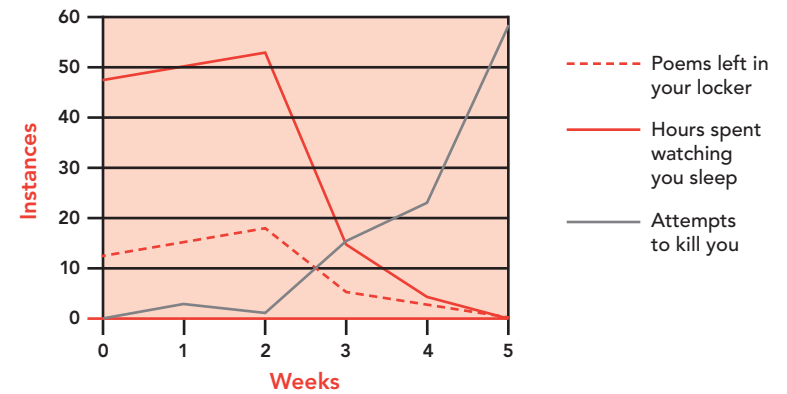
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HE'S SO OVER YOU



TYPICAL RELATIONSHIP TRAJECTORY



AVERAGE RELATIONSHIP LENGTH BASED ON GIRLFRIEND TYPE

