

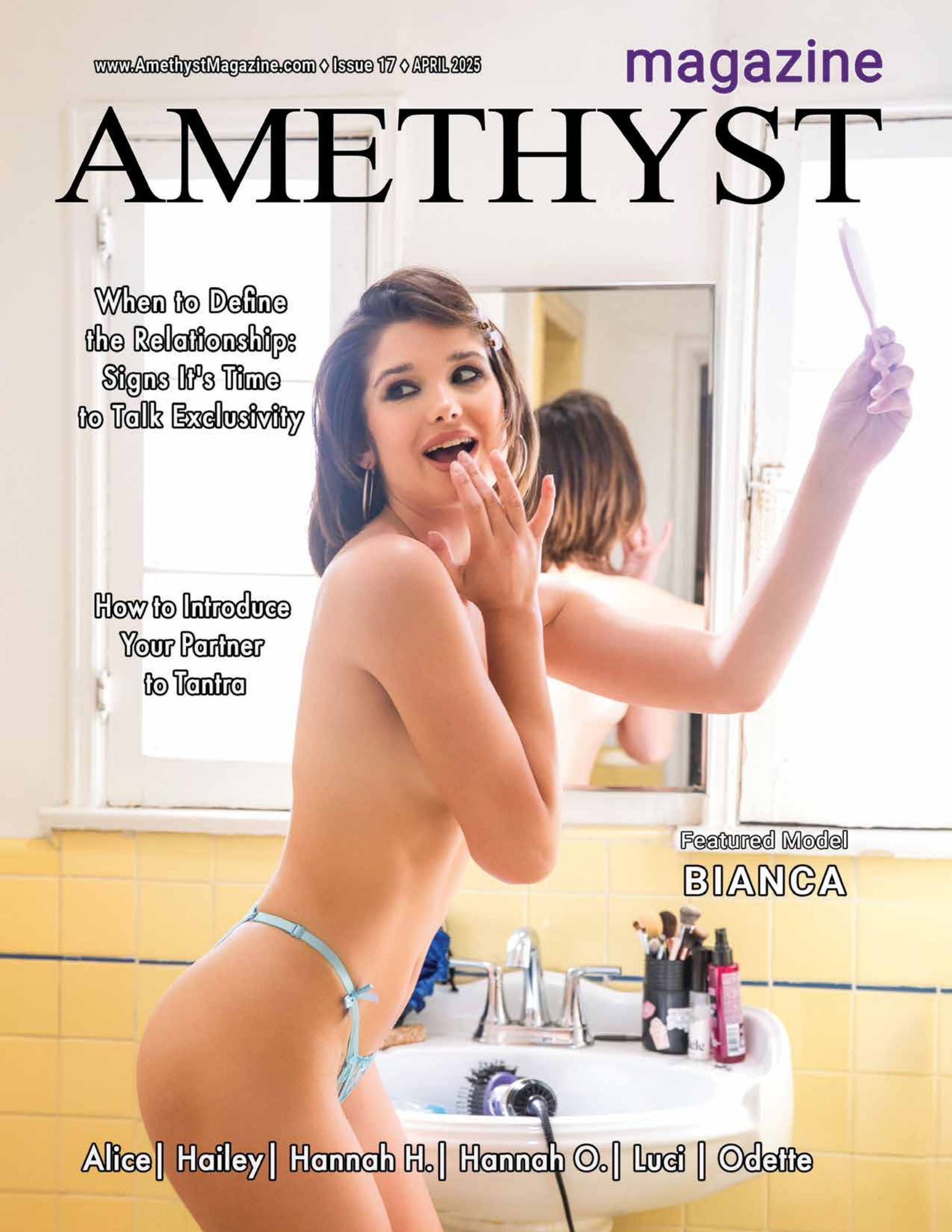
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