



Interview with a vampire - Rudolf Martin bares his soul

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Never let it be said that vampires don't see everything. After writing my top ten list of [Hot, cold-blooded, drop dead sexy vampires](#), my number one actually read that column, and then emailed me to let me know he was aware of my regard! Imagine my surprise at having the first vampire I ever fell for find me. And a woman never forgets her first!

Actor **Rudolf Martin** played Vlad Dracula in **The Dark Prince: The True Story of Dracula** released in 2000. His career has included roles such as Anton from **All My Children**, repeat roles in **NCIS** as Ari Haswari, guest appearances on **Mad Men**, and **24**, Showtime's original series **"Beggars & Choosers"**. He's been cast in movies such as **"Swordfish"** starring alongside John Travolta, Hugh Jackman, and Halle Berry, and independent films such as **"Fall"**, **"High Art"**, **"When"**, and **"Watershed"**. His range is such that he can play any character from dark and brooding, to laid back and sexy.

What am I saying? All his roles are sexy! A native of West Berlin (Germany) and raised in Europe, Martin speaks German, French, Italian, and English fluently. His talent speaks for itself, but it's the man behind the talent that I wished to get to know. And with absolute graciousness, he agreed to this interview. Luckv me, and luckv vou!

MG Are you currently in a relationship with someone special? (You seem to be quite a private man, and I found no information regarding your current status. Kudos on your ability to maintain some privacy in your busy life!)

RM Thank you for the kudos. I have been single for more than a year.

MG I read in a TV Guide interview that Sarah Michelle Gellar claimed you to be one of her top on-screen kisses. For you, what element(s) make for a truly hot, sexy kiss?

RM Feeling it! As far as screen kisses go nothing is hotter than a kiss that feels real in that pretend moment and matches the relationship.

MG What is your view on casual sex vs. a monogamous relationship?

RM Everybody should do what they want, but be honest about it. If you're truly happy with casual sex you're probably not capable of experiencing anything deeper.

MG How do you feel about women making the first move?

RM Why not? I have no problem with it. It somehow breaks the ice, but I'm not sure I believe in any kind of "moves".

MG I once read a book (a work of fiction) where the young men (in a sultan's palace) were taught sex education by an older woman. It was a "hands-on" experience where these young men learned how to please a woman. Do you think schools should include a more tasteful, and academic classroom approach to teaching not only about diseases and birth control, but also how to please a partner?

RM Are you implying that the sultan's approach wasn't tasteful? (Cheeky man! No wonder I adore him!) But I think your idea could save a lot of people a lot of pain and frustration, and maybe kids would be so turned off by the idea of having to please someone else, they would stop having sex altogether.

MG In your line of work, you are in the company of some of the world's most beautiful women. What do you find attracts you to someone first? How do you handle all the exuberant attention from your female fans?

RM In my line of work I also find myself in the company of some highly self involved people which can be fun but isn't always very attractive. As for exuberant attention, I enjoy that from both my cat and my dog. In my experience fans have been mostly very respectful.

MG Tell me one of your personal turn ons, something that really snares your attention and sets your inner lion on the hunt?

RM Hmm, ... a certain 'je ne sais quoi'? Not to sound evasive.... (Coy is so sexy!)

MG Can you describe for me the best date you ever had with someone? Where did you go? What did you do? Why was it memorable?



Rudolf Martin Courtesy photo

RM We were about 18 or 19 and sat on the banks of the river Seine in Paris the entire night of July 14 (which is a big celebration) with a great bottle of wine. I was deeply in love. We were watching the boats go by, and all the parties and fireworks were on the other side. She became my girlfriend for years. I never thought of it as a date having grown up in Europe. I'm still not sure what 'dating' really means. There seems to be lots of different rules and expectations that people have about it.

MG Who was your first love? How long did it last? How old were you?

RM When I was about 13 or 14 I was in really love for the first time. Her name was Nina. She lived up the street and I was too afraid to tell her. I couldn't think of anything but her. My heart would beat like crazy when I saw her. I remember that my best friend was trying to get me to do something about it at a party, and I wouldn't so he took my arm and put it around her. That seemed to work for her and we ended up making out and listening to music every day for a month or two; until I left for summer vacation. When I came back I felt somehow different, and was almost nauseous with the idea of having to see her again. I tried to avoid her. After a week she called me, but I didn't want to speak. She said "please say something", and I said "good bye". We never even acknowledged each other after that. I always felt bad about it later. I realized I would have to learn how to communicate.

MG When you're with someone in that "special" moment, which language do you speak when whispering "sweet nothings"? What might you say?

RM I guess if it's a "sweet nothing" I would pick a language that she hopefully doesn't understand. But seriously, what do you think I should say? (Is it hot in here or is it me?)



MG What advice would you give men and women (reading this) about relationships, and how to go about finding that special someone?

RM I usually don't find myself in a position to give advice. Maybe just reading your columns is a good start. Maybe that's what I'm gonna do. Ok, here's one: stay curious!

MG As a pet parent also, I know how attached one gets to a pet. They become your best friend, and even your child. Can you share a little with me about Comet? How did you find each other? What funny things does he do to make you laugh?

RM He must be the calmest Chihuahua that ever lived. He mostly sleeps. Everything he does makes me laugh. Same goes for my cat. I inherited them both in different ways but I am strangely protective of their privacy.

"I'm charmed silly beyond all hope. It is with great appreciation that I say thank you, **Rudolf Martin**, for granting this interview. (And thank you to Mary Erickson (Mr. Martin's manager) for providing the biographical and movie information). I always say that a little conversation goes a long way towards learning about someone and I have learned that for a man who has played many roles as a killer, you are a true gentleman with a big heart." MG

Expect to see more from this talented actor. His new film, **PIG**, directed by **Henry Barrial** is in post-production and will make the rounds at film festivals soon after. Martin plays the lead role of "the man".

Plot summary for Pig: A man wakes up alone in the middle of the desert with a black hood on his head and his hands tied behind his back. At death's door, he is discovered by a woman living alone in the desert and is nursed back to health. Upon regaining consciousness, the man realizes he has amnesia, and has no idea who he is. His only clue, a piece of paper in his pocket with the name "Manny Elder" on it, sends him on a journey to Los Angeles to discover his past. But things and people are not what they seem and clues lead to something bigger and more unusual than the man could have ever imagined. (Summary written by Mark Stolaroff)

Rudolf Martin is currently filming **Die Jagd nach der heiligen Lanze (The Hunt for the Holy Lance)** in Germany, (a German market thriller) due out in 2010.

Want to keep current on **Rudolf Martin**? Visit his official fan page [here](#).