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Abstract

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Why is it that the male species, with its tough, macho image, is so easily embarrassed by the topic of tampons?

These macho men believe that they are always in control of every situation. They sit in front of the television watching movies where people run around with their insides hanging out. They are the men who cheer when the bad guys are blown to smithereens. But are they also the same men who automatically change colors like a chameleon if a tampon commercial interrupts their movie?

Tough men believe that there is nothing that they can't handle. Place one of these men in a room where he is the only male and watch as he quickly takes control of the situation.

Let women begin talking about menstruation and watch the man's control disappear into thin air. Watch his face turn red and his eyes begin to shift uncomfortably around the room, looking for an escape. Notice how quickly he changes from a suave gentleman to a babbling idiot who would gladly give his first born to anyone who could rescue him from this torture.

However, the majority of men are not as hopeless as my friend, Scott. When a tampon commercial comes on, he changes the channel faster than you could pop open a beer. (He's the king of the remote control but that's another story). He avoids the feminine product aisle in the grocery store as if he's afraid that he will be contaminated merely by passing the products. As if he's worried that being a woman is contagious!

He once told me of a recurring nightmare that he often has. He is in a grocery store. Everywhere he turns, there are boxes and boxes of tampons. He frantically turns a corner only to find himself face to face with a giant tampon. The tampon grabs him and says, "Now you're mine. Now you will become one of us!"

Women do not enjoy watching men scratch themselves in public. They do not, however, lose their ability to function. They do not turn red with embarrassment. They do not become tongue-tied, unable to speak because they are uncomfortable. Instead, women ignore men's crude behavior, continuing on with their lives. They shrug it off as a part of life.

How can men consider themselves to be the superior race when they can't even watch a tampon commercial?

