Deception, Disease, & Desperation: A Man's Guide For Women to Identify and Avoid Closeted Gay Men

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Chapter 3 - Infectious, Both Physically and Mentally

Relating to Chauncey's untimely death - I want to send a stark warning to women everywhere – gay men can be some of the most sexually promiscuous individuals you will ever know. Before anyone pulls out their pitchforks, allow me to again make clear: I have not, and will never say all gay men – no particular group of people are monolithic in their behaviors. Never in this book will I give blanket accusations to all gay men. That said, in preparation for this book, I anonymously interviewed dozens of gay men online that admitted to simultaneously being involved with women. I did so to limit any false or evasive answers. I also created fake accounts on a few of the popular phone apps that gay men use and I must admit – shocking does not remotely suffice in describing the experience. Several of the men I spoke to were very blunt in their admission to dating women and even being married. Nearly all of them were willing to engage sexually with my fake account knowing little to nothing about me - name, sexual health, marital status - nothing. In fact, nearly all of them preferred it that way. A few admitted to having various STDs on their public profiles, but 96% provided no information as to their own health or actual identity. Moreover, none of my clientele in my couples counseling admitted to having any STDs. To get to the truth, I also anonymously interviewed multiple psychologists in healthcare who stated that the vast majority of men on these apps will lie about their health status if it meant being able to sexually engage a certain man or not. It's also worth noting the ease in which these apps can be downloaded and accounts created. It took less than two minutes to have these apps installed, regardless of platform. They can also be removed from a phone within seconds.

My point is, sex can come very cheap and easy with a number of gay men, closeted or no. With my fake account (and its modified picture of a bodybuilder), these men were willing to have sex with a strange person on a drop of a dime, without hesitation. Within minutes, I had several responses requesting an anonymous

encounter. Several even sent unsolicited nude photos without asking a single question as to who I was or health status. I've read and seen on television news reports of situations where gay men have been arrested for either soliciting or having sex in public restrooms, parks, airport restrooms, cars, churches - you name it. To the reader - and I cannot say this enough - it is very dangerous for you to be engaged with a closeted gay man. Not to be overly dramatic, but if you are involved with one of these men, regardless of how nice or attractive he may be, please walk away. You're rolling the dice with your health, not to mention the psychological damage and trauma you will also likely incur. Alternatively, the ones that approached me in person were masculine, athletic, straight-appearing men that women would easily be attracted to. You would never believe or perceive these men to be gay in any way. Their sexual habits can be completely unknown to you until it is too late with the resulting diagnosis(s) concluding in both heartbreak and tragedy. I'll say again- these men can be attractive, perceivably heterosexual, easy to get along with, and even homophobic. They can make great friends- and that is where it should end. While he may have an infectious personality, that may not be the only thing about him that falls under that category.