



Q: Dear Queen Gabby, I'm kind of an undercover introvert — quiet most days, but let some music drop, and suddenly I'm out on the floor dancing with a crowd like I've got a whole alter ego!

Lately, I've wanted to learn the Boots on the Ground routine. Do you have any tips on how or where I can pick it up? Should I crash a cookout and hope somebody's cousin takes the lead? Let me know where the people are stepping — I'll bring the potato salad (store-bought, but it still counts)!

~ Awkward Anita

A: Dear Awkward Anita, Social media is your bestie in this situation. Especially if you do not get out often. I learn from some friends, but I am always out and about. Hop on YouTube or even TikTok. When you go out these days, everyone is doing dances they learned from TikTok anyway. If you want to join a step group, Google what's available. Until that happens, practice in your living room so you won't embarrass us when trying to put what you've learned to the test.

~ Queen Gabby



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- Female Advice Expert •

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Dear Queen Gabby



Q: Dear Queen Gabby, First dates are always an adventure, but let me be clear: I have a few hard questions regarding where we're going. I'm not pulling up to a man's house, I'm not hopping in the car for a road trip, and I'm not meeting your mama on date one. Sir, this is a date, not a documentary.

So tell me, Queen Gabby — what's on your first date "absolutely not" list? I know you've got a few!

~ Scary Sherry!

A: Dear Scary Sherry!, I know that's right, girl, set your boundaries! I'm pretty adventurous. I am a "let's see where this goes" type of woman. I have been to a man's first house on a first date, and I do not prefer it AT ALL! An absolute no for me is bringing your kids along. Like, what kind of childcare assistant do you think I am? Also, there are places where we have to be quiet. The movie theatre is not a good first date, and I don't want you whispering in my ear with popcorn breath. I don't like places that have an excessive amount of seafood because I have a shellfish allergy. Going to a friend's house is weird, too. I don't know you; why are you trying to introduce me to your squad? I also don't prefer to go to church on a first date. Church is an emotional experience, so we can save that for later.

Other than that, let's go!

~ Queen Gabby

SOULTOWN Retraction

In the recent Dear Queen Gabby column, a statement was mistakenly printed as: "I knock anyone who believes in the interracial thing." This was an error. The intended statement was: "No knocking anyone who believes in the interracial thing — it's just not for me." We apologize for any misunderstanding or offense caused. The SoulTown Magazine values accuracy and clarity, and we appreciate our readers' understanding.