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## Lies Your Guy May Tell You

(And The Real Truths  
Behind Them!)

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**IF YOU'VE BEEN** in one or more relationships, my guess is that you've heard one or more lies from your guy. As one man put it, "It's like we're out there hunting, and lies can be like arrows. If a lie allows us to catch the girl we're after, I suppose you could say anything goes." And indeed it does.

When you start collecting a grab-bag of male fibs you find there are three basic categories that cover just about all the lies men tell women. Sure, the lies that are said in pursuit of sex are the first that come to mind, but here's how it breaks down if you dig a little deeper.

**Category 1:** *The "I've got to have her" stage:*

"I don't want to base a relationship on a lie, but I'd sell my soul to have her body next to mine all night, so let the lies begin."

**Category 2:** *The "Just hanging on" stage:*

"The relationship isn't perfect, but it's the best thing I've got going, and if I have to lie to keep it together, then I'd better put on the thinking cap because it's time to play spin-the-story."

**Category 3:** *The "Get out fast" stage:*

"I'm on my way out as soon as I can find the exit door. If I have to lie to get out of this relationship, well, what the hell, I lied to get in, so why not?"

And every man wants to believe that a lie he told was a first. I, for example, believe to this day that I started the talent-scout story. You know, the one where you confess to a beautiful woman that you're amazed that she hasn't been asked to star in a television commercial until now because she is so incredibly attractive? "Are you interested in modeling and acting? If you are, we need to talk."

After the week I spent digging up some astounding lies, I'm convinced that I never told a never-before-told lie. As proof, I've selected five commonly told lies from each category, followed by the truth that these guys dared not speak.

So here's the true story of how men lie—if you think you can handle the truth.

### **CATEGORY ONE:** "I've Got To Have Her"

#### **THE OBJECTIVE:** **GET HER INTO BED**

These lies lead a woman right into the bedroom (or at least,

COMPLETE WOMAN

that's the intention)...

**LIE #1:** "I'm kinda' new at this dating thing. You see, I lost my wife in a tragic accident last year, and am just now ready to meet new people."

**TRUTH:** "I should be ashamed of myself, but I'm desperate for your love—perhaps one day you will be able to forgive me for the lie I just told."

**LIE #2:** "It's too loud in here. Let's go somewhere quieter."

**TRUTH:** "I can see the sharks circling. I've got to get you out of here before I lose you to the competition."

**LIE #3:** "I think we're really lucky

all that to spend a day or two with you."

### **CATEGORY TWO:** "Just Hanging On"

#### **THE OBJECTIVE: LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH**

Some fibs are just used to keep fueling a relationship...

**LIE #6:** "Who, her? She's just a friend. Really."

**TRUTH:** "I've had sex with her, I'd like to have sex with her, or I've been thinking about having sex with her."

**LIE #7:** "That's strange! Your call never came through on my cell."

**TRUTH:** "I had a better offer, so

hot! I thought you weren't looking at me."

### **CATEGORY THREE:** "Get Out Fast"

#### **THE OBJECTIVE: BREAKING UP WITHOUT THE MESS**

A few half-truths can really make your exit easier...

**LIE #11:** "I think you deserve a guy a lot better than me."

**TRUTH:** "And I deserve someone other than you."

**LIE #12:** "I'm really confused about what I want at this point."

**TRUTH:** "The one thing I'm *not* confused about is that I want out of this relationship."

**LIE #13:** "You are really not the problem. I am the problem in this relationship."

**TRUTH:** "If you think I had to work hard to get you, it's even harder to get away from you."

**LIE #14:** "There's no future with a guy like me."

**TRUTH:** "Dump me, please!"

**LIE #15 (When all else fails):** "I'm in really bad health, and I don't want my problems to become yours."

**TRUTH:** "My health won't improve until I get out of this doomed relationship."

### **CAN LOVE OUTLIVE THE LIES?**

After all that, is a happy ending possible? Can there be love and honesty at the end of the relationship rainbow? Yes. The bottom line is that when men are (as the expression goes) playing the field, they'll say and do just about anything to get into, stay in or get out of a relationship. Sex is the main event and fair play can go right out the window when a man goes into sexual overdrive.

But when that same man falls deeply and truly in love, it's amazing how fast he can change. Even some of the dirty dogs who shared their lies here, including this confessed sinner, when confronted with true love put away their bag of tricks and went for something better: the chance to love and be loved. After all, what's the use of lying when the place that your cheating heart is at is the place where it wants to stay?

Remember that about men when you've had your fill of their lies: There *is* a man out there who would give up all the games for the chance to be with the woman he loves. And that, believe it or not, is the plain and simple truth.

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## WHAT'S THE WORST LIE A FORMER BOYFRIEND EVER TOLD YOU?

Many of us have experienced the twisted truths a love interest can tell. What's the worst lie a guy ever told you? *CW* went to the streets to find out...



"In the beginning, he told me his credit card debt was \$15,000. Then, when we were thinking of getting engaged, I found out it was actually \$60,000. After that, I said, 'Let's halt, let's figure out what's what,' and I made him make a financial spreadsheet to see if he'd divulge what his expenses were—and he didn't really want to analyze it. We didn't end up getting married."

—Joan, 35, sales executive



"When my high school boyfriend of five years and I went to college, he went crazy and slept with everyone. Then he got busted because he slept with a much-older divorced woman. When I asked him about it, he said he'd slept with her to do her a favor because she had kids and hadn't had sex for a while. That was a pretty good lie."

—Carole, 31, mortgage lender



"Where do I start? It's hard because there are so many—men lie a lot. Well, my guy would say, 'I'm going out with my friends' or 'I'm working late, don't wait for me, don't call.' Then he'd go out with some other girl. It was so obvious because it was just weird! And one day, I checked it out. I went to his house and the other girl was there. She didn't know he already had a girlfriend. His attitude was, 'I'm seeing two girls, I'm having fun.'"

—Barbara, 22, dancer

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that we found each other."

**TRUTH:** "But if I find someone better than you, everything is up for renegotiation."

**LIE #4:** "Was your father a jeweler? Because you have two perfect diamonds for eyes."

**TRUTH:** "My stupid friend told me that was a great pick-up line. If only I could take it back..."

**LIE #5:** "If you've never been here before, I'd love to be your tour guide to the city."

**TRUTH:** "I hate tourists, and I hate tourist spots, but I'll forget

I dodged the call when your name came up on my caller ID."

**LIE #8:** "I went out with some friends and got home early. Nothing happened."

**TRUTH:** "Nothing is spelled e-v-e-r-y-thing."

**LIE #9:** "She doesn't look half as good as you."

**TRUTH:** "She has smaller breasts than you."

**LIE #10:** "What do you mean, 'staring at her'? I hardly *noticed* her at all."

**TRUTH:** "God, she was really