Love, Flirtation & Sex

for Ingrid Bergman and Roberto Rossellini

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What This Report Looks At

This is the close reading rather than the wide one, and it is worth knowing which you are holding.

A full relationship report walks the whole of both charts — how the two of you think, work, argue about money, handle family, build a life.

This one deliberately does not. It takes three placements in each chart and reads them against each other in detail: Venus, Mars and the Moon. Those three are here because they are what attraction is actually made of. Venus is what you do when you are drawn to somebody. Mars is what you do about it. The Moon is what you need once the first part is over and the ordinary evenings start. Between them they cover wanting, pursuing and needing, which is most of what people mean when they say a relationship is or is not working, and almost none of what they say out loud about it.

What follows will therefore be silent on a great deal. It says nothing about whether the two of you can run a household, agree about money, or tolerate each other's families over a long winter. A relationship can be excellent on these three placements and fail comprehensively on any of that, and plenty of them have. One thing to hold while reading. Nothing here is a verdict on whether this should continue. Attraction is describable and it is not a recommendation — a chart can say what the pull is made of, and cannot say whether acting on it was wise.

The line to keep: three placements, read closely. Take what it says about wanting and needing seriously, and do not ask it questions about the rest of a life.

Who Ingrid Bergman Is — the Relational Core

This chapter reads three placements in your own chart through one question: what you are like to be drawn to, and drawn by. Venus is the pull, what catches your eye and how you signal interest. Mars is the pursuit, how you go after what you want and what your desire is like. The Moon is what you need after the first excitement fades, the part that decides whether an attraction becomes a relationship. Each is read by sign, for its style, and by house, for where in your life it tends to find its object.

Your Moon is in Aries, in the ninth house.

Room to move is the first thing your feelings ask for. Emotion arrives in you fast and leaves fast, and the person who suits you can let a flash of irritation pass without turning it into an event or a conversation about the relationship.

Closeness, for you, comes from doing things side by side: a shared project, a spur-of-the-moment plan, somebody game for something new. Being questioned, managed or smothered makes you restless, and you may pick a fight simply to feel some air in the room.

What you rarely admit is how much reassurance you want that you come first. The independence is real, and so is the wish to be chosen, not once at the start but over and over, on ordinary days.

The line to keep: being chosen again and again means more to you than you let on, and it matters most on the days you are hardest to choose.

Growth is what keeps you close. With the Moon in the ninth house, you feel connected when you are exploring, learning or travelling together, and a broad outlook and a sense of meaning in a partner matter to you.

Love should widen your world rather than narrow it. Different backgrounds do not worry you; sameness does. A long conversation about what life is for can do more for your feelings than a quiet night in.

Where it goes wrong is restlessness, and a habit of looking elsewhere when home life becomes ordinary. You may confuse a need for new experiences with a need for a new person.

The line to keep: love has to feel like a journey for you, so choose someone who wants to keep going somewhere with you.

Your Venus is in Virgo, in the first house.

Competence attracts you, and so do small kindnesses: the person who fixes the thing without being asked, who is precise about the details that matter, who is reliable in a way nobody else seems to notice.

Glamour tends to make you suspicious.

You flirt by being useful and by paying attention. You notice what someone needs and quietly provide it; you remember the exact words; you offer help that is really an offer of closeness. Because it is modest, it can go unread, and you may conclude that nobody is interested when the truth is that nobody noticed.

Your caution is real. You look for the flaw early, partly to protect yourself, and a date can turn into a quiet audit that the other person never knows they failed. The right partner is one whose imperfections you can see clearly and like anyway.

The line to keep: your attention is your love letter, and you will have to say the thing out loud at least once, because most people cannot read the one you are writing.

With Venus in the first house, attraction starts with you rather than with anyone else. People notice you before you have said a word, and a good part of your appeal is simply how you carry yourself, dress and greet people. You rarely have to go looking for interest; it tends to arrive.

The catch is that being easy to like can make you passive about love. You may wait to be chosen, and choose among whoever turns up, rather than going after the person you actually want.

You probably take more care over first impressions than you admit, and it works: people tend to decide they like you before they have decided anything else, which can make it hard to know whether they like you or the way you arrived.

The line to keep: your charm opens the door without effort, so the effort worth making is deciding who you would like to walk through it.

Your Mars is in Cancer, in the eleventh house.

You rarely pursue head on. You come at desire sideways, through care, closeness and small tests of whether it is safe to want someone, and your moves can be so gentle that nobody realises they are being courted until later.

Intimacy for you is bound up with feeling protected. You want to be desired, but more than that you want to be held afterwards, and sex without that sense of shelter tends to leave you hungrier than before. When you feel secure you are generous, tender and far less shy than your first impression suggests.

