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## **DAMSELS IN SERIOUS DISTRESS** BY MICA CHATHAM

We all want our special knight in shining armor, but how do we know if we're his damsel in distress? It's always best to be straight forward and ask how they feel, but special circumstances call for a little investigating. Men can be hard to read, but they do leave a few clues for us to pick up on along the way. How often they want to see us, if they're desperate to impress, and how often they go out of their way to make us happy are all clues we should look for in our mysterious games of love.

When men see something they want, they'll do everything in their power to get it. Gillian Reynolds, writer of an E-zine Articles column, says "You want him to be beating down your door to spend every available moment with you that he can. A man in love can't get enough of his woman and will do almost everything he can to be with her." It's pretty clear whether they want to spend time with us or if they feel like they have to. If they feel obligated, they probably won't make it their top priority to impress us either.

In addition to wanting to spend time with us, men are always striving to impress. In today's world, men's social value holds a lot more weight than physical strength or even intelligence. That doesn't mean that they need to have tons of friends or have "high social status", but it does mean that they'll want to play their cards right and convey their strengths and value in the best way possible. That's what courtship really is: the opportunities we each have to convey our value to one another (Steele). They may get dressed up, take us to a fancy restaurant, or just try to impress us with their wit. These are ways they're trying to prove their value and hook us for good.

Along with impressing us, men who are in love will do anything to make sure that we're happy. Sometimes there are days that just don't get better. If a man is truly interested, they will do their best to turn the world upside down to make everything run smoother their girl. They'll send you flowers on a terrible day, or turn a sob into a giggle. Men will make it their unofficial job to always put a smile on a sad face, and that takes a lot of love and dedication.

The game of love is mysterious and sometimes endless. But, there will always be somebody who will travel to the ends of the earth if only to make us happy, who will do everything imaginable to impress us, and beg to see you every chance they get. When that knight in shining armor comes a long there should be no doubt in our minds that we're his damsel in distress.

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