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The Real Difference Between Men & Women

Most people are positive that they know the differences between the sexes, but they usually aren't aware of the **real** difference: the location of the belly button.

A woman's navel is located below her waist and a man's is located at or above his waist. Essentially, this means that a woman's waist is higher in the torso (allowing sufficient space for the womb and pregnancy), while a man's waist is lower (creating a longer back for better leverage in lifting). As a result, a woman's center of balance is located at her hips and a man's is at his shoulders. Have you noticed that for the most part, a woman will carry a child on her hip, but a man will carry that same child on his shoulders?

I'm sure everyone remembers the experiment where a woman can lift a chair and a man can't. Place a chair against a wall. Have a man and a woman, in turn, lean over the chair at an **absolute right angle**, head touching the wall, and try to pick up the chair as they straighten up. Ninety five percent of men are unable to do so. Unless he pushes back a bit to start the momentum, he is completely off balance and quite incapable of lifting the chair and himself simultaneously. A woman has no such difficulty.

Besides being essential knowledge to the artist, there is another advantage to knowing this anatomical fact. The next time you suffer from gender confusion when you meet someone with scruffy clothes, long hair, and earrings, or loose clothing, short hair and a nose stud, you can always inquire as to the location of their belly button.