Anger is hard for you to show directly. You go quiet, you withdraw, you become hurt instead of cross, and a partner can miss the moment you needed them to notice. A quarrel with you rarely stays about tonight, because whatever went unsaid last month tags along, more

than you would like.

The line to keep: the first move that works on you is toward comfort, and a first move toward bed tends to send you back a step.

Mars in the eleventh house finds desire among friends, groups and causes. Attraction often starts with shared activity, a team, a movement, a circle of friends, and independent, somewhat unusual partners suit you.

You pursue as an equal, and you want freedom inside the relationship as well as passion. At its worst this is complications within friend groups, or keeping desire at a friendly distance so it never becomes too demanding.

Respect for someone's ideas or independence comes first for you, and being wanted as an equal matters far more than being wanted as a prize. Group settings are where your interest is sparked most easily.

The line to keep: your desire starts as friendship more often than not, so be honest with yourself about the moment a friend becomes something more.

Mars sextile Sun

Your will and your drive work together. You know what you want and you go after it cheerfully, which makes you an energetic, confident presence in love.

You usually make the first move without much agonising, and people with their own spark draw you. Sexually you tend to be enthusiastic and direct, and a partner who matches your pace delights you.

The only weakness is impatience. You can move faster than a slower partner and assume that because you are ready they must be too.

Long-term, you do best with someone who enjoys activity as much as you do: shared sport, travel or projects keep desire alive better than quiet evenings alone.

People who date you often remember how quickly the first plans were made: a coffee that became dinner, a dinner that became a weekend.

The line to keep: you are rarely the one who hesitates, so a partner who needs time is not rejecting you, only running on a different clock.

Moon trine Ascendant

Your feelings and the way you meet the world flow together with natural grace. Whatever you feel is visible in your face and manner almost at once, and people respond before they have worked out why:

strangers ask you the way, a nervous guest drifts toward you at a party, a tense room loosens a little when you come in. You give the impression of someone kind, and mostly you are. That ease is useful wherever welcome matters — hosting, teaching, looking after a newcomer, anywhere somebody needs to relax before they can listen. Openness like this leaves you exposed, too. When you would prefer nobody knew how you feel, you put up a calm front and carry on as if it were holding.

The line to keep: people can already read you — they always could. The guard costs you effort every single day and buys you a privacy that was gone before you thought to put it up.

Mars sextile Midheaven

Your drive and your public role are on speaking terms when you ask. A sextile is an offer, not a mechanism. So deliberate effort in public life converts. You can push on your standing — ask, offer, put yourself forward — and it tends to land, which is not true for everybody. Where it stalls is in waiting to be noticed. Nothing here moves on its own, and the capacity sits unused while you assume good work is its own argument. What it is good for is that the asking is cheap. You are not gambling when you push here; you are opening a door that was already ajar, and the cost of trying is a conversation. In an actual life this shows up as one thing you asked for directly and got with less

resistance than you expected.

Pluto sextile Venus

Your affections run deep, and you use that depth well. You are drawn to intensity in love and can handle it, so relationships tend to change you rather than damage you.

Surface attraction rarely holds you. You want to know what a partner is really like, and you offer the same honesty in return, which can be startling early on.

Sexually this brings a quiet, lasting intensity rather than drama.

Loyalty matters enormously to you, and you expect it in return; betrayal is the one thing you find almost impossible to forgive.

Looking back, each of your important relationships probably marked a turning point, a before and after in how you understood yourself.

The line to keep: every serious love you have had left you altered, and you would not undo a single one of those changes.

What Roberto Rossellini Brings

Roberto Rossellini's Moon is in Scorpio.

They need depth and total trust. Closeness for them means no important secrets, and they notice and remember everything.

Insecurity can make them test, probe or go silent.

They sense evasions quickly, and a small lie costs more with them than a hard truth would.

Be fully honest with them, including about difficult things, and give them time to let old hurts go.

Roberto Rossellini's Venus is in Gemini.

They fall for a mind first. Wit, good messages and a conversation that runs late are how attraction starts for them, and they flirt in words, easily and often without meaning much by it.

Variety keeps them interested; predictability loses them slowly.

If they are interested, your phone will tell you before they do: more messages, longer ones, and the thread of a joke carried across several days.

To hold their attention, stay curious and keep telling them things, because for them a quiet relationship feels like a fading one.

Roberto Rossellini's Mars is in Gemini.

They pursue with words and play. Teasing, banter and conversation are how their desire shows, and they like variety and novelty in intimacy.

They can scatter their interest, or argue their way out of a feeling rather than having it.

