

#20: The Worst Lies Men Tell Themselves

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You're pretty tough. You may not look it, but you know you are. You're also a babe magnet. You may not look it, but the ladies know. You're also as resourceful as MacGyver, aren't you? You may not look it, but if lives were on the line, you'd come through and save the world.

Right. Sure, pal. It's not that I don't believe you, it's that I know the odds -- and the odds say that you've got an unrealistic vision of your own self-worth, your ability to be The Man. You've watched too many movies, lived on a farm for too long, and you've forgotten about this little thing called reality. This week's Top7 List is all about being The Man, or rather, falling short of it.

You've got an arm

If you just worked out, you'd be able to zip a tight spiral 70 yards. If you'd just get around to doing stretching exercises, you'd be able to throw a supersonic fastball. If you had someone to practice with, you'd be able to throw out Rickey Henderson at home plate, from the track in right. Dream on, spaghetti arms.

You could outrun the cops

If you were ever -- wrongfully -- accused of something, you'd be able to escape custody. You'd outdrive all those cops who have decades of experience in highway pursuit, and then you'd blend in and disappear. The Feds would never be able to find you, you're such a sneak! More likely, the only place you could hide out is in that pile of clothes in the closet.

You've got rhythm

You can dance like Alvin Ailey. You can get down like Soul Train. You've got as much grace as Barishnikov. The Go-Go's were talking about you having the beat. We'll forget those two left feet, and the fact that you've only got one move that keeps time like a clock without hands. You haven't been able to dance with anyone since "Jump Around" left the clubs.

You could turn a lesbian straight

She's only gay because she's got the wrong idea about men. She just hasn't met the right one yet, the one that can show her that men can be everything she's always dreamed they could be... Actually, someone exactly like you is probably the reason she first thought about coming out. The one thing you probably could do to her is confirm all her ideas about men. List #4b: She can't kick your ass.

She's never faked it

You can spot a fake orgasm a mile away, can't you? You'd know for sure if she was acting in order for it to just...be...over. Yes, of course you'd know it if you saw it, but you're such a champ that it's never happened to you. Funny, almost every woman has faked it, so how does that work into the equation?

You're 100% hetero

Damn fags, you can't stand them. And no, it's not because you're homophobic. Your hatred of poofers has nothing to do with you being in denial, we all know that. You're so macho, there's not a gay bone in your body -- look what an alpha-male you are! Never mind that plenty of gay men are alpha males. Never mind that no one is completely heterosexual, you're the exception.

You'll have a threesome

If it's going to happen to anyone it's going to be you, right? Sure, keep telling yourself that. Yes, you could save up and get two hookers, or stalk the playground, but when it comes to getting two beautiful women who are willing to go all-out with you, the odds are slim.

The good old menage-a-trois is probably the favorite and most common male fantasy out there (sorry Freud), but most men aren't going to come anywhere close to living that dream. There is, however, an easy way to make it happen: become a platinum rock star, and your odds improve about a million-fold.

Now that you're being honest with yourself, there are probably a few other fantasies you've got that would fit nicely into a longer list, aren't there? Well, don't bottle it up, tell us about them on the Rush boards!

Next week's list will stick in your head for months, it's Top 7 Overplayed Songs! Call 'em classic, call 'em staples, some songs wore out their welcome a few decades ago. Think of the songs that just won't leave your radio in peace, and email me with your nominations.