

POLE POSITION

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: IZABELA SCHECHTEL

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Boys, it's now time to wipe those grade school Polish jokes from your memory because this Polish-joke killer is simply too hot to roast. This 26-year-old immigrant has been modeling since she was 16 and has been working on our side of the world for the past 6. Despite the language barrier during the interview, Izabela conveyed her sweet and shy personality perfectly. If you can read the girl right, she'll let you know all you need to fit her mold.

Getting answers to come out smoothly was like accelerating a car at a red light from third gear. This may have been one of the more difficult conversations I've done, but there's a rush you get when you race from light to light.

2nr: How'd you like the model shoot?
Izabela Schechtel: It was fun.

2nr: Quick test...Do you remember what car you were in front of?

IS: I know it was like racecar. I think it was a Honda.

2nr: Hmmm...what's your favorite car?

IS: A Mercedes Benz, a CLK. <pauses> Should I have said Honda?

2nr: No, it's OK. Who wouldn't like a Benz?
German Engineering.

IS: Yes, a silver CLK.

2nr: You've been modeling since 16. Do you remember your first job?

IS: I know it was for a make-up company in Poland.

2nr: So...<pause>... are there any more beautiful women left in Poland since you left?

IS: Oh. You're so nice. There are a lot of beautiful women there.

2nr: Well, I don't know that for sure but I know that there's one right here!

<silent pause>

2nr: Wanna hear a polish joke?

IS: That's ok. I've heard some before. They are not true.

2nr: So what company are you working for at the SEMA show?

IS: Alltech Motorsports.

2nr: What do you like about modeling?

IS: I love to travel and meet new people. It's a fun job.

<the short answers are getting frustrating at this point>

2nr: Let's say that you meet a dude. What would you notice about him first?

IS: I would notice how intelligent he is. I'd also notice if he was attractive.

2nr: Muscular?

IS: He doesn't have to have big muscles or be a super model, but he needs to be good-looking to me. He needs to be taller than me. He should be well dressed.

2nr: Does he need to have a lot of money?

IS: Money is not the most important thing...but it helps. What's important is that he has to be able to treat me with respect. He has to be caring and loving. <shyly giggles>

2nr: Oh.

IS: Well, not at the beginning but when the relationship gets more involved...

2nr: So he needs to cuddle with you at night.

IS: Yeah, sure.

2nr: You sure do ask a lot of your man. I get the feeling that you are a girly girl. Princess-like I could say.

IS: I AM a girly girl. I'm independent and have been independent most of my life and I don't need a guy to take care of me but...you know.

2nr: Oh yeah. I know.

IS: <giggles>

2nr: You want him to take you to dinner. Maybe buy you nice things.

IS: Presents are always nice. Flowers or some chocolate.

2nr: I suppose you'll ask for walks along the beach too?

IS: Walks on the beach are nice too.

2nr: Build a nice fire to keep you warm...hold you while you sleep.

IS: He needs to be romantic!

2nr: What's the thing about a guy that turns you on?

IS: Turns me on? <pauses and giggles> I don't know! I would say self-esteem and confidence. Has to know what he wants. He needs to know what he's doing.

2nr: <slowly> What they're doing?

IS: Yes, as far as goals, dreams and a career.

2nr: Let's play the dating game. Choose between a construction worker with good looks and style but only has a little bit of money and an architect with no-so-great looks and a LOT of money.

IS: Oh boy. It really depends on the person.

2nr: Come on. Pick one already.

IS: I would choose the architect, but he would have to be good looking! I'm going to need the whole package.

2nr: You could give him a facial. Help him grow some hair.

IS: I could buy him a toupee. I could get him anything these days—plastic surgery is amazing.

2nr: What is it about a guy that...

IS: Wow. All these guy questions.

2nr: Face it. Import Tuner is made for guys. And guys want to know which one of us "fit the mold". We have millions of readers. ONE of us has to "In like Flynn."



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IS: Huh?
 Znr: We all want to know what you like.
 IS: Ok. Sure.
 Znr: Ok. If I was in a room full of other guys—let's call it a dickfest—what's going to single me out?
 IS: We need to have some type of chemistry or connection.
 Znr: We can fix that connection later, but would being funny be part of the chemistry?
 IS: Yes, a sense of humor.
 Znr: Ok. We know now that he has to be good-looking, have a sense of humor, be intelligent, taller than you, and just overall "be a good person." What if I DIDN'T want you to fall in love with God-like looks and mesmerizing persona?
 IS: What turns me off?
 Znr: Yeah.
 IS: <pauses> Someone that is negative, rude, or mean.
 Znr: Have you done much traveling?
 IS: New York, Poland, Europe. But I'd love to just end up in Paris.
 Znr: What are some of your ambitions?
 IS: When I'm done with modeling I would love to work in real estate. I'm actually studying to get my license. I take my test next month. I'd like to travel the world.
 Znr: What would be your first trip by yourself?
 IS: I don't like to travel by myself. I never travel alone.
 Znr: Ok. Where will WE be going?
 IS: <giggles> I'll be going to South America.
 Znr: Like BRAAAZZILL!! <say it like the soccer