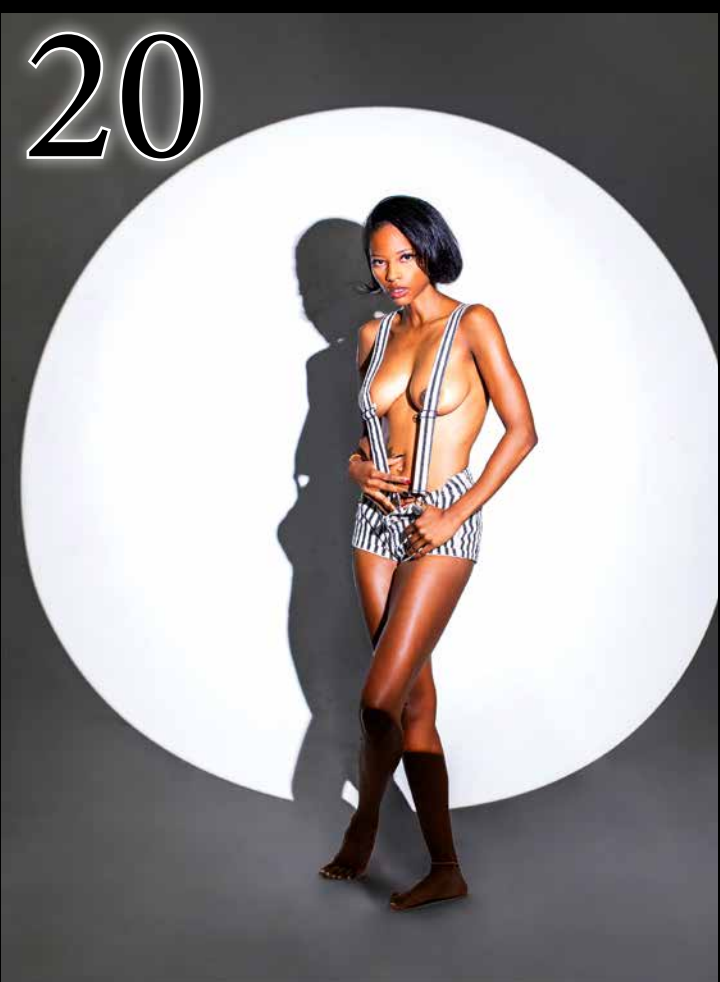
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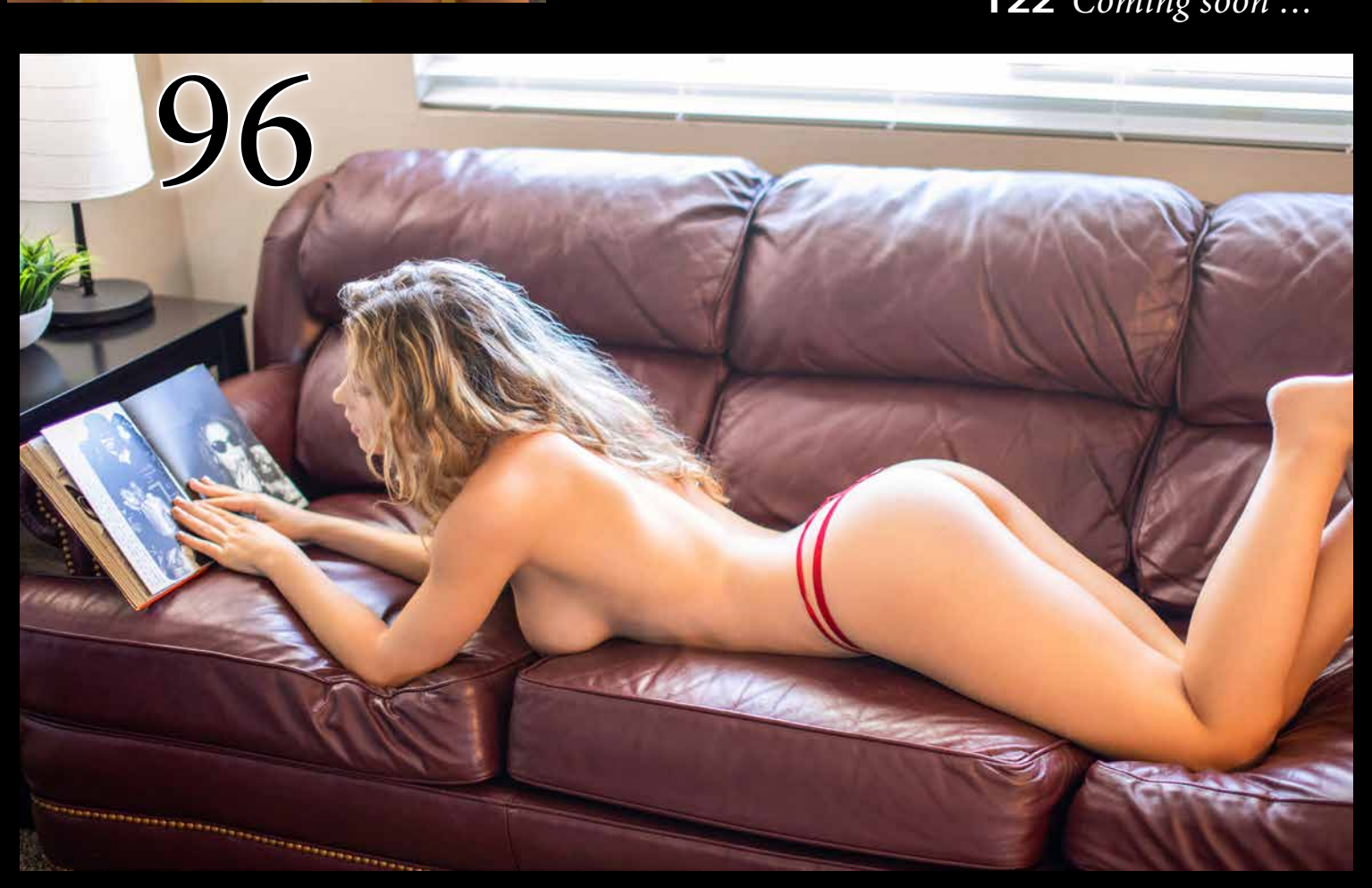


