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MARVIN MONTGOMERY

Chats about women, his career and being Georgia’s sexiest bachelor

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With his alluring deep voice, modern day Michelangelo sculpted muscles, Southern boy charm and bright smile, it was only a matter of time before *Cosmopolitan* named Marvyn Montgomery as Georgia's sexiest bachelor. The six-foot-four Atlanta stunner had women eyeing the October 2010 issue thinking he was probably another hot guy with impossibly high standards.

But Marvyn says the secret to nailing any man, let alone the man whose looks landed him on Entertainment Tonight and The Today Show, is every woman seeing her equal chance with him. He doesn't have a type and says he could care less about hair length, clothing style, and what women think men want. He wants you to make him laugh...and he's the rare guy who loves conversation on a first date.

"You can really have a conversation and get to know somebody. A lot of folks do movies, but you never talk in movies. I

"I'm down to earth, and a lot of people don't expect that when they meet me. I'm just a regular guy. I went to college. I have a degree."

always like to learn about somebody."

Nominated by a friend who nearly forced him to enter the contest – he refused her photographing him until the last minute – he never expected to win. "I'm coming from the gym one day, and I get a New York number on my phone. I answer the call. It's Cosmo. I need to fly out to Malibu to do a photo shoot. They flew us up to New York to do a lot of promotion. They took us to the Empire State Building, Express and a tour of the studios where they do Jimmy Fallon. They threw a big party. We came back home and were able to go back to our regular lives."

Most of the Bachelors returned to regular life, he should say. A former investment banker, Marvyn used the Cosmo title to begin a new career outside his day job in commercial real estate. Hardly any time later, he is successfully modeling fitness and editorial gigs and working with an acting coach for his next step: television and film roles. "I went from sitting in a cubicle, doing Excel spreadsheets, to meeting folks I thought I would never meet in real life. All of this so far has been a stretch for me. It's been a pretty cool ride." He also does great charity work using his persona, playing a "sexy Santa" benefiting a Toys for Tots donation drive and donates his earnings to the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.

The old adage tells women to spot a man by how he treats his mother. Marvyn visits his parents, now retired, on every weekend, holidays or not, at the same home where he grew up in Tyrone, Ga. For now, he is happy they are in the city. "My parents are doing the whole RVing around the country. I've done one trip with them. I'm not the RV type of guy, but they do and that's cool."

Marvyn, who gives off an Usher if he were an Old Hollywood star vibe, admires entertainment success stories like Tyrese, who "was one of the first to be successful on all fronts. He started out with the Coca-Cola commercial, turned that into a singing career, modeling and acting."

Believe it or not, a decade ago, Marvyn was more Steve Urkel than sexpot. "Probably up until the end of high school, I would've been considered really shy. I was into my books. Everything changed when I got contacts. My parents weren't the ones who would take you to ProVision and get the nice glasses. I had the glasses that didn't fit your face. I remember it was summertime. I said, 'I'm gonna save up my money and get contacts.' I started getting a little more attention. I started doing weight training at the school. Everything started changing around that 10th grade year."

He graduated from Georgia State with a business degree but says he would have studied political science had he gone to college elsewhere. The Sandy Creek High School Marvyn wanted to become a lawyer one day. That shy, skinny, four-eyed Marvyn probably would have laughed had you told him he was about to become the buff, seductive male model dreaming of movie roles. That old Marvyn still exists within him, hiding in his shell when he meets women.

Ladies, be warned: catch him before it gets too late. As his career flourishes and he gets closer to becoming a household name, Marvyn will be the one who got away, and much to his dismay, the center of attention. Just remember when you do, all he asks is to show who you really are inside. Recalling his dating history, of the women who struck him most in the heart, Marvyn explains it wasn't what they did for a living, money or education. "I look back at my past," he says, "and it was how we hit it off."