announcers do on the Spanish speaking station>
 IS: <giggles> Yes. Brazil.
 Znr: If I wanted to find a quality woman such as yourself where would I go?
 IS: That's a good question. Where would I go to find a man besides bars?
 Znr: We're talking about me here. Men flock to you. For you they come by the dozen—like donuts.
 Znr: What do you do on your free days?
 IS: I workout. I rollerblade and play a little Tennis. I run on the beach.
 Znr: You must have really strong legs. What type of diet do you have?
 IS: I eat really healthy. Chicken, fish, and veggies.
 Znr: What do you dream pigging out on?
 IS: <without hesitation> Chocolate ice cream with a lot of whipped cream.
 Znr: I don't know about the chocolate ice cream...but the whipped cream we can do.
 IS: With chocolate sauce on top.
 Znr: You mean syrup, you don't want the sauce. Cherry?
 IS: A little cherry.
 Znr: Mmmm...
 Znr: Tell me more about this real estate thing you are getting into.
 IS: I've been thinking about it for a while, but I'm still modeling and going to school. I'm going to school for business. When I'm done with school and modeling I want to do the real estate full-time.
 Znr: Have you seen the little magazines that they put out at the local grocery store? I think

it's about time that a good-looking agent comes around. Your attractiveness is an advantage.
 IS: Yeah. But you'd have to buy the house. You can't just call me up to show you a house just so you can look at me.
 Znr: Of course.
 Znr: Would you be interested in selling the big houses or the average house?
 IS: Of course I'd prefer the bigger ones but the little ones are fine in the beginning.
 Znr: Yeah. When can we start calling you?
 IS: This issue is on the stands in January. <pauses> January.
 Znr: What would your dream house be like?
 IS: It doesn't have to be really big. Just something cozy—a yard, swimming pool, Jacuzzi and lots of trees.
 Znr: Cozy you say?
 IS: <starts joking around> Yeah, something with 6 bedrooms. Maybe something like a mini-castle. <giggles>
 Znr: What kind of girl are you?
 IS: I'm pretty easy going. If I wanted something and you didn't get it—I'd get it myself. Like I said before...I'm independent. It would have been a big plus for him if he got it for me though. He'd get a hug and a little extra attention.
 Znr: Lets role-play. I show up in a limo. I walk up to your door and hand you a white rose and give you a pearl necklace. We jump in the ride and we tell Jeeves the butler to take us...
 IS: ...to a nice sushi restaurant. We'd have rainbow rolls, sashimi and tuna. Maybe a

STATS:

Model: Izabela Schechtel
 Ethnicity: European (Polish)
 Birthplace: Krakow, Poland
 Currently represents: Newport Beach, CA
 Age: 26
 Dob: May 4
 Yrs modeling: 8 years
 Measurements 34c - 25 - 34
 Height 5' 7"
 Weight: 112

glass of wine.

2nr: I could load you up on some sake to help loosen up the evening then we would go...

IS: To the dance floor of the club and go dancing.

2nr: Now we're all done dancing and the evening is wrapping up. Now we...sit with a cappuccino at a local Starbucks and chat away the evening?

IS: Get some gelato ice cream—Italian ice cream.

2nr: Ok. Since we're in or around Newport we'd do the beach walking thing where you rip off your shoes and bolt across the sand for some exercise?

IS: Or we could go see a movie. A comedy.

2nr: Or a scary movie so that you'd have to jump in my arms!

IS: <giggles shyly> Maybe a scary movie would be good, too. Just so long as you're right here next to me.

2nr: I'd put the cup holder that separates us up so that you could scoot over and cuddle...that's right, oh yeah. So the movie is done. I tell Jeeves to...

IS: Well it's late. We'd have to go to sleep.

2nr: Oh reeeeeeally? And what would I make for breakfast...romantic, eh?

IS: Romantic. You know how to treat women.

2nr: Ok so what would I do next? Do I do the standard 3-day wait? Or dive right in for the next day call?

IS: It depends. If you like me then call me right away.

2nr: Ok woman. What would YOU want me to do?

IS: You should call me the next day.

2nr: Oh yeah, you asked for it.