They get bored by silence and lit up by play, and they may be at their most flirtatious in a crowded room, performing a little for everyone.

Keep talking with them, during as well as before; for them the conversation is part of the desire.

How Your Ways of Loving Meet

Your Venus, Mars and Moon set beside theirs, element by element: fire, earth, air and water. It is the quickest way to see where the two of you want, pursue and need in the same way, and where you will have to translate.

Your Venus is in Virgo, an earth sign; Roberto Rossellini's is in Gemini, an air sign.

One of you loves through what you do, the other through what you say. The earth side offers comfort, reliability and physical affection; the air side offers conversation, ideas and lightness.

Misunderstandings are likely: the airy one can seem detached, the earthy one can seem unimaginative.

The line to keep: deeds and words carry the same message here, so learn to read both.

Your Mars is in Cancer, a water sign; Roberto Rossellini's is in Gemini, an air sign.

One of you approaches desire lightly, the other deeply. The airy one wants play and freedom, the watery one wants emotional connection.

The airy one may seem casual, the watery one intense.

The airy one may want to laugh about something the watery one takes seriously, and a light remark badly timed can land hard.

The line to keep: you want in different registers, so meet somewhere between lightness and depth.

Your Moon is in Aries, a fire sign; Roberto Rossellini's is in Scorpio, a water sign.

One of you needs action, the other emotional depth. The fiery one wants to move on; the watery one needs to feel things through.

Each can find the other overwhelming or not enough.

When something goes wrong, the fiery one wants a plan and the watery one wants a hug, and giving the other what they need rather than what you would want is the skill.

The line to keep: movement heals one of you and feeling heals the other, so give each other time for both.

The Chemistry — Synastry Inter-Aspects

These are the contacts between your chart and theirs that bear on attraction: where one person's Venus, Mars, Moon or Sun meets the other's. Read them as forces rather than verdicts. A conjunction fuses two drives into one, for better and for worse; a trine or a sextile lets them cooperate with little effort; a square rubs, which is uncomfortable and often exciting; an opposition pulls from across the room, attracting and polarising at once. No single contact decides anything, and most couples carry a mix. The easy ones make being together pleasant, and the difficult ones tend to keep it alive.

Your Mars, their Uranus: an opposition

Put one person's Mars opposite the other's Uranus and the air between them crackles. The Mars person pushes, wants, goes after things; the Uranus person shrugs off the push and answers with something nobody saw coming. Each goads the other into action. Plans get made on

impulse and carried out at speed, quarrels flare and clear within an afternoon, and boredom has very little chance. Often a strong attraction runs through it, fed by the fact that neither can predict the other's next move, and each is bolder in this company than anywhere else.

Across an opposition, excitement becomes competition. The Mars person treats a plan changed without notice as a challenge to be met head on, while the Mars person's insistence gives Uranus a fresh reason to change plans again. Tempers rise fast. Something small can set the Mars person off, and the Uranus person, instead of fighting back, goes cool and distant, which reads to the Mars person as contempt and makes everything worse. Risks get taken that neither would take alone, because backing down first feels like losing. Underneath, many of these fights are about freedom, disguised as a quarrel over details.

Naming the real subject cools most of it down. When a row is actually about whether the Uranus person can come and go, saying so lets both stop fighting over the side issue. Advance word of a change spares the Mars person the feeling of being ambushed, and a want the Mars person states plainly, not as an order, gives the Uranus person no rule to push against. Shared ventures that let each person act independently suit this opposition much better than ones where every move needs agreement. With room on both sides, the contact keeps its excitement and mostly gives up exploding.

The line to keep: under the Mars person's temper sits a simple fear, that a Uranus person who is genuinely free was never really the Mars person's to keep. Gripping harder has never once made anyone stay. It only makes the leaving quieter.

Your Mars, their Neptune: a conjunction

Neptune in one chart meets Mars in the other by conjunction, fusing the two. Mars is wanting and pushing — desire, temper, the urge to go and get. Neptune is the haze that makes things look larger, softer and more meaningful than they are. Put them together and the Mars person's drive comes back from the other person tinted: wanting feels like romance, anger gets absorbed somewhere and does not return, ordinary plans begin sounding like a calling. The attraction can be strong and strange, more dreamlike than most, and the pair may sense it is acting out something bigger than an ordinary pull.

Aim is what suffers. Mars needs a visible target, and Neptune keeps moving it. The Mars person reaches for something definite and gets mist; the Neptune person feels pushed and slips sideways rather than pushing back. Arguments under this contact rarely land. They drift, go unfinished, and leave a faint residue of guilt on both sides, with each of you sure the other wanted something that was never actually said. Pointed well, the pair can put an ideal into practice together — a shared cause, something made, a kindness done without fuss. Neptune

gives Mars a reason beyond itself, and Mars gives Neptune a way to move. It asks for plain words, early, about what both people want, before the haze fills in the gaps.

