

The personality secrets in your "private I"!

People can tell a lot about you by your written "I", says Michelle Dresbold, author of *Sex, Lies, and Handwriting*. If your "private I" is . . .

MADE WITH A TOP LOOP ONLY



Your secret strength:

Girl power!

An "I" with a loop at the top but not the bottom shows Mom was your number-one influence. Today, you probably have a close bunch of female friends you turn to in a pinch, and even feel a special affinity for women's issues, says Sheila Lowe, author of *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Handwriting Analysis*.



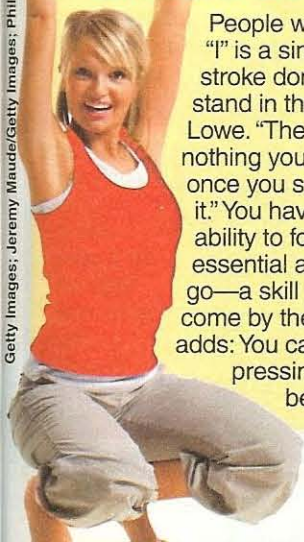
A SIMPLE DOWNSTROKE



Your secret strength:

Perseverance!

People whose printed "I" is a single downward stroke don't let anything stand in their way, says Lowe. "There's almost nothing you can't achieve once you set your mind to it." You have an amazing ability to focus on what's essential and let the rest go—a skill you may have come by the hard way, she adds: You can't relax until pressing to-dos have been ticked off!



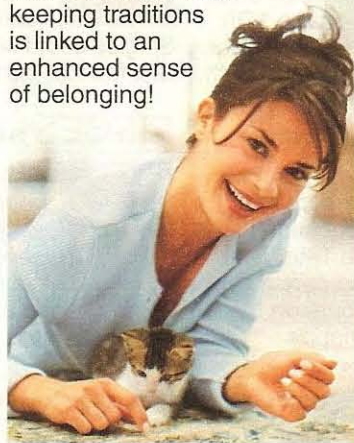
TRADITIONAL



Your secret strength:

Loyalty!

A handwritten "I", like the "cursive" one you learned in school, says you have great respect for how you were raised and no qualms about following in your parents' footsteps. "You do better when you stick to time-honored routines and rituals," says Dresbold. And research shows keeping traditions is linked to an enhanced sense of belonging!

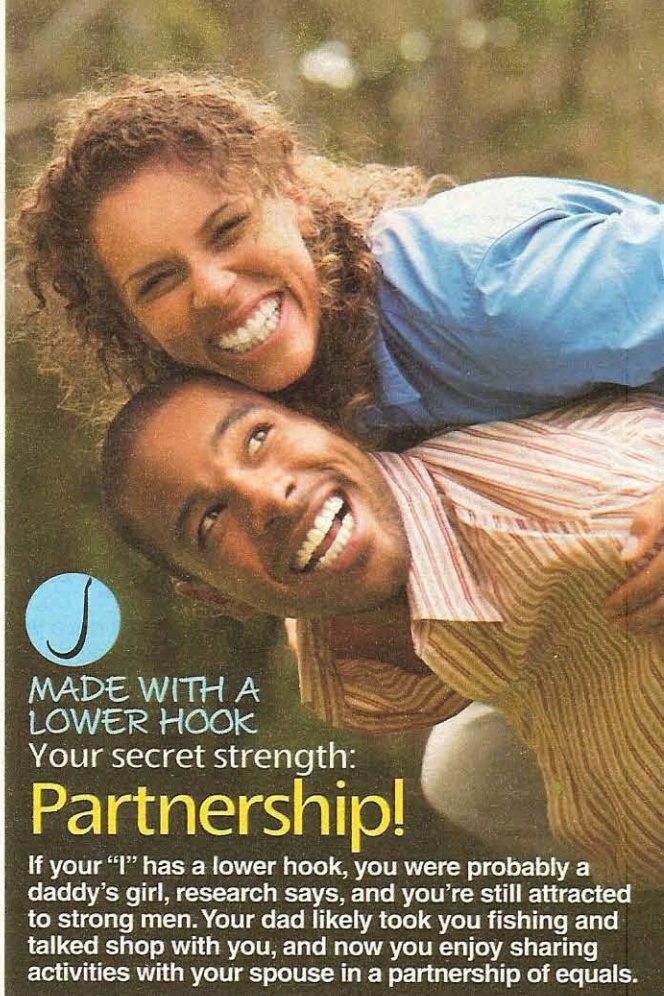


MADE WITH A LOWER HOOK

Your secret strength:

Partnership!

If your "I" has a lower hook, you were probably a daddy's girl, research says, and you're still attracted to strong men. Your dad likely took you fishing and talked shop with you, and now you enjoy sharing activities with your spouse in a partnership of equals.



LARGE AND ROUNDED



Your secret strength:

Warmth!

It's no accident that your "I" is soft and continuous, notes Lowe: You're a giver, showering those you care for with love, affection and their favorite goodies. You want them to know you'll be there for them always, and that your support is never-wavering and never-ending!



PRINTED



Your secret strength:

Independence!

If your "I" looks like the Roman numeral one, you likely wouldn't hesitate to fix a leaky sink or install new software yourself, says Lowe. "You prefer standing on your own two feet." Sure, you ask for help when you need it: It's just that it makes you feel good to know you're doing a great job of running your own life!

Did you know?

English is the only language in which the pronoun "I" is represented by a single letter!

