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FROM THE EDITOR

Issue #22 is here, and it's been an amazing summer! September is here, marking the end of summer and the start of fall. We've got some exciting shoots lined up for you this fall, including travel and modeling adventures. But for now, let's dive into our September issue and explore what's inside.

First up, we have an editorial called "Farm-girl Flirt." Meet Lizzy, a model from Shin Yokohama, Japan. She's now living in Austin, TX, where we had the chance to shoot together on an old farm. We captured two editorials during our time there, and this is the first one. The lighting was stunning - beautiful natural late afternoon light, and the outfit was simple yet sexy. It was set at the beginning of the woods behind the barn.

Next, we have "Football Fantasy" with our always-popular Luci. We shot this in an old, abandoned boxing gym in the locker room area. Luci was posing with a football and helmet, and her outfit showed off our favorite football team, the New York Giants.

"On the Rocks" is our next editorial. It was shot with returning model Bianca on a cliffside in the Joshua Tree desert. It was hot, which we expected, but also windy, which we didn't. Bianca had to remove her hair extensions because the wind was blowing them in her face. She also had to be very careful as she moved around the rocks during the shoot.

"Summer Splash" was filmed with a new face, Indi. She has such an exotic look and beautiful curly hair. We shot in a location that looks like it's somewhere in Greece. There's an amazing pool area with side columns and perfectly shallow water; it's just right for Indi to stand and not be too far in the water at the same time.

Now, let's talk about our three articles. The first one is "The Laundry Basket Is Not Okay." It's a monologue from the studio laundry basket. It's overstuffed, under-appreciated, and one tangled thong away from quitting. Next, "How To Introduce Your Partner to Tantra" is from our recurring author, Leola. She's going to give us her take on how to make this difficult, but worthwhile introduction. Finally, "Ritual Season" and how September is the season of quiet power. Rituals replace chaos. Here's how to slow down, refocus, and return to yourself.

Akira is next in "Elevated Exposure." We shot some in the actual studio, but I thought it might be interesting to shoot out on the fire escape. It was a cool day, so we opted for jeans, Doc Martens, and a sexy top.

And finally, we have "Shadow Play." This is a shoot of Kelly from photographer Joakim Karlsson from Frankfurt am Main, Germany. He finds cool locations with artistic lighting/mood for all his editorials. We've published his work before and will again.

Now, sit back, relax, and enjoy Issue#22.

Cheers,
Jeff Gottlieb (Editor-In-Chief)

FARM-GIRL FLIRT

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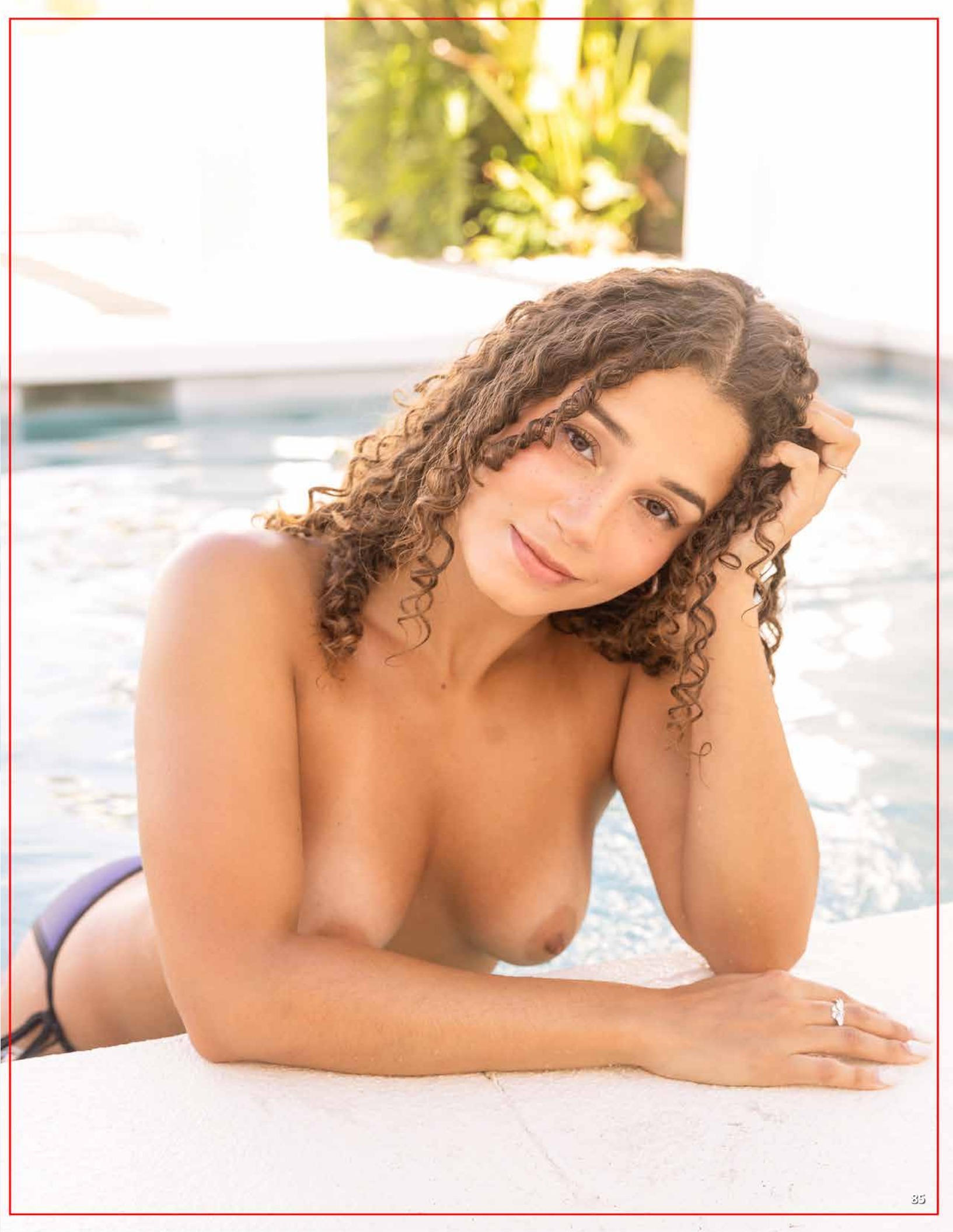




















