

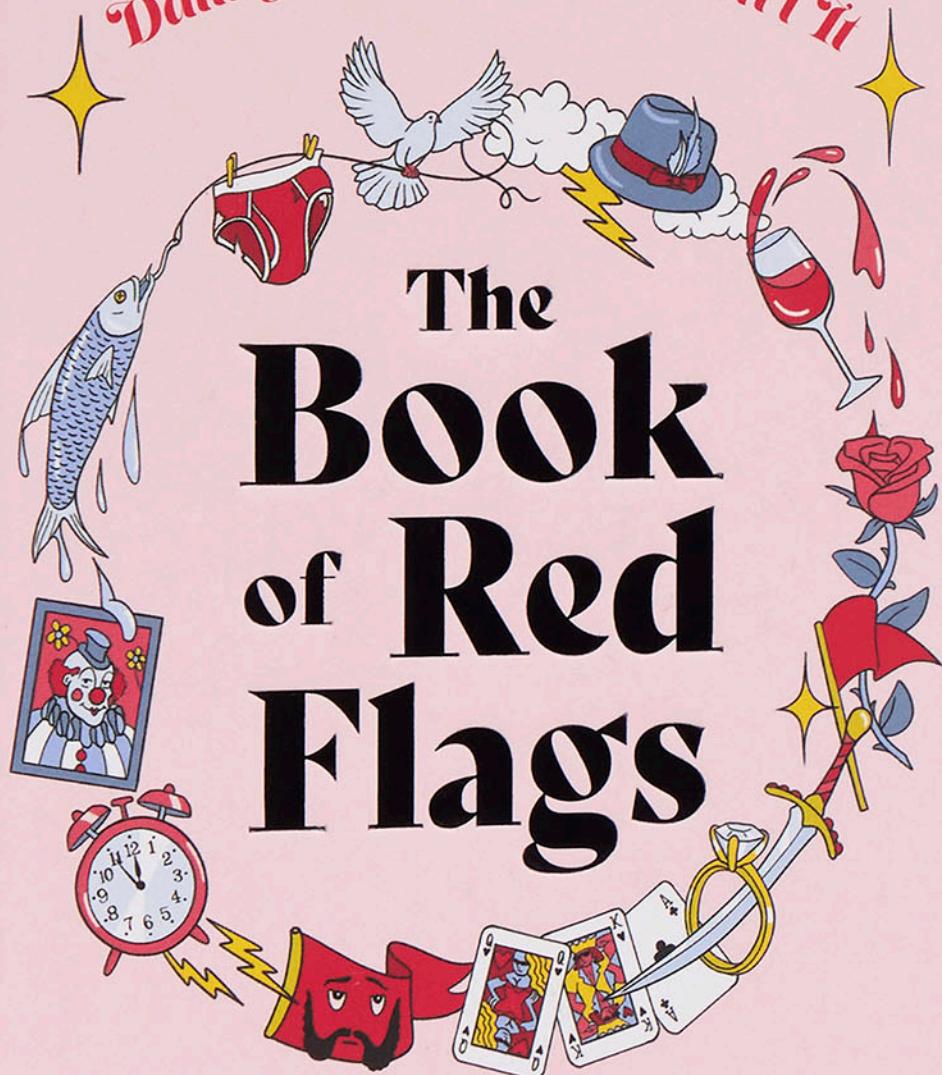
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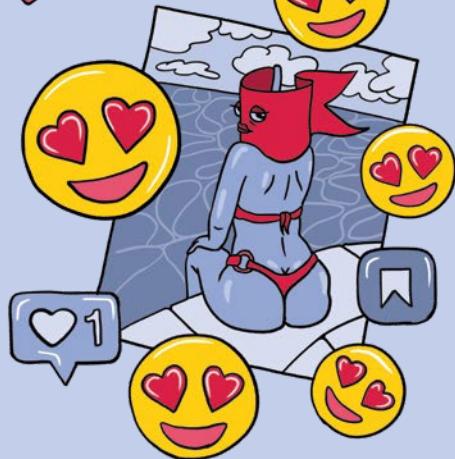
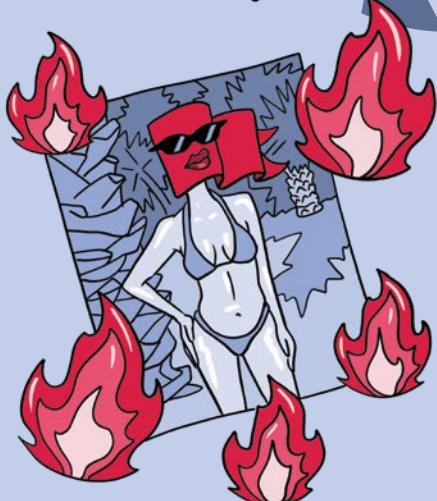
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STOP,
DROP,
AND SCROLL



Online Red Flags

Our ancestors woke up at the crack of dawn. Milked the cows. Carried pails of milk to boil and then wore out their arms churning butter. Now, we wake up to see who liked our posts. If my crush isn't liking them, I'm not getting out of bed!! What's the point?!

