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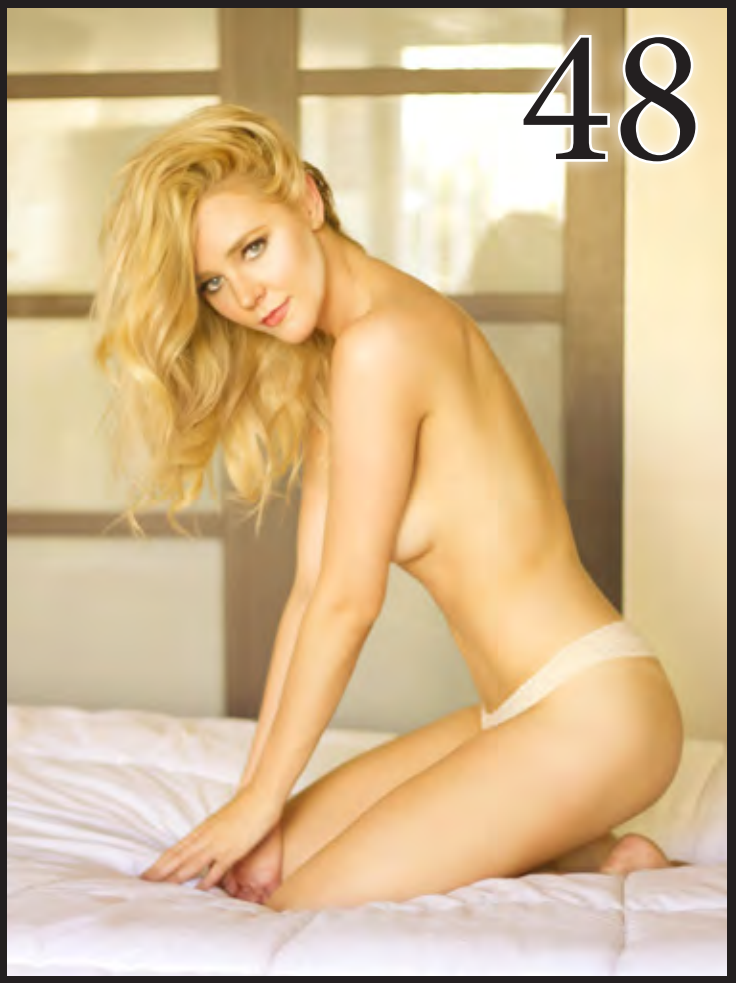
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FROM THE EDITOR

Issue #18 is now available, featuring stunning photographs, an insightful article, and exciting developments on our website and upcoming issue. Travel will be a prominent theme in the upcoming issues, but let us begin with Issue #18.

Our editorial, titled “TBD,” features model Andrea, photographed by Juan Trujillo on a rocky beach in Ibiza, Spain. Her attire is minimal, consisting primarily of a chain necklace. We anticipate further collaborations between Andrea and Juan Trujillo.

Next, we present “TBD” with former cover model Bianca. This editorial was captured in Joshua Tree at a newly renovated Airbnb, accompanied by a beautiful red Corvette. Bianca poses in Honey Birdette lingerie, harmoniously blending with the sports car.

We also feature newcomer HannahV in “TBD.” This brief session, intended to foster mutual professional acquaintance, resulted in these beautiful photographs. HannahV is relatively new to modeling, yet she possesses an innate talent. We anticipate further collaborations with her.

The article titled “4 Mistakes People Make That Ruin Relationships” provides valuable insights into common pitfalls that can derail serious relationships.

“TBD” with newcomer Katie features an editorial that we captured some time ago and was patiently awaiting the ideal issue for publication. The studio apartment, where we shot the editorial, possessed exceptional natural light, and we captured the golden hour glow by shooting towards sunset.

“TBD” with returning model Lucy showcases a collaboration we captured in a parking garage late at night, ensuring our privacy. We utilized the limited lighting from the garage and the headlights of my car, complemented by post-production filters to achieve a cinematic appearance.

