

Blind ROOSTER Date

AT GAKU RAMEN

Trying our best to make loneliness a thing of the past — drinks and dinner included.



BRIAN

Age: 26
Hometown: Clarksville, Md.
Current occupation: Assistant Project Manager.
Zodiac sign: Pisces?
I'm pretty sure.
Favorite color: Blue.
Pets: I wish. My roommate has a golden retriever, but I fell in love with this dog that I want to adopt.
What's your type? Super outgoing, probably the loudest one in the room
Deal breakers: Rude. Very closed minded. Inconsiderate.
My friends would describe me as: Outgoing, funny and just like ... open.

ROUND 1

Start your love engines ladies and gentlemen, for another round of awkward blind dating is about to begin. And how quickly! As Brian sits down, he wastes no time dishing out a solid 10/10 compliment game — "she's really cute," he says. Brilliant. Out come the apps, this party has officially started.

Describe your dating life in three words:

WAVERLY: What dating life?

BRIAN: All over (the) place.

Have you ever been on a blind date before?

W: I have not. It's going well! He's nice so it's fun. It's just kind of like a regular date so it's nice.

B: No. I've been set up, but not a blind date.

Where do you usually meet potential dates?

W: Through friends? Organically? Awkward encounters on a plane? I don't know.

B: Through friends or ... yeah through friends typically.

What's your go-to pickup strategy?

W: Act really awkward until someone finds it funny.

B: Connecting with them. Finding something that you can bond over, I guess. That's the easiest way.

What were you thinking before your Rooster Blind Date?

W: How I'm going to eat ramen in front of someone I've never met before. It's really messy.

B: She's going to slurp her ramen and just be a terrible eater.

Did your friends give you any advice before the date?

W: Yeah, they gave a lot of ... advice. Someone said be yourself, but they clearly don't know me very well. My goal this year is to get my heart broken, so that's why I signed up for it.

B: Yeah. Obviously go into it with an open mind.

What are you looking for in a partner?

W: Right now, heartbreak. Or to just actually like someone. After that, someone that is just super funny all the time.

B: Someone who I can have fun with. Someone who I can share memories with. As simple as that is.

When you saw your date, what was the first thing that went through your mind?

W: Honestly, I think I blacked out a little bit. I have no idea. I thought, 'I hope my hand isn't sweaty' when he shook my hand.

B: Wow, we fucking match. Just like woowow. Good choice in outfits.



WAVERLY

Age: 25
Zodiac sign: Pisces
Hometown: Tallahassee, Fla.
Current job: I'm a Media Strategist at an advertising media agency.
Favorite color: Charcoal grey.
Pets: I don't, but I really want a dog.
What's your type? I don't really have a type. Someone that is really confident in who they are as a person.
Deal breakers: Know-it-alls and people that are boring.
My friends would describe me as: Ridiculous and out of control.

Blind Date

ROOSTER

ROUND 2

The two really did match and it was, like, so mesmerizingly cute! How could they not fall for one another over noodles, actually text the next morning, spend months holding in farts on nights in, find an expensive apartment to split rent with, accidentally make a baby after a few years, and then spend the rest of their lives together asking what the other wants for dinner? This is the beginning of an all American romance people!

How's it going overall?

W: We've had two sake bombs, so it's fine. Two! That's all I got.

B: Good we just had a sake bomb. I'm assuming y'all didn't plan this, but we have the exact same birthday.

What are you two talking about?

W: College spring breaks. Life in Denver. What we like to do outside of work.

B: Any and everything. Literally. Talked about how we're going to get home, not like together but how were going to get back to Denver.

How was dinner? What did you get?

W: Delicious. So good. I would definitely come here again. 10/10 would recommend to a friend. Also, the service is super accommodating. I feel like our server is actually the 3rd wheel of our date.

B: I got the ... I know there's a more technical term ... but shrimp ramen. Was pretty good.

Would you go on another date with each other?

