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Scot McKay 00:08

Okay, gentlemen, how's it going? This is your main man, Scot McKay. And you're listening to another snippet from the summit as part of The Mountain Top Podcast. Today, I want to talk to you a little bit about a movie, which I've done in the past. Sometimes Emily and I are watch a movie. And it really turns out to be extremely relevant to what we do for a living around here. This weird little movie is called match me if you can, and it's available on Starz. And it is about a woman who finds herself unmatchable on an online dating app. And she really gets upset about it. And she's already a little bit jaded about dating, her last relationship didn't go so well, guys are choosing not to see her again after first dates for pretty esoteric silly reasons. And she's really fed up. And so are all of her friends in the movie, gay, straight, male, female, these are all pretty much Generation Z people, you know, 20 Somethings, and their dating lives or disasters. They're looking at each other from across the table, not dating each other, not interested in each other, and not knowing what to do about it. And the interesting part about this movie, which caused Emily and I to actually pause it and comment out loud, is everyone in this movie is reasonably attractive physically. So we were kind of wondering aloud how many people out there who well maybe aren't so attractive, are looking at these people in this movie, and pronouncing what's going on on screen is utterly unbelievable. As a matter of fact, the lead actress in the movie, to whom all these unfortunate dating events seem to be happening, rapid fire is probably more attractive than average. So watching this, it's easy to think, where are they going with the plot of this movie? And of course, as the movie drags on, the plot thickens, and boy meets girl. And despite all of the crazy things happening in the dating world, with online dating, and apps and internet influencers, and he said she said, and all the dating politics that tend to go on nowadays, and all the complications and roadblocks we tend to throw out ourselves. Guess what? Spoiler alert, the way this movie ends is exactly how you would expect any other romantic comedy to end it ends the way everybody is hoping it will. So here you have a situation depicting a bunch of people being very frustrated about dating, not being able to find someone and yet, even as the viewer, you're indeed still compelled at the human

primal level, mind you to have the lead characters, boy and girl in this movie, actually find love together. Now, several things jumped out at me about this movie. First of all, I'm imagining so many people watching this movie going, Is this really how it is? Yes, this movie really does capture the current zeitgeist of online dating apps, dating services, et cetera. Guys, no matter who you are, no matter who the woman is, everybody is frustrated by dating apps. Yes, even people who are not just simply I don't know, average, the better looking than average. But people who are like the quote unquote, beautiful people are extremely frustrated by apps because no matter who you are, or what you have to offer the world, your chances of meeting someone from, you know, a cute little carefully crafted, half a paragraph written by AI and a couple heavily filtered, perhaps even AI generated photos aren't going to get you in front of someone real at least not someone real you expect. So the person you're sitting in front of may not look the way you expect them to look, they may not even act or talk the way you expect them to look. Because everything about their online presence was well let's get right down to it. Clickbait. Okay. So, even if someone is purely cynical and watches this movie, match me if you can, as if it's utterly unbelievable that anyone who's reasonably attractive would be suffering such frustration at the hands of online dating and apps. While they're just to inside their head. It doesn't matter who you are. The online dating apps have gotten really good at making us all addicted to them without giving us any results in return. And much like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok. We are all rapidly addicted to our smartphones and our computer screens and we just don't even want out. Now the second thing about this movie that jumped out at me personally was really I Honestly, just about everybody in this movie isn't mad at the gender they're trying to attract. You know, there's gay people, straight people in this movie men and women, they all really are open to dating, they all want to find love, but all of them basically have given up on it. Now, when you think of the men go in their own way, or you think of the angry feminists, usually the baggage that comes along with that is this sense of bitterness and being jaded against the other gender while still remaining horny and basically having our biological needs unmet, you know, apart from porn, or whatever. But you know what, I really honestly do believe that what remains unspoken, is that there is almost a silent majority of people who want to find love, who wish they could be hopeful, who really would love to go out and date be happy, socialize with the other gender, but it's become so frustrating. And there's been such a string of mishaps, bad luck, or some sort of, you know, losing streak or dry spell that's caused people to give up. Now, here's the icing on the cake with regard to this movie I'm talking about match Me If You Can, based on everything I could find out from the credits that rolled at the end of the movie, to doing a little bit of research about it. This movie is almost completely produced by women. Guys, you think you're frustrated with not being able to find the right woman out there or wondering if any woman is going to be attracted to you? The number of women out there who feel utterly invisible, or that they can't find a guy who's going to be real with them, make them feel safe and comfortable is through the roof, it is off the charts. Now, you may or may not go watch this movie. As a matter of fact, if you skip the movie, I wouldn't blame you. It's not the greatest movie from a pure entertainment perspective, although it's not the worst I've seen. Weirdly, it's kind of predictable. In the end, despite I don't know, a bit of novelty in terms of the subject matter presented with regard to online dating and apps. Hence, this snippet from the summit and my report on it. But what if it's true that most people really are very open to dating someone enjoying that dating process and eventually finding love, they're perfectly normal and aren't necessarily angry at each other. But on the other hand, they've been led to believe that online dating and apps are pretty much the only way to find love these days. I mean, bear in mind, in this movie, you have a group of men and women who were all ostensibly friends together, talking about dating and never asking each other out. Guys, I've said this for several months now. And it bears repeating. The moral of this story is the new school of dating has got to be the old school of dating. Just yesterday, I went to the grocery store. And I saw a woman who was probably about

25 to 27 years old, who probably 100% of men in this world would find unbelievably sexy. And probably so much so that she's not safe for work. And she was at the grocery store and these little pink shorts, just looking absolutely amazing. And as fortune would have it, I basically arrived at the grocer's freezer the same time she did. And I was waiting for her to open the door and get what she wanted out of there before it was my turn. And she looked up at me and guess what she said? She said, Oh, I'm sorry. And I gave her my patented response with a slight smile. I said, No, you don't have to apologize for anything. And she goes, Oh, okay, thank you. I looked down. No ring on her finger. No bitchy attitude, just exuding pure sex. And Swedish. She could be even had a friendly mellifluous voice. And there she is. Ostensibly single at the grocery store buying something for herself to eat, probably in front of the tube, watching reruns. Now see, the difference between me and a lot of other guys is I look at her and I imagine that most other guys out there looking at her saying, Oh, she probably has 10 Boyfriends already. All with Gulfstream fives trying to jet her off to the Maldives for the weekend. I can't compete. Yet a simple conversation about whose turn it is to get into the grocer's freezer turned up perfectly. Okay. Gentlemen, if I were a single man, I would have continued that conversation and it probably would have gone somewhere really nice. I realize what I've given you today is a lot to think about. But gentlemen, what is it we're doing to brainwash ourselves into believing we're not good enough? Because something as superficial and marketing driven as an online dating app is telling us we're not natural, or we're not good enough. Get out there. Her talk to women find out for yourself that most people, men and women are just dying to be social again. And if you make the first move, you start a conversation. You give women space and you're warm and light and help her feel safe. Chances are it's going to go a lot better for you in real life than ever could even possibly go by design on a dating app. Want to talk about this or anything else? Scott at mountaintop podcast.com Be good out there.

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