The line to keep: the wanting is strong and the picture is unreliable. Neptune distorts the object, not the intensity, which is why doubting the feeling never helps here and slowing the timeline nearly always does.

Your Sun, their Mars: a square

Will meets will. The Mars person can feel like a challenger to the Sun person, and competition, arguments and strong attraction can all flare.

The heat can be exciting and exhausting.

You may recognise the argument that is really about who gets to decide, and the attraction that seems to flare hardest right after it.

The line to keep: you spark each other's will, so make room for both of you to win sometimes.

Your Venus, their Ascendant: a conjunction

Liking on sight is the old reputation of one person's Venus on another's Ascendant, and here it usually earns it. The Venus person is taken with how the Ascendant person comes across — the manner, the face

shown to the world, the first impression — and the liking lands well ahead of any real knowledge of each other. The Ascendant person feels it as being received warmly, and tends to grow softer, easier and more charming around the Venus person than around almost anyone else. Other people often notice the ease between you before either of you remarks on it.

This contact admires the surface first, and a surface can feel like a costume to the one wearing it. The Ascendant person may doubt that the warm response is really deserved and worry about being caught on an off day, feeling anything but lovely. The Venus person may keep returning to that first impression and miss the parts underneath it that do not match. Neither problem is serious once it is said aloud. The liking holds up well after it has met the ordinary, unflattering days, which is all the testing it needs.

The line to keep: the Venus person finds the Ascendant person lovely, the Ascendant person keeps quietly correcting the record, and every correction takes a little of the pleasure out of it. Let one compliment land unamended and see how it sits.

Your Saturn, their Moon: a trine

Being held steady is the feeling this trine gives. With Saturn on one side and the Moon on the other, the Moon person's moods — the bad

days, the sudden worries, the need for reassurance — land on someone who does not panic, does not take them personally and does not need them explained twice. The Saturn person, in turn, finds that being reliable is welcome here rather than mistaken for coldness. The contact is quiet and rarely makes for a dramatic story, but it is the reason a hard week goes better with the other person in it.

The safety is assumed rather than maintained. Assumed things stop being mentioned, things that stop being mentioned stop being noticed, and by then it has been a very long time since either of you said it out loud. A second, smaller drift runs alongside it. The Saturn person's calm can start to work as a lid, and the Moon person may begin bringing only the feelings that seem reasonable enough to deserve that calm, keeping the messier ones back. Steady people are easy to shield from the untidy moods. It is worth not doing that, because the steadiness exists for exactly those.

The line to keep: you make each other feel safe without much discussion. Safe is unglamorous, and it is what people actually stay for.

Your Chiron, their Moon: a trine

Healing and tenderness meet here. One person's wounds and wisdom meet the other's feelings with understanding rather than rawness, and the relationship can soothe old hurts.

You may feel unusually safe showing each other your vulnerable sides.

That safety is precious and worth protecting.

There may be a story one of you has told only to the other, and the telling of it was a turning point for the relationship.

The line to keep: you can help each other heal, and the trust that comes from it is the strongest thing in this relationship, stronger than attraction.

Your Mercury, their Moon: a sextile

Talking about feelings comes easily between you. One person's way of putting things into words meets the other's emotional life on friendly terms, so conversations about how you feel tend to go well rather than wrong.

In practice this looks like long, easy evenings of talk, and the knack of saying the comforting thing at the right moment.

It is not the stuff of instant passion; it is the stuff that makes staying together pleasant.

You may notice that the best talks happen sideways: washing up together, walking the dog, driving somewhere at night, when neither of you has to look at the other while saying the thing that matters.

The line to keep: you can talk each other round on almost anything, which means the subject you both keep avoiding is being avoided on purpose.

Your Uranus, their Moon: a square

Excitement and unsettledness arrive together. One person's need for freedom or change jolts the other's need for security, so the relationship may feel electric one week and unstable the next.

The attraction is often sudden and strong, and so are the disruptions: plans changed at the last minute, moods that shift without warning.

What helps is agreeing on a few fixed points the relationship can rely on.

You may know the pattern of the calm week that makes one of you restless, and the sudden plan, a trip, a haircut, a new job, that follows it.

The line to keep: the spark here comes with instability, and the partner who needs calm will always be the one asked to adjust unless it is said aloud.

