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Chicago cyclists have a tradition they call the “L.A.T.E. Ride”—a 1 a.m. critical mass that sees thousands of locals riding 25 miles across downtown Chicago. I have my own tradition that same night, which I call “hiring a rickshaw driver to follow the mass while I sit in the back drinking a bottle of wine.”

The first couple times I did this, I invited a date along for the ride, and we had a blast. The third year, my date canceled that morning. When I realized I didn’t want to scrap the whole plan, a thought occurred to me: *I bet dozens of women in Chicago would think this was a fun date.* But, of course, I had no way of finding one. So I went alone.

That wasn’t the only time I’ve been alone in a crowd. I enjoy company wherever I go—to concerts, the theater, high-end restaurants—so I always grab two tickets, two reservations, two of anything. But I can’t always fill the extra seat, which means I sometimes have to give up the tickets, or—like that night in the rickshaw—go stag.

That’s why I developed Avec.

There’s no reason, in the Internet age, that anyone should have to go out alone. It’s easier than ever to find people who share your interests—Avec takes that idea one step further, helping any single person who’s sick of gambling on dating apps that promise happiness based on a selfie. Avec fixes that problem, offering matches with whom you’re guaranteed to have something in common.

That means no more first dates spent struggling to find conversation, and definitely no more nights gone stag. With Avec, you never have to go alone again.