The Laundry Basket Is Not Okay

By... the Laundry Basket

I'm not here for aesthetics. I'm not here for the vibe. I'm here to carry your chaos. And I'm breaking.

They throw everything in me. Lingerie. Robes. Clips. Scarves. Boots. Snacks. A single heel with a feather on it that no one claims. I'm one cracked plastic handle away from a public breakdown.

Nobody Thinks About Me

I live in the corner. Sometimes in the hallway. Sometimes in the back of the closet next to a ring light that smells like burning plastic.

They don't label me "set bag." They don't honor me like the velvet couch or the mirror. But when things start falling apart? They come crawling.

"Where's the double-sided tape?" "In the basket." "Do we have more fishnets?" "Check the basket."

"Is that... gum?" Yes. It is. And it's not wrapped. Again.

The Emotional Load Is Heavier

I've held damp swimsuits at 9 AM. I've held body oil bottles that weren't closed. I've held things still warm from the model's skin — and no one even said thank you.

Once, someone cried into a pair of lace gloves and dropped them on top of me like I was a therapist. I'm still not over it.

I've Seen Too Much.

I've watched models change outfits while holding someone's iced coffee with my sidewall. I've transported 17 g-strings and a rubber snake across town. I've been shoved into Ubers, dropped on sidewalks, and left overnight in a studio with the AC off.

My spine is warped. My corners are stained. And yet? I show up.

Every time.

No credit.

No shoutout.

No dignity.

Just a new pile of slightly damp confusion.

So next time you throw something in me,

Maybe don't throw.

Maybe... place.

And maybe — just maybe — wash me out before asking me to hold 3 robes and your entire fragile ego again.

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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Ritual Season

By Benedikt Sebastian

September doesn't arrive loudly. It slips in. Quiet. Slower than August. Smarter than July. It's not about new resolutions or dramatic reinvention.

It's about return.

To rhythm.

To stillness.

To the rituals that make you feel like you again.

Summer burns out. Rituals light back up.

The Return of Structure

For three months, you moved loose.

Late nights, missed routines, heat-induced indifference.

You lived out of bags, took calls in transit, forgot what day it was.

Now? You crave the opposite. You want control again — but not the punishing kind. The slow kind. The precise kind.

You want your coffee brewed properly.

Your clothes steamed.

Your playlists intentional.

You want to feel like your life is on purpose.

The Difference Between Routine and Ritual

Routine is brushing your teeth. Ritual is lighting a candle while you do it. Ritual has weight. Presence. It tells your body, "This matters."

Start small.

Lay out your clothes the night before. Make your bed like someone worth sleeping in it. Play music when you get ready — not for background, but for mood-setting. Write three sentences in a notebook with no agenda.

None of it's revolutionary. That's the point.

The Quiet Flex

You don't need to announce your comeback. Rituals speak for you. They show in your skin. Your posture. Your ability to walk into a room and not scan for your phone.

Ritual Season (con't)

That's the real September shift:

Trading stimulation for intention.

Trading "what's next?" for what's now.

Start With These

- Set a wake-up playlist — no alarms, just something with movement.
- Designate a drink — tea, coffee, something warm. Same cup. Every day.
- Light something at the same time each evening — a candle, incense, anything with scent.
- Pick a book — not a new one. One you never finished.
- Dress up for no reason once a week — presentation is energy.

Do these not to improve yourself. Do them because they remind you who you are when you're not distracted.

Rituals Aren't Soft. They're Sharp.

People who have rituals don't rush. They don't explain. They don't apologize for needing space. They're harder to interrupt.

Harder to shake. Harder to forget.

This September, forget goals. Build rituals. Then let everything else fall in line behind them.

ELEVATED EXPOSURE

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