W: Friendship date? No probably not. But I like him as a person. We high fived like five times.

B: Yeah!

Where do you want the rest of the night to go?

W: I'd like to get a ride back to Ian's Pizza. Because I want to get a macaroni pizza, walk home, drunk text all the people I've ever liked in my life and call it a day!

B: Maybe a few more drinks and live music in Boulder.

ROUND 3

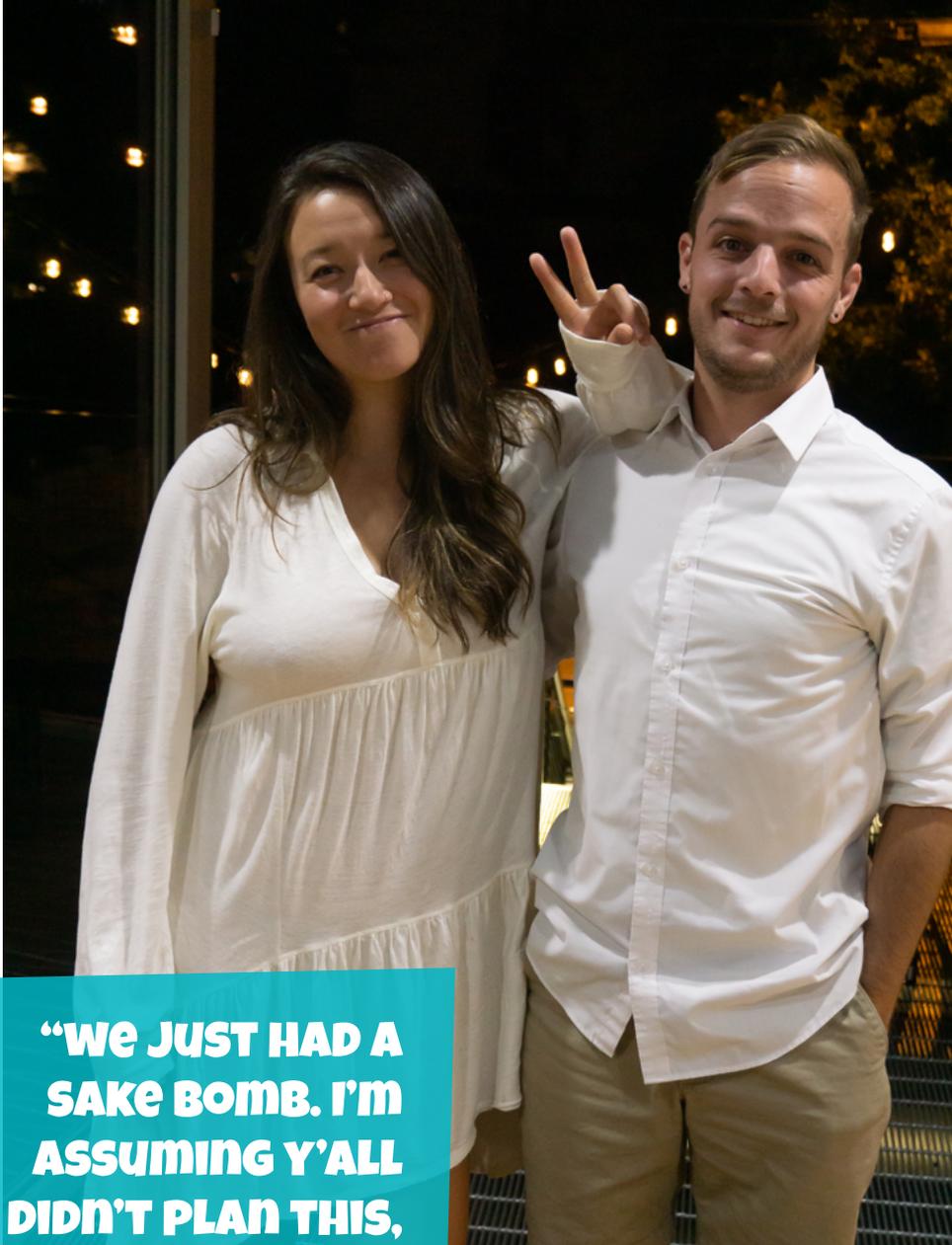
With full bellies and a hazy mind, the crew packs it in and leaves the two to their leftovers and chill. Will it be a night to remember, or just another friendly evening with zero text notifications in the morning? We felt the vibe, but because of some big changes coming Waverly's way soon, Ramen might not be enough to tie her down. The next day, we ask each what went down.