Makena returns in “TBD,” photographed outdoors at an apartment complex in Costa Mesa. The absence of crowds during the day allowed us to effortlessly capture these stunning shots. Makena’s distinctive boots added a touch of elegance to the overall look.

Returning Ukrainian model Yulia is featured in our upcoming publication, “TBD”. Photographed by AntonT in an apartment in Kyiv, Yulia’s natural beauty is enhanced by the soft lighting.

Admire these captivating images and visit our website for further updates and exclusive content.

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4 Mistakes People Make That Ruin Relationships

If you are in a happy and healthy relationship, you may be panicked that something may go wrong. Many people make these common mistakes that end up ruining a relationship. Try avoiding these mistakes to help keep your relationship strong and healthy.

#1) Complaining to Others Instead of Fixing It

Too often, people complain to their friends about the issues with their relationship. It's a common topic of conversation among friends, but many do not realize that a simple conversation could be the end of a relationship. A seemingly minor complaint may seem like nothing to one person, but if it gets back to the other partner, it may lead to a major fight. Rather than complaining to others, it is important to talk to your partner about your feelings and listen to their concerns in return.

#2) Worrying About Who 'Wins' an Argument

Every relationship is bound to have arguments. From simple things like whose turn it is to do the dishes or who should make the plans, each relationship will have issues. It is important that both people in the relationship do not focus on who "wins" the argument. Arguments should not exist to be won, but rather to express feelings and create a way to fix the main issue.

#3) Avoiding Your Feelings

Human feelings and emotions exist for a reason. If you want to have a long and healthy relationship, talk about your feelings and listen to the feelings of your partner. Do not sweep these feelings under the rug, but instead, talk about them. Build on the good emotions and try to fix those that may not be so good. Avoiding these conversations and your feelings will only lead to stress and is an effective way to ruin any relationship.

#4) Cheating

This mistake may seem obvious. Cheating is often a sure way to end a relationship. While this is typically the worst thing that could happen in a relationship, it may be important to have a conversation with your partner about this early. Some people may be willing to stay in a relationship where one person has cheated as long as it is not kept a secret. Communicating with your partner is the only way to ensure this mistake does not end a relationship.

Try your best to avoid these mistakes and talk to your partner about what you truly expect in a relationship. If you see your relationship going far, be open and honest with your partner without rushing into things. Avoiding these mistakes can help improve and strengthen any relationship.

Friendly Flirting: How to Show Interest Without Being Too Obvious

Flirting is all about balance. Play it too subtle, and your interest might fly under the radar. Go too bold, and you risk coming on too strong. The key is finding that sweet spot where you're engaging, charming, and just mysterious enough to keep things intriguing.

Many people struggle with this - either holding back too much or going overboard. But when flirting feels natural, it makes interactions more fun and helps build confidence, not just in dating but in everyday conversations too. The best kind of flirting doesn't feel forced - it feels like second nature.

Confidence Makes Everything Easier

Real attraction comes from confidence, not rehearsed lines or tricks. When you feel good about yourself, people naturally pick up on that energy. So, embrace what makes you unique. What are your strengths? What sets you apart? When you're being authentic, you're not trying to impress - you're simply allowing others to see the real you.

Fear of rejection is one of the biggest obstacles to confident flirting. It can cause hesitation or overthinking, making interactions feel unnatural. But rejection isn't failure - it just means the spark wasn't there with that person. Instead of dwelling on it, take it as a sign to move forward and connect with someone who truly clicks with you.

Let Body Language Do the Talking

Flirting isn't just about words - it's often about what isn't said. Body language can send signals of interest that are subtle yet unmistakable.

Eye contact is one of the simplest, most powerful ways to create a spark. Holding someone's gaze for a few seconds, looking away, then glancing back creates intrigue without being forced.

