

## 42. Knock Your Socks Off!

(Girl)

1 At first I thought my boyfriend was the most polite guy  
2 in the whole world. Every time he came to my house, he  
3 insisted on taking his shoes off at the door. Even if he was  
4 only coming in for a minute. It was so sweet ... until the  
5 stench kicked in. That boy's feet smell like they belong on  
6 a rotting corpse!

7 The first time it happened, I had no idea where the smell  
8 was coming from. We were sitting there watching television,  
9 and it kept getting worse. I would look around thinking that  
10 my brother had thrown a bomb in on us, or that maybe  
11 Mom was making cooked cabbage. I even started thinking  
12 that maybe our house had been built on top of a mass  
13 grave!

14 Then I leaned down to tie my shoe, and that's when it  
15 hit me. Full force. Or should I say, full face! There was no  
16 denying what the source was. I had to grit my teeth to stop  
17 from gagging.

18 The next time he came over, I tried insisting that he  
19 keep his shoes on. Told him my family wasn't fancy like  
20 that. We all wore our shoes around the house. Twenty-four-  
21 seven. He took them off anyway. Said his feet needed to  
22 breathe. I wanted to agree with him. Tell him those things  
23 need to breathe all right because I think they're dying! Only  
24 that wouldn't have been nice. But how can I endure this?  
25 How can he? It's like he's immune to his own personal  
26 stench. Oblivious to the fact that his feet can clear a room.  
27 My pesky brother won't even come in any more to bother us  
28 — which could be a blessing. I'd rather have Donnie

## 41. Cow Tipping — It's Not All Fun and Games!

(Guy)

1 So maybe I'm the only one in the south who truly had no  
2 idea what cow tipping really was. Seriously, would anyone in  
3 their right mind really believe that someone would actually  
4 try to tip a cow over? Have you ever even tried to nudge a  
5 cow? It's like hitting a brick wall. I should know because  
6 that's what happened last night, and now I can barely  
7 breathe! I think I broke some ribs — maybe even punctured  
8 a lung!

9 But how do you explain an injury like that? It's not like  
10 I'm a football player. You don't get crushed bones just from  
11 walking down the hall at school or staying at your friend's  
12 house playing video games — which is what I was supposed  
13 to be doing. I'm in serious pain here.

14 I can't believe I was so stupid. So gullible. (Mimics.) "It's  
15 asleep," they said. "It'll be easy," they said. "Just run up  
16 and push it," they said. Why would I even listen to them?  
17 They're the same guys who put straws up their noses and  
18 sucked down a glass of soda. They didn't even warn me that  
19 the cow might not just "tip over." That you weren't  
20 supposed to just ram the thing with all your might. It's  
21 more a matter of leverage and where you push from. But did  
22 they bother to tell me that? No!

23 Maybe I should tell my parents the truth. It's so bizarre  
24 that they probably wouldn't even believe me. Or they'd be  
25 laughing too hard to get mad and ground me. All I know is,  
26 my sides are killing me and I'm bruised from front to back!  
27 I promise I will never bother a sleeping cow ever again — if  
28 I can just get a little medical attention and a huge ice pack!