What happened after Rooster left?

W: We shared an Uber home, and the Uber dropped me off at my house, and then I'm assuming he dropped Brian off at his house after. I don't know I kind of just bolted.

B: Not much, we got the Uber back to Denver and went our separate ways.

The daters pose for less-than-candid photo in their matching attire.



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Brian - On Similarities

That Chicken Shoyu is one delicious bowl of yummy. Start stretching your chopstick fingers.



“MY GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO GET MY HEART BROKEN, SO THAT’S WHY I SIGNED UP FOR IT.”

Waverly - On Priorities



▲ Waverly is apparently familiar with the book 'How to Deal with the Paparazzi' by Russel Crowe.

◀ The Gaku Buns: like eating a delicious meal on a cloud, but you're also eating the cloud.



FAVORITES FROM THE MENU



TONKOTSU

PORK BROTH, PORK CHASHU, KIKURAGE MUSHROOM, BAMBOO SHOOTS, SCALLIONS // \$13



GAKU BUNS

PORK, CHICKEN OR TOFU STEAMED BUNS, PICKLED VEGETABLES, SCALLIONS, SAMBAL SAUCE // \$7.50



GRILLED SALMON FRIED RICE

SALMON, ONION, CABBAGE, CORN, SCALLIONS, TOBIKO, SHOYU // \$13.50



"I think they are definitely having a good time. I think it's going super good. I want my dates to go that well!"

Emma - Server

Was there a goodbye kiss?

W: No. No, I think we high-fived.

B: No. Unfortunately, no.

How about a second date?

W: No I wouldn't go on a second date. I would probably go on a friend thing like, 'hey want to go camping with my group of friends this weekend?' but nothing romantic.

B: If it was a different time. If she was still in the area, I would have perused it a little more.

Did Rooster find a match?

W: No. I'm moving to Carbondale tomorrow, so even if we were soulmates, long distance really doesn't work.

B: As your already know, she's moving to the Aspen area today. If she wasn't moving would it have been a match? I think at least for friendship. I don't really feel the romantic connection.

Do you have any regrets from last night?

W: Leaving my sunglasses. Heck yes Emma for saving them!

B: Not going in for a kiss. Not making that move at the end.

Overall, how was it?

W: I thought it was super fun. It was definitely a crazy experience. Blind dating is weird. But I had a really great time.

B: It was fun! I would say it was as good of a blind date could have gone. Unfortunately, there wasn't really that much of a romantic connection. But we definitely both enjoyed ourselves.

What's next in your dating life?

W: Well, I'm moving to a new town, so that should be interesting. But I'm not really going to meet people, so I just kind a want to move to a new place and enjoy it and not having to worry about dating.

B: Hopefully more blind dates! That was definitely fun.

CONCLUSION

Mmmhmm. Yep. Par for the course these days. Turns out there's more to turning one solid date into a serious relationship when one half of the happy meal is moving to a different town. Although both daters had a great time — bombing through both the sake and the food — it just wasn't enough to solidify a future of screaming children and "how I met your mother through Rooster" bedtime stories. Whatever, half-wins are still wins. Who's next!?

Have a single friend older than 21 and interested in a free meal and drinks? Send them on a Blind Date by emailing us at contact@theRooster.com with your friend's photo and dating information.

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