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A NOTE FROM ROURKE

I just wanted to thank all the guys who took the time to share their openers with everyone in the Stylelife Challenge. After going through as many of the openers as we could, we have selected the ones that we felt were the most effective and/or received the most quality points, and prepared this pdf.

Let me tell you guys that I saw tons of great openers. There is definitely some great talent on this board. Unfortunately we could only fit so many. That said, here are the chosen ones. Note that Style and myself have modified some of them for maximum effectiveness.

Thanks everyone for your contributions and for another great mission day.

A TECHNICAL FOOTNOTE FROM STYLE

Before going out to use these openers, it's important to figure out answers to all the "invisible threads" that the opener could bring up. In other words, any question a girl could ask, you should have a response to. If the opener is about someone in college, you should know what college it is. If it's about someone in another country, you should know what country it is. You should determine in advance the ages, professions, relationships, and other details of the people in the openers you use. If you perform it correctly, she most likely will ask follow-up questions and want elaboration. So be prepared.

And if there happen to be men in the group, don't exclude them; make sure you get their opinions as well.

Finally, if an opener is not working for you or if you're not comfortable with it, feel free to try another. There is a great variety of material here, and as you all field test them we'll find the best – and we'll find all the invisible threads. As a safeguard, I threw in my jealous girlfriend opener word for word at the end of the pdf. But try to focus on the news ones.

Finally, like Rourke said, you all have been phenomenal. I continue to be amazed every day by what I'm reading in the forums, and by the positive, helpful nature of the community.

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The Village People Opener

By Exception

Hey guys, can I get some help real quick? We were just talking about the Village People, it's a long story, but the end result is: we can't figure out who the fifth village person is. There are 5 village people, a cop, an Indian, a biker, and an army guy. What's the last one?"

Note: there are actually 6. It's missing a cowboy and a construction worker, but it will keep them talking, just like Style's oceans opener where he asks what the 5th ocean is and there are only 4 oceans. *[Note from Style: According to some geographers, the fifth ocean is the Southern Ocean.]*

I've opened with it successfully before and then transition into a story where I was at this kind of country bar and this guy walks in with a big ass cowboy hat on, tight jeans, cowboy boots, big ass belt buckle and a black, tight, YMCA t-shirt on and I fell out of my seat laughing at him. I leave this part out, but I actually about got in a fight with the guy because I couldn't keep my mouth shut. It was St. Patrick 's Day.

The Dogs Vs. Cats Opener

By GrandMaster Flash

Hey guys I need a quick opinion on pets. My friends were having a debate and I think dogs are great because of their loyalty and tricks they can do. But I love cats just for how entertaining they are and how they act like they're still in the wild. Which do you think is a better pet: dogs or cats?

You could also add: Do you think it's feminine for a man to have a cat or masculine for a woman to own a dog?

The Fat Pill Opener

by Bayroot

This is based on a true story from the Daily Mail. There is a pill you can buy now in Britain that helps you lose weight without changing diet and exercise.

"Hey guys, I need to get an opinion on something. If your friend wanted to take a pill to lose weight, and they didn't have to change your diet or the way they ate, would you let them do it if the pill was still in its clinical trial phase and they didn't know all the side effects?

Ok, I was reading an article in the paper and they are now selling pills in drugstores to help you lose weight. They cost about \$50 for a month's supply, but apparently you don't have to change anything about yourself. This seems too good to be true. No one will visit the gym or eat health foods anymore. What do you think?"

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If she says she would take the pill and instantly be slim, you can discuss that she may be someone who wants an instant solution to her problems, rather than working hard to get it.

The Romeo and Juliet Opener

by Turkish

Excuse me, I was wondering if I could quickly get your opinion on something from a girl's perspective. A friend of mine is dating this girl and they are really in love with each other. I mean REALLY in love to the point that we never see him anymore. The only problem in their relationship is that he's Moroccan. But she's Italian and her family only wants her dating other Italians. She's so scared to tell her family that she now refuses to introduce her friend to them.

This brings up a debate about family versus love. It's great to get conversations started in 2+ female sets.

The Long Distance Opener

by Maquina

I need your opinion on something; do you think long distance relationships can work? The reason I ask is because my friend John says he fell in love with a girl while traveling, and they want to be together, but they live so far away and she can't move because she's in school and he can't move because of his job. Should they try to have a long distance relationship?

The Dibs Opener

by Balance

Hey guys, I need a quick opinion on something... Do girls call dibs on guys? Like, when a group of girls sees an attractive guy, does the dominant one automatically say, "He's mine"? Or is it more of an "Oh, he's really hot, let's see which one of us he talks to?"

Then you can ask which one is more dominant in the group - and accuse her of being really possessive.

The 80's Nostalgia Opener

By Evans

Real quick, since the 80's music is so trendy again right now, do you think that 90's music will ever have a comeback? Is there going to be a flood of like Hootie and the Blowfish imitators? Or is everyone who hated teen pop suddenly going to like it and think it's ironically cool?

