What was it about Anne Boleyn that made Henry VIII want to marry her so badly?

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1. What is it about a specific具体 individual个人 which makes stalkers跟踪 become obsessed with them? No one knows for sure.

Henry first became aware of her in late晚期 1525 or early 1526. He invited Anne to become one of his wife’s maids女仆 of honor. Anne wrote him a fawning fawn小鹿/拍马屁 letter of thanks (as was expected for the time period时期.) Henry began **sniffing嗅 around挖走心上人**, but Anne told him politely, but firmly, she would be no man’s mistress情妇. 跟踪者 宫女as引导非限定性定语从句 挖人试图抢走心上人

2. Anne Boleyn was not the most beautiful woman of her era, but she did have **a few** assets有利条件/资产 in this world. She was sophisticated精明世故, well-educated, and had served two queens of France. Moreover, she retained保留 her honor and virtue美德 despite this tenure任期 in a licentious放荡的 court宫廷. It had been **drilled电钻 into灌输** her since childhood that her virtue was her chiefest主要的 asset in the world which put such little value on重视/不重视 women. Her faith and her society both **impressed that lesson upon**使某人了解重要性 her, and if she wanted to know what happened to women who strayed偏离 from the path, she had only to look at her sister. Mary Boleyn had disgraced her family by becoming Henry’s mistress, and had been married off草草嫁给 to a minor不重要的 courtier侍从 when he was finished with her. Not exactly the stellar match her father hoped for her when he used all of his credentials资历 to arrange for both sisters to go to the finest courts in Europe. 资产，有利条件任期drill sth. into sb.灌输使得某人了解某事重要性侍从资历

3. Usually, Henry **backed away放弃** as soon as a woman indicated表示 she wasn’t interested. His pride wouldn’t let him be rejected outright完全的. His habit was to drop给 hints暗示 and if the woman indicated she wasn’t receptive乐于接受, he’d quickly bail sb out保释出资帮助某人脱离困境 as if好像 he hadn’t been actually serious严肃 about the whole thing. But for some reason, he persisted坚持 in the case of Anne Boleyn.

4. In February, 1526, he made his interest in her public at the Shrovetide joust骑士比武. Anne now had to walk a very fine line拿捏分寸 indeed. She had to keep the king “happy” by not hurting his feelings, but fend off挡开 his reaching hands, and now she had to navigate the fawning拍马屁 pressure of the court — everyone wanted to be closest to whomever无论是谁 had the king’s ear, however temporary that might be. 忏悔节 Play hard-to-get 导航；成功应付困难处境暂时的 temporary

5. As the king’s interest stretched延申 longer, Anne’s reputation名誉 began to suffer遭受不好的事. Few believed she could still be chaste with the king still paying this much attention to her. (Even today, some historians say she must have been giving him sexual “favors” in order to keep him “on the hook.”) But Anne was in real serious严重的 trouble, here. She was supposed to make a fine marriage, and no man would seek her hand求婚 while the king was still chasing追求 her, and few would want the king’s discarded抛弃 mistress when he was done. She’d have to settle for a minor不重要 courtier and a lifetime of shame and slights冷落 if she gave in. 延伸陷入圈套

6. Later that summer, Anne quit her job as a maid of honor and went home to Hever. Few today understand what a huge loss this was for her and her family. She had one of the very few prestigious有声望的 careers open to women in those day, something that brought her family honor and would attract the very best kind of husband. But her reputation was in taters. The Queen of England was starting to resent憎恨 her. Katharine’s friends hated Anne and called her a whore妓女. The international community was beginning to notice. Soon, Anne would be infamous around Europe. Be in tatters损害 ruin

7. Henry’s “love letters” to Anne start around this time. He starts out by asking why she’s sent back退回去 his gifts. He then says he couldn’t figure想出 out what her response反应 meant. He promises to take her as his “sole mistress,” but she refuses.

8. But Henry still wouldn’t leave her alone. He stayed with a cousin of Anne’s, Nicholas Carew, whose house was a short ride away from Anne’s. He could head over heels深陷情网 and pester糾纏 her at his leisure从容不迫. Fall head over heels for 深陷情网 从容不迫

9. In the summer of 1527, Henry made a decision. If he couldn’t have Anne as a mistress, he would marry her. The fact that he already had a wife of over twenty years was treated as a minor不重要 inconvenience不方便 that could be settled with some paperwork.

He likely didn’t ask Anne directly直接的; that’s not how it was done in that era. He would have asked her father and he would have presented展示 it to her as a fait accompli既成事實. Afterward, Anne sent Henry a betrothal訂婚的 gift — a gold brooch胸針 with a tiny woman being tossed抛/搖晃 about on the deck甲板 of a ship by stormy seas. Henry likely favored the interpretation解釋 that he was the ship, keeping her safe from harm, but in reality, he was the stormy seas that would be the wreck 事故of her life, and when he didn’t get what he wanted from her, he murdered her. 既成事实胸针