

Username: 1in6Billion

Headline: A Barrel of Monkeys Has Nothing on Me

Vitals:

About Me:

I love to change things up and am always looking for a new coastal trail to hike, museum to visit, or conversation to have with you. If you were to plot the travels from my life on a map with string, you'd end up with a tangled web stretching from Texas to Germany to Tokyo to Turkey and on and on. My work is diverse as well, but stable. People are my passion. I'm grounded but spiritual. Savvy but humble. I don't have children, but welcome yours. And I can also imagine a yummy life with someone who's raised their kids and is ready to change it up with a fun-loving woman by his side.

Weird things happen to me; nothing that you should be afraid of, but just realize that if we get together, you're in for a wild ride. I've driven a go-kart for six laps with the back of the car in flames. My VW has broken down in front of a dozen honking customers in the drive-thru line at McDonald's (I've since upgraded to a better model). I work in public relations. I spend my days getting press coverage for people in the film and television industries, but the truth is, I'd rather be making my own headlines. My ultimate goal is to move to Los Angeles to be a writer/producer of feature films.

Storytelling is my passion, but it won't be easy to leave my family behind because they are my anchor and the paradigm of everything that I aspire to be. I'm fortunate to have them in my life, not to mention a legion of close friends from high school and college. I'm pragmatic but spontaneous. Nurturing but competitive. Peaceful but energetic. I love staying up late -- whether it's to party, have sex or just read a good book -- but I almost always sleep in on weekends. I definitely have an adventurous streak -- whether it's trying out an exotic recipe in the kitchen, running with my dog or traveling the world thanks to my good friends at Orbitz and Priceline. My dream trip is taking the Orient Express from Paris to Venice to Budapest, then relaxing on a Greek island with nothing but sunscreen, James Patterson books and *InStyle* magazine. Are you in?

About the One I'm Looking For:

I'd rather be with a guy who has big dreams and no money than a guy with no dreams and big money. I must admit, I like a bit of a bad boy -- not an awful, I'm-going-to-treat-you-like-crap kind of guy, but someone who's going to push me to my limits and then pull back with a warm hug at the last minute. Truth is, I'm just a nice girl (most of the time) who's looking for some fun and companionship (not necessarily in that order). I love funny guys who can hold me spellbound with a story or make me laugh until I cry. I also love creativity and passion. Maybe it's your love of '80s movies, your baseball card collection or the fact that you moved across country with only a duffel bag -- it doesn't matter. The right man not only fascinates me but also brings out the best in me. We

push each other to be the greatest people we can be. We bolster each other's egos and we leave short, thoughtful love messages for each other when we're away on business trips. If you're comfortable in your own skin, have a strong sense of self and aren't afraid to expose your flaws, I'm sure we'll get along just fine. But I will say that if you've got blue eyes, are a Red Sox fan or a part-time singer/guitarist, I'm already melting.

My Idea of Our Perfect First Date:

We've built up such chemistry on the phone that when I open the door and see you, I grab you by the back of the neck and kiss you before I even leave the house. (Note: Don't you DARE try this -- some fantasies are best left as fantasies.)

My Perception of an Ideal Relationship:

Complete and utter comfort. I can be myself around you without feeling judged. You can sit in your room working while I do a crossword and I'm entirely content. I only have eyes for you, you only have eyes for me and we communicate this verbally, physically and often. Down and dirty sex and warm and comforting cuddling are ever present. Fights are rare and when we do get into it, we don't stop talking until we've reached some sort of peace. Unparalleled companionship, unprecedented generosity and unconditional love grant us the foundation for a lasting long-term relationship.

What I've Learned from Past Relationships:

Flossing is important. Laughing is essential. Perfection is impossible. Better to be single than to be in a bad relationship. If it's worth it, I'll work for it; if it's not, I won't. Don't say anything you'll regret because you can't take it back. Finally, you must expose yourself emotionally -- it's the only way to reap love's greatest rewards.

1in6Billion's essays scream out: fun! Leading with a pair of *I Love Lucy* type anecdotes is a smart move because it immediately captures the reader's attention and establishes that this is a woman who knows how to laugh at herself. Such funny stories are also a logical lead-in to her career goal of being a Hollywood writer. Her high aspirations, however, are tempered by her down-to-earth nature and her attachment to her family. Great use of specifics in the last line of her "About Me" essay, which describes an adventuresome person looking for someone to share the ride. What comes across clearly is that she's looking for more of an equal than an opposite. Just as the author describes herself as creative, a dreamer and an adventurer, she suggests that her ideal man should be like-minded. Little touches round out her second essay -- baseball cards, love messages on business trips, part-time guitarist. Using the word "melting" shows a hint of vulnerability and a flair for the romantic as well. While she pushes the sexual envelope in her subsequent essays, she also expresses a deep wisdom and maturity about what it takes to sustain a long-term relationship. Overall, she would appear to be a woman who has experienced a lot in life and is open to all forms of excitement and happiness.