

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 stink 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 gravel
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

1 annoying us than deal with this odor!
2 Has anyone invented a breath mint for feet? All I know
3 is, I can't wait until I catch a cold. I need a stuffy nose in the
4 worst way!