

Femalus Oxfordus: Run While You Still Can!

The typical Oxford female, otherwise known as *femalus Oxfordus*, is a rare and delicate creature; she is competitive, wild, and driven- though it may be more conspicuous in more of them than in others. Perhaps you have had the unfortunate opportunity to encounter one; though they are abundant and vary in size, shape, and temperament, each of their types takes a specially trained eye to see and distinguish one species from another. You must be able to see through a *femalus Oxfordus*' deceit and lies, and then eventually work through their narrow-mindedness and constant complaining (all purely used as defense mechanisms) to uncover their true beings on the inside. Once you have seen the persona they possess inside, the *real* challenge begins: to interpret their actions and words in order to determine which species they fall into. Though they are all similar creatures, they each pack lethal bites that require different types of antidotes. This labyrinth of girls may seem mind-boggling to all you teenage males, and it should be, for the *femalus Oxfordus* are a force to be reckoned with; but through careful preparation and precautions, hopefully the men of the world will be able to distinguish the different types of girls and escape their final attack before it is too late and they contract their deadly disease, also known as *relationsihpitis*, which only has one cure: to run away while you have the chance.

The girls of Oxford Academy fall into three predominant classes, in which some are thus divided into classes and then sub-species. The first class of *femalus Oxfordus* is known generally as the "A" girl; usually distinguishable by her predominantly Asian features, the "A" girl strives for nothing more than to become as well-rounded as possible. She works herself day and night, avoiding any social contact, taking meticulous notes on every piece of homework distributed in class; she studies for her AP exams the summer before she is to take the class and throughout the year, extols thousands of dollars for supplementary practice, only to release her wrath when she

achieves an A- at the end of the year instead of the expected A+++ . Though such a driven and hard-working girl may seem appealing, be careful, boys—the “A” girl will never pay attention to you. In fact, males (with the exception of school teachers) are the furthest things from their minds; in fact, the “A” girls have avoided males for so long that, over a period of time, developed a type of defense mechanism that has prevented them from interacting with them for centuries; they have learned to developed the “ice stare”; perhaps you have received it from a girl once. If you try to approach such an “A” girl, even to ask what the homework was, her bloodshot eyes will rise slowly from the depths of her *Princeton Review* and penetrate into your soul, as if she is shooting out poison from her eyes. Though this has never happened before, scientists have evidence to suggest that as the “A” girl further evolves and develops, poison-eye shooting may become a thing of the future. What is the antidote for an “A” girl bite? The answer is simple; if you do happen to get bitten by an “A” girl, the only solution is plenty of rest; as far as preventative care goes, plenty of avoidance should do the trick, as “A” girls often never remember frivolous things such as dances, boys, or friends; they prefer instead to graze on their review guides in their natural habitats, whether it is in the library or the classroom of their favorite teacher. If you happen to spot one next time, be sure to stay away, or at least be wary: though they may seemingly look in need of help of carrying their books, touch one and you will definitely be burned.

The second class of *femalus Oxfordus* is commonly known at other schools as well, though they are more prevalent at Oxford Academy; they are the “loner girls”; the girls who really have no place at the school; they don’t fall into either the “A” category or the “clique” category, which is to be discussed later. “Loner girls” aren’t are loners though; there are the ones who are not aware of their loneliness; she often spends most of her time around a group of

people she believes are her closest friends, when, in actuality, none of them talk to her. Another sub-division of the Loner Girl is the lesser known “group” of loner girls; that is, a group of Loner Girls who happened to find each other amongst the shelves at the school library. Though they are alienated from the rest of their schoolmates, they are sometimes seen together as a group, but very rarely; this type of Loner Girl prefers not to work as hard for her friendships and is as accustomed to spending time by herself as she is to “hanging out” with her “friends.” The third type of Loner Girl, most likely the most distinguishable of the three, is the true Loner: the one who eats lunch by herself everyday. Perhaps you have seen one around the Oxford campus. This type of Loner girl prefers the company of no one, and instead finds the solace and support she lacks in friends within the pages of a book, either in five hundred paged novels or in Japanese comics. Though these girls may look in need of a friend, try to befriend one and you will instead be hurt- emotionally or physically. Loner Girls, often victims of other groups of females, have over time developed fast reflexes that allow them to retort or strike out at anything that is beyond their book.

The third type of Oxford girl, possibly the most populous, is also the hardest to distinguish out of the other classes. The “clique” girl is harder to define and differentiate; thus, their attacks are the most lethal. While the “A” girl and the Loner Girls give off the impression of being helpless, the Clique girls conceal their weaknesses and instead hide them by using primitive tactics. The Clique girls are usually the more primitive types; they can be found in tightly knit circles across the campus; though they are all the same type, they can be divided into many subclasses, each with their own traditions and identities. Collectively though, their only purpose is to hunt, and then to kill. If you try to approach one of the Cliques, or do harm unto one of them, be prepared to face the wrath of her clan. If you receive such an attack from a

Clique, the prognosis is not as clear; depending on the type of attack inflicted on you (usually emotional and rarely physical), it may take either days or even years to recover from their venomous attacks. The best advice from recovering from a Clique attack is to consult your nearest female physician, as they are the wisest members of the female community and are often without judgment. Of the three, try to avoid the Cliques the most; though they may seem enticing and appear to draw you in (one of their many famous defense mechanisms in addition to backstabbing and causing drama), protect yourself from their advances. I would recommend traveling with a group of your closest guy friends, preferably your uglier ones in order to ward off the girls' superficiality.

The "A" girl, the Loner Girl, and the Clique girl are all complex creatures; though they can all be distinguished by their different temperaments and actions, at times you may encounter a girl that is a combination of the different types. What should you do if you find yourself developing feelings for her or wanting to take her out on a date? My best advice is to be advised; if a girl falls into more than one class, her venom is that much more fatal. When combined, their lethal attacks are combined into something that has the power to wipe you out in a matter of seconds, if you're not careful. So if you attend Oxford Academy as a male, what are you to do? The best advice, after years of studying the *femalus Oxfordus* is simple: run while you can!

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