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FROM THE EDITOR

Issue #17 is here with some amazing photos, two articles, and a ton of exciting stuff coming up in our next issue. I've been traveling a bit for this issue and even more for the next one. But first, let's dive into issue #17.

First up, we have 'Drenched in Desire' featuring our returning model, Odette. This was shot a while back and featured her in red lingerie. This time, she's rocking black lingerie and leather boots while getting soaked to the bone. We have an art video from this on our website in the Videos section.

Next, we have 'Stripes in the Spotlight' with Luci. She's been in the magazine before, of course, in another editorial with a spotlight. But this one is just the straight-out-of-the-light circle spotlight shining on her posing skills and gorgeous body.

We also have 'Makeup and Mischief' featuring Bianca and Hailey. Hailey is a fan favorite with Bianca, the newcomer. It's always more challenging to shoot with two models in the frame at the same time. Just the timing of each pose and their expressions. We worked hard at it and pulled it off; all in a '70s era tiny bathroom. The great video from this shoot is on our website in the Videos section.

We've got two articles next, 'How to Introduce Your Partner to Tantra' by our returning Tantra expert, Leola, and 'When to Define the Relationship: Signs It's Time to Talk Exclusivity'. They're both well-written, informative, and great reads.

Check out these new shoots from 'The Power of Boots', 'Hot in the Kitchen', and 'Red Hot Reverie'! Hannah H. is back with a boot-tastic look, Hannah O. is back in her most comfortable jeans, and Alice is finally gracing our pages again. Each shoot has its own unique vibe, from the cozy kitchen to the elegant couch.

Enjoy these stunning images and don't forget to check out the website for more updates and new content.

Cheers, Jeff Gottlieb (Editor-In-Chief)



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When to Define the Relationship: Signs It's Time to Talk Exclusivity

Navigating the sometimes-murky waters of modern dating can feel like a high-wire act. One moment, you're blissfully enjoying the thrill of a new connection; the next, you're tangled in a web of questions that make you wonder if you're simply a passing interest or something more. It's that crucial moment--the "defining the relationship" talk--that can change everything. But when is the right time to broach this potentially awkward subject? Let's dive into the signs that scream, "It's time to talk exclusivity!"

Picture this: you're at a cozy café, the aroma of freshly brewed coffee enveloping you like a warm hug. Your date is sitting across from you, laughing at one of your terrible jokes. The chemistry is electric, and everything feels right. Yet, as you sip your cappuccino, a nagging thought creeps in. Is this just a fleeting moment or is this connection something deeper?

Sign 1: You've Met Each Other's Friends

The first sign that it might be time to have "the talk" is when you've introduced each other to your friends. It's a milestone that feels significant, like a badge of honor in the vast landscape of dating. When you spend time with your inner circle, it feels like you're weaving your lives together, even if just for a moment. But then there's that lingering question: are you merely a part of the friend group or are you building something that could last beyond a few laughs?

You might reflect on how your friends react. Are they supportive? Curious? Or do they seem a bit too skeptical about your whirlwind romance? The opinions of those close to you can sometimes mirror what you're feeling deep down. If they're all rooting for you, it might just be the right time to address the elephant in the room.

Sign 2: You're Talking About the Future

The second sign flashes like neon lights on a bustling street: conversations about the future. Have you both started discussing plans that extend beyond next weekend? Maybe you've tossed around ideas about trips, career aspirations, or even those quirky dreams you've tucked away. If you both feel comfortable enough to share your visions, it might be time to consider what those plans look like as a couple.

