

HOW TO MAKE ANYONE LIKE YOU IN FOUR SECONDS OR LESS!  
(By Chris Rogers)

INT. CONFERENCE ROOM - DAY

A BUSINESS MAN stands in front of a scribbled up WHITE BOARD.

BUSINESS MAN  
...and by the end of the quarter,  
the deal with Rexcon-

A Female Employee interrupts, smacks her GUM and twirls it  
around her finger.

FEMALE EMPLOYEE  
Boring! Who invited the nerd?

BUSINESS MAN  
I'm Vice-President of Mergers and  
Acquisitions... And your boss...

The Female Employee sticks out her tongue, makes a FART  
SOUND. RECORD SCRATCH.

INT. GYM - DAY

LISETTE works out on a ELLIPTICAL. Her gaze finds the  
camera.

LISETTE  
Look familiar? We've all asked  
ourselves, "How can I make people  
like me?"

EXT. THE MOUNTAINS - DAY

The Young Woman hikes a trail.

LISETTE  
Well today, I'm going to share  
three easy steps GUARANTEED to make  
ANYONE like you in FOUR SECONDS OR  
LESS!

INT. GLASS ELEVATOR - EVENING

LISETTE  
You're probably asking yourself,  
"But Lisette, you're a minority AND  
a woman? Ain't nobody like you."

INT. LUXURY CAR - NIGHT

Lisette drives.

LISETTE

And you're right! But it's the  
year 2713 and with a little work,  
ANYONE can be a social butterfly!  
Let's hop right to it! Step One:  
Observe and mimic body language.

INT. WHITE VOID

GRAPHIC: A countdown clock reads 4 seconds.

GARY and JERRY stand face to face. Garry scratches his nuts.  
Jerry mimics the actions.

EXT. ALLEY - NIGHT

Lisette scores some drugs from a VAGRANT.

LISETTE

That's it! You're doing great!  
Step Two: Strike a Power Pose.  
And don't be shy! Take up a lotta  
space!

STOCK FOOTAGE OF AN ANGRY BEAR REARED BACK ON TWO LEGS.

GRAPHIC: A countdown clock reads 2.7 seconds.

Lisette crouches beside a dumpster, heats the drugs on a  
small sheet of ALUMINUM FOIL.

LISETTE (CONT'D)

But don't get carried away! Our  
goal is creating an atmosphere of  
comfort and camaraderie!

INT. WHITE VOID

Jerry reaches into his pocket...

LISETTE (V.O.)

Step Three: Give them ten thousand  
dollars!

Jerry hands Gary a wad of cash. Gary smiles, gives Jerry a  
friendly pat on the shoulder.

GRAPHIC: The countdown clock reaches zero.

EXT. ALLEY - NIGHT

Lisette injects the drugs into her arm.

LISETTE

And that's it! You'll be winning friends and influencing people in no time! Quick tip for the ladies! If you find yourself dealing with a CIS-gendered-hetero-presenting-male-human, skip steps one through three and just S his D! Have fun with it!

Lisette starts to nod off...

LISETTE (CONT'D)

But it doesn't really matter... We're all just holograms created to amuse the lizard people...

Lisette's eyeballs glitch, briefly revealing reptilian eyes before she pixilates and disappears.

FADE TO BLACK.