

PLAYING FOR KEEPS

Playing for keeps and braving that trip down Lover's Lane? Be a genuine MVP. From R&B sensation Mýa to NBC Deception's Laz Alonso, several of our favorite entertainers sound off on the simplest sentiments and essential components it takes to capture their hearts. —**KAMILLE COOPER**



MÝA



ADRIENNE



ROMEO



LAZ

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF THE PERFECT DATE?

MÝA: Amusement park, shooting range, go-karting or anything outdoors and physical that entails no heels—followed by great convo over great food.

ADRIENNE: There's nothing cooler than the person paying attention to the details. One time I had a guy take me to the circus. It sounds crazy but I loved it because it was so thoughtful. I thought it was so dope that [he] overheard me saying something I wanted to do and on [his] own went ahead and did it.

ROMEO: My last 1st date will be my perfect date. When that day comes, I'll holla back at you.

LAZ: For me it's just having fun with the person that I'm with—laughing, cracking jokes, enjoying each other's company. It could be something extravagant or just at home cuddled up watching a reality show and cracking jokes at the people on TV and at each other.

WHAT'S THE MOST ROMANTIC THING THE OPPOSITE SEX HAS EVER DONE FOR YOU?

MÝA: I was once given a piggyback ride for about a mile when I sprained an ankle. I felt like a princess being rescued by a prince in a fairytale.

ADRIENNE: A surprise trip for my birthday, but I didn't know where I was going. We get to Miami and out of nowhere all of my closest family and friends popped up at the gate. He flew out my cousins, my sister, her husband and it was 10 of my closest friends to go to Turks and Caicos. Hands down one of the most memorable birthdays ever.

ROMEO: After a long day of filming, she got the spa to bring their massage table, chair and oils up to my suite. As I walked into my room I noticed red roses all over the floor, dim lights and my favorite candles (Nature's Wick Vanilla Dolce) burning. She made this long rainy, cold October day feel like Valentine's and she cancelled her photo shoot just to make my bleary day a little better.

LAZ: Actions speak louder than words. Doesn't have to be anything extravagant, just the fact that you thought about me. That's more than enough.

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION SOMEONE YOU WERE DATING HAS HAD ABOUT YOU?

MÝA: I've been pegged as the "looks like I can't cook" type. Well, that misconception changed when he got his first plate—which turned into several plates.

ADRIENNE: Most guys will have the idea that I'm high maintenance. I'm actually the exact opposite and somewhat frugal with my money. I hate when men spend too much. I would want my man to be smart with his money and save it for something that is going to count and matter.

ROMEO: "You must treat every girl like this?" That's my freaking pet peeve! Anytime a girl says that, it's a wrap. I feel that if someone feels that way, then she's not the one anyway. "The One" will never compare herself to another [woman]. You have to have self-confidence, ladies, especially when dealing with a celebrity. No time for insecurities. You chose me and I chose you.

LAZ: People always think that I have women knocking at my door and clawing at my feet. Because they think that's the case, they don't do it. I constantly have great women that will write me off because they think that I already have a plethora of women anyway. What they don't realize is that I don't. That's why I'm single.

BIGGEST TURN ON?

MÝA: A man that loves, respects and values his mother.

ADRIENNE: I like a man that dresses like a grown man. I don't like men that dress like boys. A man in a suit? I'm sold.

ROMEO: Good hygiene. Scratch that, great hygiene.

LAZ: I like summertime. It's just sexy to me. There's a lot of skin, heels and short shorts. Women feel sexy and look sexy, and it's the time of year when women do the least because it's humid and hot. It's when you catch women in their most beautiful state.

BEST GIFT YOU'VE EVER GOTTEN FROM A SIGNIFICANT OTHER?

MÝA: Unconditional love.

ADRIENNE: Buy me a purse and shoes and I am not impressed. I like more thoughtful things. A guy once gave me a hard cover picture book [filled with photos] of us. It was beautiful, filled with quotes and I loved that.

ROMEO: Material things aren't a big deal to me, so when one of my exes wrote me this heartfelt two-page letter of not only forgiveness but accepting my friendship to her regardless of our status, there was no better gift that could've been given on Christmas. Friendship is priceless.

LAZ: I love to eat (laughs). I am your typical caveman. If you cook a nice meal for me my eyes will turn into hearts. If you can really cook, I might turn into a stalker (laughs). And make a lot because I want to take it for lunch the next day.

FAVORITE SCENT YOU ENJOY ON THE OPPOSITE SEX?

MÝA: His one of a kind natural scent. Good gage of hygiene and what a future together might smell like (laughs).

ADRIENNE: Bond No. 9 Wall Street Cologne. It smells like a strong man, but it's clean.

ROMEO: I love those soft vanilla and jasmine smells with a [note] of candy that makes you want to bite a woman. She can't go wrong with anything from Victoria's Secret or Dior's J'adore L'Absolu or a simple Marc Jacobs, like Daisy. No Creed can do you wrong and every girl should own Chanel N°5 Eau Premiere.

LAZ: Non-funk (laughs). Let's keep the funk in the music that we listen to, that's it.

TOP PHYSICAL FEATURES YOU LIKE ON THE OPPOSITE SEX?

MÝA: Intense & honest eyes, strong masculine hands (never softer than mine). A few scars I also find to be quite intriguing. [They] tell a deeper story.

ADRIENNE: I cannot date a guy with small lips. I like very full lips. And I couldn't date anybody shorter than me.

ROMEO: I'm a sucker for eyes and legs. If you have nice legs, you're good. Legs don't lie.

LAZ: Posture. When a woman feels good about herself you can read it in her body language.

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