But let's be real for a moment. The future can feel daunting. You might think, "What if we don't align?" or "What if they're not looking for anything serious?" These questions echo in your mind like a broken record, but it's essential to remember that vulnerability is part of any meaningful relationship.

Sign 3: Exclusivity Comes Up in Conversation

Ah, the dreaded "What are we?" question. It's like standing on the edge of a cliff, peering down at the unknown. If exclusivity has come up in your conversations--whether casually or more pointedly--it's a clear indicator that both of you are pondering the same question. The moment you find yourselves discussing feelings about other potential partners, it's time to take a deep breath and broach the subject.

You might even realize that you've been playing a mental game of "Who else are they seeing?" It's a game that can leave you feeling anxious and insecure. So why not clear the air? It might feel terrifying, but the relief that comes from honesty is worth the risk.

Sign 4: The Jealousy Monster Makes an Appearance

Jealousy is a nasty little creature that can rear its head unexpectedly. You might catch yourself feeling uneasy when your date mentions hanging out with someone else. It's a natural reaction, but it also serves as a wake-up call. If you're feeling possessive, it could be a sign that your feelings have deepened, and it's time to talk about what that means for your relationship.

Admitting that you feel jealous can feel like confessing a deep, dark secret. It exposes your vulnerabilities, and nobody enjoys feeling exposed. But acknowledging those emotions can lead to deeper conversations about what you both want.

Sign 5: You're Comfortable Being Vulnerable

The fifth and perhaps most poignant sign is when you find comfort in being vulnerable with each other. This is the sweet spot where you can share your fears, insecurities, and dreams without the fear of judgment. When you reach this level of intimacy, it's often a signal that you're ready to take the plunge into exclusivity.

Let's take a moment to pause here. Being vulnerable isn't easy. It requires a leap of faith, and the fear of rejection can loom large. But remember, nothing beautiful ever grows in the comfort zone. Embracing vulnerability can lead to a more profound connection and a healthier relationship.

Taking the Plunge

So, where does that leave you? If you're noticing these signs, it's likely time to sit down and have that all-important conversation about exclusivity. The key is to approach it with an open heart and mind. You might feel a rush of nerves but remember that honesty is the cornerstone of any lasting relationship. As you navigate this delicate discussion, be prepared for any outcome. Whether they feel the same way or not, you'll have clarity--something that's often more valuable than the relationship itself. After all, it's better to know than to wonder, right?

How to Introduce Your Partner to Tantra



By Leola

Over the years, I've worked with many couples - often one of them is very excited about the prospect of tantra... and the other is reserved, skeptical, or resistant. Please know, tantra is not strictly a journey for couples - exploring tantra alone can be wildly enriching.

However, it is understandable to desire to bring your partner in on the action. Here are some tips to do so in maximizing their willingness to lean into this often misunderstood modality:

1. Clarify Your Intentions:

Before sharing Tantra, take time to reflect on your motivations. Are you aiming to inspire or awaken a sense of spirituality and connection in your partner? While these intentions are positive, be cautious of any shadow desires that may prompt you to "fix" them or instill your own beliefs upon them.

2. Live the Tantric Lifestyle:

Rather than directly introducing your partner to Tantric practices, focus on embodying a Tantric way of living. By prioritizing your own healing and personal growth, you may naturally inspire curiosity in your partner. When they see the positive changes in you, they'll be more likely to ask questions and seek to understand Tantra themselves.

3. Share resources that resonate:

Educate yourselves on Tantra through various resources that are easily accessible and shareable, including books, podcasts, and videos. When recommending material, ensure it aligns with your partner's interests and comfort level. Thoughtful suggestions that avoid being too confrontational or edgy will make the topic more approachable and foster meaningful discussions.

4. Devotional Tantric Rituals:

Nearly everyone loves to receive a massage, expressions of appreciation, and undivided attention. Consider creating a special date night focused on pouring into your partner, infusing tantric

practices you've picked up in your own study. Pro tip: consult a professional (me!) to make it extra special and have you going in with grounded confidence.

5. Have Compassion and Grace:

Get curious about where the resistance, skepticism, or lack of interest is coming from with your partner. Very often there is a deeper fear or disconnection that is occurring. Maybe they're afraid of being vulnerable, or change feels scary, or they worry they won't be "good" at it and will let you down in the process. It can be supportive to reiterate your commitment to the relationship, as well as share your desire to grow together.