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You can then go into a discussion about all the cheesy music you liked. If you're confident in your voice, you can start singing along. And you can bust her balls on her terrible taste or relishing in your mutual bad taste together.

The Hair Opinion Opener

By Date

"Hey, I'm really curious. Me and my friends have been chatting and we need a good female opinion...Long hair, short hair or nearly no hair?"

Which do women think is sexier on another girl?

Personally I think well-maintained medium-long hair is one of the most attractive qualities about a woman.

You see I was once dating this cute girl who had perfect hair. She showed me a photo of herself two years earlier when she'd tried something different with her style, she had almost no hair. And I wasn't as attracted to her.

And it's true: they always say that long, flowing hair triggers something in a guy. Do you know what the other two things are? And this is true: they did a big study on this at the University of Texas. You'll be surprised: hip-to-waist ratio is number one (in a ratio of two to three, for example if the waist is 24 the hips should be 36) and soft skin is number two.

The Celebrity Stand-In Opener

By Swank

This is a backward version of, "Did anyone ever tell you that you look like (movie star)?"

Instead, you just say, "Hey, can I ask you, who do people tell you that you look like?"

Whether they respond or not, continue with:

The reason I'm asking is because a bunch of tourists just came up to me a minute ago and thought I was [Insert celebrity who you resemble here]. Now, I don't think I look anything like him. But I didn't tell them that. I just smiled and let them take photos with me. After all, I didn't want to ruin their vacation. Now they have an exciting story to tell their friends back home.

The Career Opportunities Opener

By Talisman

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If you had to choose between a job that you find fascinating and or a job that you find dull but get paid twice as much as the first choice. What would you choose?

Be prepared to tell her what those jobs are and why you're asking. You can then tease her about being more materialistic than passionate if she chooses the high-paying job.

The Evil Opener

By Savasadmin

This opener was actually my brother's idea. It was used about a month before the Stylelife challenge. I saw a set of three women who were sitting on a couch in a bar.

Me: Excuse me, I need to ask you a favor for a second.

Without letting them respond I continued:

Me: I got a call from my friend and he said that he had lost his keys while he was here. Can you stand up for a sec for me to look for them?

Girls: Where? Here? On this couch?

Me: Yes, here. Just stand up for a sec because I need to look for them.

So they stood up. Two of them actually started searching under the pillows. I just sat in the center of the couch facing them. I didn't even pretend to be searching for them. I laid back and just smiled at them while the were looking at me with a fake angry look.

One of the girls started laughing while the other said

Girl: We are not going to change seats... We will sit around you.

So there I was sitting in the center of the set and they all were asking how many times I have said that "lost keys story" to girls before and things like where you from etc.

One of them even told me that she was glad I did that because they were feeling bored.

Note from Style: I love this, but use it with care. If you have less experience in the field, it could backfire.

The Dumping Opener

By Soapbox Driver

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Oh hey guys, I need a quick female opinion on something. One of my best female friends wants to break up with her boyfriend, but she gets all kinds of social pressure from her family to stay with him. Do you think social pressure should matter?

Girls talk... you cut them off.

The thing is she really likes the guy because they were great friends first, but she doesn't love him anymore. So how can she let him down without being mean?

Girls talk for a while.

Yeah she tried that, but this guy keeps saying: "I will win you over, give me a chance." Poor thing. How can she tell him it's over for good?

The Jealous Girlfriend Opener

By Style

Style: Hey guys, let me get your opinion on something. I'm trying to give my friend over there advice, but we're just a bunch of guys and not qualified to comment on these matters.

Girls: What?

Style: Okay, see that guy over there. Well, he has been dating a girl for three months. And she just moved in with him. Now, this is a two-part question. So, imagine you've been dating someone for three months. And he is still friends with his old girlfriend from college. How do you feel about that?

Girls: Well, that depends. Are they just friends or is there something more going on?

Style: Yes, they're JUST friends. There's nothing else going on. They talk like once a week at most.

Girls: I think it's fine/I don't think they should be talking/Etc.

Style: Okay, it's a two-part question. Now let's say that he has a drawer in his apartment. And in that drawer he keeps all of his old photographs and letters.

Now, some of those letters happen to be from ex'es and some of the photographs happen to be with ex'es.

Girls: Hmm.

Style: It's not like he ever looks at them. They are just there, like old souvenirs and memories of his past.

Girls: I think it's fine. He should put those in the closet/He should burn them, then bury the ashes.

Style: Okay, the reason I'm asking is because his girlfriend says doesn't want him to talk to his ex from college at all. She wants him to cut it off completely.

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And she wants him to destroy all of his old photos and letters from ex's.

She says it's just holding onto the past, and he should let go of it now. Personally, I thought it was extreme and a bit insecure.

But what do I know. I'm a guy. And, as we all know, guys think differently from girls...