



MATCH: Spindel checks out her clients too

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Interested bachelorettes have through the weekend to call Spindel's New York office and go through a pre-screening process, which may or may not lead to an appointment with her in person in Seattle next week. Best to call before the end of the day Friday.

And if you don't get an appointment, don't bother trying to talk your way in. If Spindel is anything, she's efficient and strictly by the book when it comes to the business of love.

Because Spindel's client is paying upwards of \$50,000 for her services to specifically find a woman in Seattle or Vancouver, the usual \$1,000 she charges for a 30-minute consult will be waived. Most of the women in her database are in the metropolitan New York tri-state area, so when she's asked to target eligible women in other cities she comes up with what amounts to a bachelorette search. Each woman who interviews with Spindel and her assistants in Seattle will be expected to fork over a processing fee of about \$50.

She'll narrow down the prospects to piles of "yes," "no," "maybe" and "your call." Going for quality rather than quantity, she will reconvene with her client to figure how many women he will be matched with in each city.

"We both have the final say together," she said.

Think of Spindel as a very, very personalized, walking, talking, at-your-beck-and-call, 24/7 Match.com, who is willing to run a background check of her clients, fly to him – on his dime – and hang out with him for a few days to figure out what he's really like. She's checking out his manners, asking for pictures of his ex-wives (or, in this case, his late wife), meeting the kids (again, in this case, yes) and talking with him extensively about what he wants. That doesn't mean she'll accept just any client.

"I refuse more men than I take," she said. "One wrong thing and I'm outta there."

So what do we know about this mysterious bachelor?

Only the final matches will see who's behind the mask, figuratively speaking, since the women won't see him during the interview process. But this is what Spindel would reveal: He's "6-foot-4, with a full head of thick, dark hair, a big guy, like a football player. He is, objectively speaking, not my type, but he's a good-looking guy. He's a widower, very family oriented, a self-made millionaire and a brilliant businessman."

Before we veer too far down the path of P-imping, let's just say again we don't know who this guy is. Spindel won't reveal his identity on pain of death – something to do with a confidentiality agreement – so if you get to that point and you want a second opinion, you might want to run your own background check.

She won't name his business, but he told her he has a hand in several. He's a skier who is generally very athletic and recently returned from a fly-fishing trip. An MBA holder, he's definitely in the smart-is-sexy camp, emphasizing to Spindel how he values an extremely well-educated woman.

Spindel and her assistants will be in Seattle through Wednesday to talk with prospects, then they'll fly to Vancouver to interview women.

But don't despair, ladies. If you don't fit this guy, Spindel may have another one waiting in the wings. At any given moment, she has eight to 10 clients who need somebody.

"I could meet a phenomenal woman who blows me away," she said. "She could be too young or too old for him, but she might work for another client. That's a win-win situation."

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