6. Be Lighthearted and Have fun!

The tantric journey isn't meant to be weighty or too serious. Give yourself (and your partner) permission to try something new, to be silly, and to laugh along the way. Consider approaching your tantric journey as a child at the playground.

7. Release Attachment:

In the process of introducing Tantra, it's vital to release attachment to specific outcomes. Understand that both you and your partner may have different comfort levels and interests in exploring Tantra. Allowing space for your partner to journey at their own pace can cultivate a more organic interest and connection without the pressure of expectation.

Be safe, be love,

Leola

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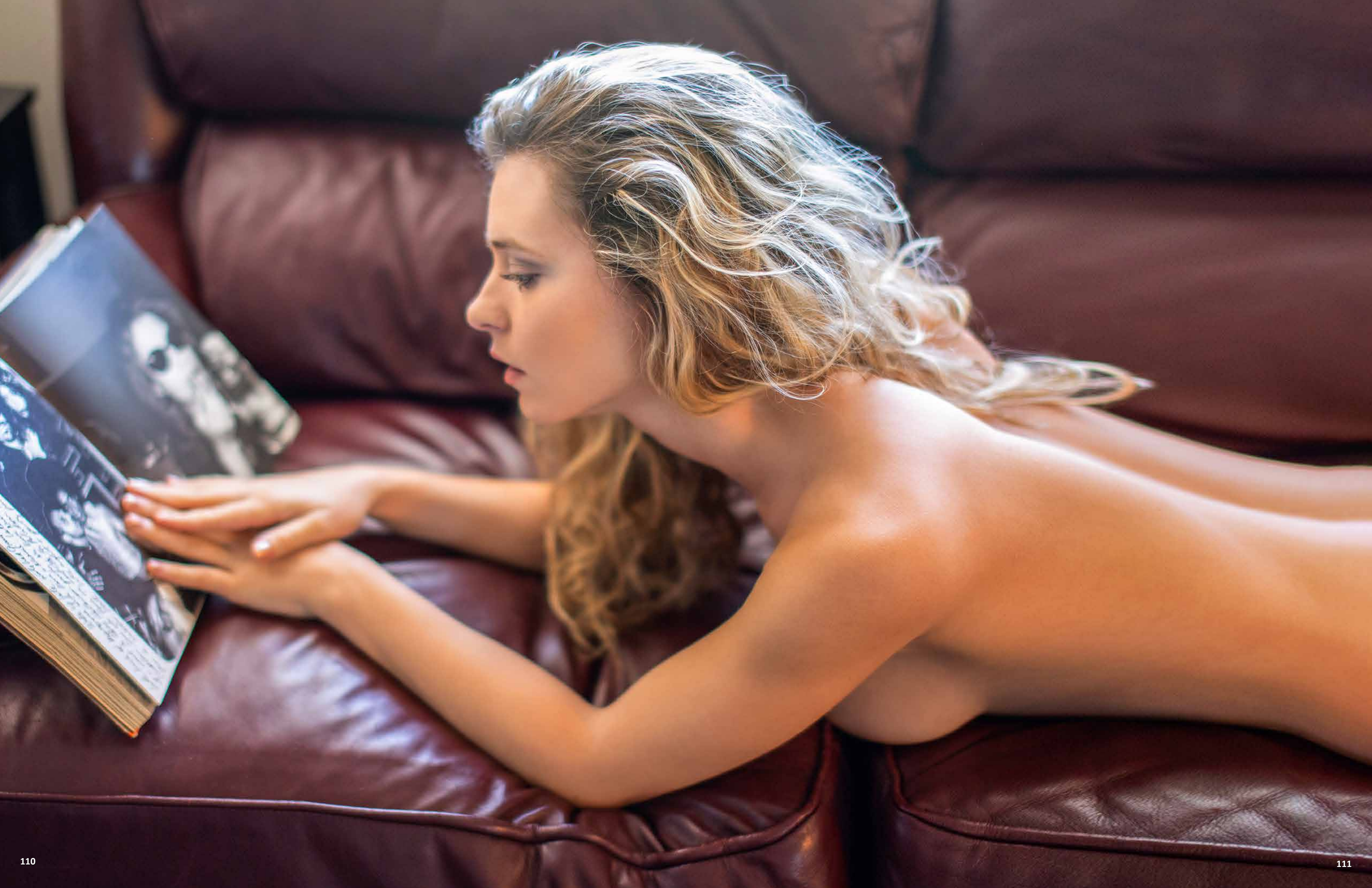
























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