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## Men you shouldn't date (part 1)

WHEN you were a teenager, your mum probably gave you a lecture on how you should find a man who will look after you, be kind, loving and respectful. And of course, a man who is from your own culture.

But when you are dating, how often do you find yourself on a date which turns out to be a complete disaster? Pretty often, I would say. I've been there myself and so I have compiled a list of men who you should completely avoid from the outset. The signs are always there, it is up to us to spot them.

First of all, avoid the guy who is commonly seen in the Asian community, you know, the mummy's boy. He's in his 30s, has never lived away from home and his mum still makes his breakfast, lunch and dinner. He has never cooked a meal for himself, never mind for someone else, and chances are he will be tied to his mum's sari forever. Run, run like the wind! You'll be getting constant comparisons to his mother and to her, you will never be good enough for her precious son. There is being close to your family and then there is never cutting the umbilical cord – the latter is the guy you must avoid like the plague.

Then there is the tight-ass. Okay, so it is commonly accepted to split dinner now and then, or for you to occasionally treat the guy, but if he asks you to pay your share in McDonald's, then suffice it to say that you shouldn't be spending any time with the dude. When it's your birthday, you don't want to be paying for that spa weekend and neither do you want to be dating the guy who makes you pay for your own flowers. So, bye bye.

Needy Asian men are actually more common than you would think. I have dated guys who, on my first day at a job, would constantly text me even though I have asked him not to. The guy who you asked not to come over because you aren't feeling well, yet he still does. The guy who you ask never to call you again, who replies with, 'oh but I thought things were going really well'. This guy is probably going to cry more

than you are. So if you want to date a man who is more of a woman than you, then go ahead but be advised that you will probably own more pairs of trousers than your boyfriend.

The chances of these guys changing are slim to none, so unless you are absolutely convinced that you can work a

miracle, I would urge you not to date these guys. In my next column, read about some more types of men to avoid.