Then there's mirroring. When people feel drawn to each other, they naturally mimic each other's body language. If someone is matching your posture or gestures, it's a great sign. And while touch should always be respectful, a light touch on the arm or a playful nudge can help build rapport and create a relaxed, flirtatious vibe.

On the flip side, closed-off body language - like crossed arms, avoiding eye contact, or fidgeting - can make you seem distant or nervous. Stay open, relaxed, and let your body language work for you.

Keep the Conversation Fun and Engaging

Great flirting isn't about pickup lines - it's about making conversation feel natural and exciting.

Genuine, specific compliments go a long way. Instead of a generic "You look great," try "I love your style - it's so unique." Playful teasing can also add some spark, as long as it stays light and never crosses a line.

And don't underestimate the power of listening. Responding thoughtfully, asking questions, and making someone feel heard builds an instant connection. Open-ended questions like "What's something you're passionate about?" invite deeper dialogue without feeling forced.

Build Real Connections, Not Just Surface Charm

Flirting is about building genuine connections through fun, friendly interactions, not just trying to impress.

Humor is a great way to start building these connections. Laughing together creates instant intimacy, and inside jokes make conversations feel special. From there, adding a touch of vulnerability can be surprisingly attractive. Sharing personal stories or quirks makes you more relatable - just keep it authentic and avoid oversharing too soon.

Friendly Flirting: How to Show Interest Without Being Too Obvious (con't)

Let relationships develop naturally, without rushing. And if the spark isn't there, stepping back gracefully shows maturity and authenticity, proving you're interested in real connections, not just pursuing anyone for the sake of it.

Pick Up on Signals Without Overthinking

Flirting is a two-way street - it's just as important to read signals as it is to send them.

Pay attention to body language - do they lean in, maintain eye contact, or mirror your gestures? These are all signs of interest. If they seem distant, give short responses, or pull away, it's a cue to shift gears or move on.

Not every friendly interaction is flirting, and that's where social awareness comes in. Reading the full context of a situation helps avoid misinterpretation and keeps things comfortable for both people. For example, a casual chat with someone at a coffee shop while waiting for your order doesn't always mean they're interested in more - it could just be a friendly exchange.

Flirting Over Text and Social Media

Flirting isn't just for in-person interactions - texting, social media, and video calls can all help build attraction.

With texting, timing matters. A short pause can create anticipation, but delaying responses just to seem unavailable can backfire. Instead, focus on thoughtful messages that show real interest - something like, "I saw something today that reminded me of you" feels personal and meaningful.

The same goes for sharing photos. Snaps of interesting moments or places spark natural conversation and offer glimpses into your life. Keep digital exchanges light and fun, gradually leading toward suggesting an in-person meetup.

The Key to Flirting: Confidence and Fun

Flirting should never feel forced. The best way to show interest without being too obvious is to simply enjoy the conversation and let things unfold naturally. When you're genuinely curious about someone, the connection will feel effortless.

Confidence comes from practice - not memorizing techniques, but embracing a playful, engaging approach to conversation. Whether in dating or daily life, these skills make interactions more enjoyable, connections more meaningful, and flirting more fun.



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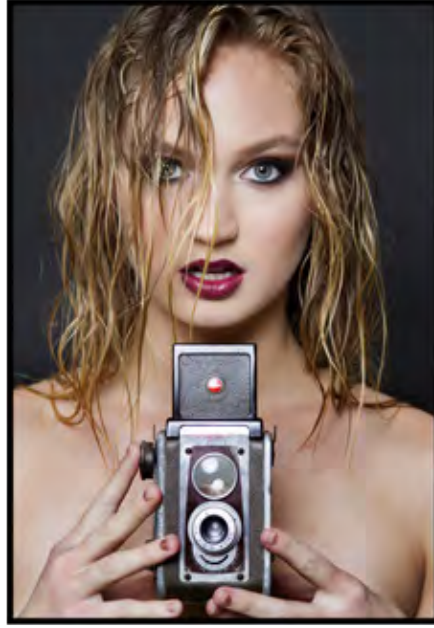






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