

THE MAN WHO CAN'T BUY A DATE



HELLO, LADIES: Dr. Paul Dantzig (above) says he's learned his lesson after a high-profile blowup with matchmaker Janis Spindel (right, hosting a party).

Doc diagnoses problem: him

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Baby, I've changed!

The so-called Dateless Doc who once offered a \$200,000 bounty for a wife is now telling a matchmaker he previously sued that "it wasn't you, it was me."

Scarsdale skin specialist Paul Dantzig e-mailed matchmaker Janis Spindel on Valentine's Day begging her to take him back.

"My jaw just dropped when I saw the e-mail. I couldn't believe it," the dating guru said.

Dantzig, 59, had sued Spindel in 2001, accusing her of having cheated him out of \$50,000 for setting him up with "a stable" of women he had "little or nothing in common with."

Spindel countersued for defamation, saying the

women weren't the problem — he was.

"He was a very angry man — negative, negative, negative," she complained.

Dantzig now admits that his suit was "frivolous" and "a terrible mistake" — and that Spindel was right about him being a downer.

He said he's a changed man since becoming a single father via a surrogate three years ago.

"Everything's better now," Dantzig told *The Post*. "Fatherhood has mellowed me. It's made me a better man."

He does, though, have an old problem — "I'm still single and looking for love."

Having gone through an ugly divorce and custody fight in the 1990s, Dantzig

was desperate in 2000, when he placed a \$3,000 ad in *New York* magazine offering a \$200,000 bounty for anyone who could find him a wife.

After a Page 1 story in *The Post*, he was inundated with offers from available women, but wound up turning to matchmakers for help.

Longtime love connector Spindel took him on, working with him on his approach and fixing him up with his type — upscale, professional Jewish women under the age of 45 and shorter than 5-foot-8.

But dates with 11 women went nowhere, and Dantzig filed suit.

Spindel said the experience was "devastating" and took a toll on her business. Potential clients



still grill her about the suit, which was settled in 2006, she said.

She said she was floored by the Valentine's e-mail, which was followed by a letter of public apology "for my ill-advised and frivolous lawsuit."

"You were hardworking and relentless" and "one of the nicest people I have ever met," he wrote.

"I was involved in a lot of personal problems and stress from previous unsuccessful relationships

which caused me to act belligerently and inappropriately toward you and our best interests."

Spindel said that Dantzig "seems happy," and that she's willing to hear what he has to say — but she's not making any promises.

"I can hook anybody up," she said, "but he's going to have to prove to me big time he's not a complete lunatic anymore."

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