My screen time is no fewer than twelve hours a day, and more than half of those hours are spent stalking potential romantic partners (Andrew Garfield is a potential romantic partner even if he doesn't know it yet). The other five are spent watching videos of funny cats.

Since we're interacting with our phones more than we are with people (It's dystopian, but Katniss had TWO love interests at least. So, doesn't sound that bad to me!), you need to be on the alert for behaviors that warrant the red alarm emoji. If he acts like an ass online, you better believe he'll be one IRL. For breaking my community guidelines, you're blocked!



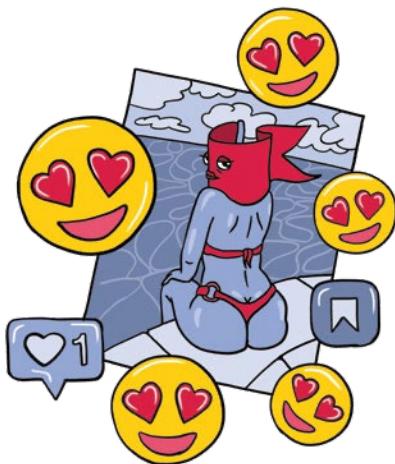
Account set to private and won't accept your follow request.

I'll show you a Woman In STEM. Girls, we're hacking into the mainframe.



Not on social media.

*What year is it? Who is the president?
Where does he get his news? His recipes?
His celebrity gossip? His videos of teens doing
little dances they made up? Or funny cats?
His information in general? An almanac?!
Oh my god.
He might be in a coma.*



Follows a lot of Instagram “models.”

It's not for the captions!



Only posts thirst traps.

I hate to break it to you, but this relationship might be a trap!!



Comments flirty things on other girls' posts.

Using the heart-eye emoji IS cheating!





Refuses to learn to take good pictures of you.

It's not that hard. Flip your method for taking pictures with your method for fingering.

The slow, constantly checking in, careful, swiping up a little bit, then down for another angle.

"Do you like this?"

"How is this?"

"Is this good for you?"

(That's actually for fingering.)

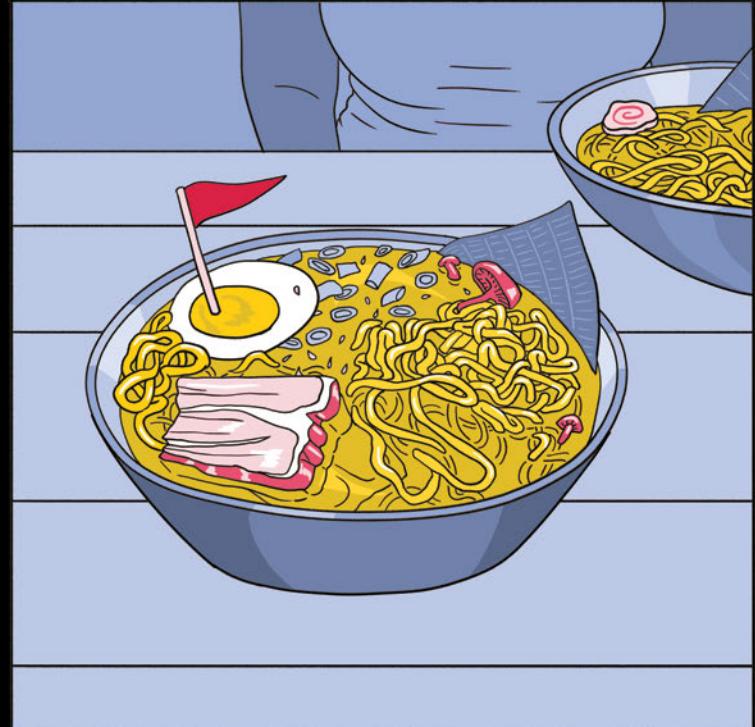
And then blasting that button like you're trying to get kills in a video game:

"Fuck yeah!"

"Hell Yeah!"

"Let's Go!!"

(That one is for your Instagram Boyfriend.)



#ramen #noods #foodie



Never posts pictures of you on their profile.

Look, I get that an aesthetic photo of your dinner is sick, or whatever, but what about the beautiful girl you just ate dinner with? What about her?!



Is flirty on LinkedIn.

*I lost touch with the guy I lost my virginity to
until he sent me a connection request
ON LINKEDIN.*

*In the picture, he's wearing a suit and sunglasses
and is standing in front of a convertible.
Like a fuckboy . . . professionally.
Should I endorse him for conciseness and
brevity? (He lasted three minutes.)*



ONLINE RED FLAGS



Has zero followers.

Call the police, you caught a serial killer.



Has millions of followers.

Call the police, you found a narcissist.



Is active on Facebook.

Don't ask him his thoughts on the moon landing.



Is active on Snapchat.

Double-check he's not using a fake ID.



Still Venmo-ing his ex for things.

It's not over!



Sends you Venmo requests for everything.

*No, I will not be paying for half.
My presence is priceless, I should be sending
you an invoice.*