Your Venus, their Midheaven: a square

Venus square Midheaven puts friction between what one of you finds lovely and where the other is trying to go. The Midheaven person's ambitions, the image they hope to project and the things they are building in public sit awkwardly beside the Venus person's idea of a good life. Time spent chasing an aim can look like time stolen from the relationship. A public manner can look stiff or showy from close up. Nobody needs to say any of this aloud; it is felt anyway, and the Midheaven person usually feels it first.

From there it tends to go one of two ways. The Venus person may try to soften or restyle the Midheaven person's direction, nudging it toward something prettier or more comfortable, and the Midheaven person hears that as not being backed. Or the Midheaven person decides the Venus person's approval is conditional and stops trusting it even on the warm days. The square does force a useful question: whether the life the Midheaven person is building has room for the pleasures the Venus person values. Answering that honestly, out loud, beats either of you quietly bending ambitions or tastes to fit.

The line to keep: the Midheaven person deflects the Venus person's praise so reliably that compliments have started being saved up, and a saved compliment eventually stops being offered at all. Say thank you and stop there. The full stop is the difficult part.

Your Sun, their Venus: a square

One person's way of being clashes with the other's taste or way of loving. Small frustrations over style, money or pleasure can build up.

Attraction and adjustment go together here.

The Sun person may want to lead in ways the Venus person finds unromantic, and the Venus person may want gestures the Sun person does not think to make.

The line to keep: you appreciate each other with some friction, so treat the differences as preferences, not verdicts.

What You Activate in Each Other — House Overlays

An overlay is one person's planet falling in a house of the other person's chart, and it says where in your life their attraction lands, and where yours lands in theirs. Venus shows where affection is felt, Mars where desire and friction are felt, the Moon where comfort is looked for. Overlays are not symmetrical, which is why both directions are read: your Venus in their seventh house and theirs in yours are two different experiences. Because houses come from the hour of birth, read this chapter more loosely if either birth time is uncertain.

Your Moon falls in their 9th house: Their ninth house holds your Moon, so you need shared meaning with them. Closeness comes from

learning, travelling or exploring ideas together, and they may broaden your emotional world.

The risk is restlessness if daily life becomes too routine.

The line to keep: you need a bigger horizon with them, so keep planning something new together.

Their Moon falls in your 4th house: Your fourth house is where their Moon settles, and with you they feel they have come home. Family, the household and shared memories become part of the glue between you.

Family patterns from both sides can surface in the relationship.

The line to keep: you are home to them, so build a new household together rather than replaying an old one.

Your Venus falls in their 12th house: Their twelfth house is where your Venus lands: your affection reaches them somewhere private. They may feel a tenderness toward you that they do not show, or you may be a secret comfort, a hidden crush or a love that stays unspoken for a long time.

It is gentle and compassionate, and it can also be elusive.

The line to keep: what you stir in them is quiet and real, so give it a chance to come out into the open before it turns into longing.

Their Venus falls in your 10th house: Their Venus warms your tenth house: your reputation and your public life. They admire what you do in the world, may help your career along, and enjoy being seen with you.

The danger is a pairing that looks better from the street than it feels at the kitchen table.

The line to keep: they are proud of your public self, so let them know your private self as well.

Your Mars falls in their 11th house: With your Mars in their eleventh house, the attraction runs through friendship and shared causes. You spark ideas, rally them into action and bring energy to their social life, and your desire can feel like companionship with an edge.

Tension can arise in shared friend groups or over whose plans come first.

The line to keep: you are an exciting friend to them, and you may need to say plainly when you want to be more than one.

Their Mars falls in your 10th house: In your tenth house, their Mars pushes your ambition. They may spur you on, compete with you or be drawn by your public standing, and success of whatever kind becomes part of the chemistry.

They can be your strongest ally or your harshest critic, sometimes in the same week.

The line to keep: they fire you up about the mark you want to make, so check that they want you as much as they want your success.

The Relationship Itself — Composite Chart

Built from the midpoints between your two charts, the composite describes the relationship as if it were a third party with a character of its own. Here only its Venus, Mars and Moon are read: the romance the two of you make, the desire you share and what makes the pair feel safe. It describes neither of you alone. It describes what happens when you are together, which is why couples often recognise it in the way their friends talk about them.

What makes this relationship feel safe is friendship and space. Independence and respect for each other's individuality help both of you relax.

Emotional distance is the risk, especially if closeness matters more to one of you than the other.

The strain shows when needing each other seems to threaten freedom.

Time apart, spent on your own interests, often brings you back to each other with more warmth than time forced together would.

The line to keep: friendship comes first for this pair, so let it be warm as well as free.

Home base, emotionally, is the partnership. Each of you wants the sense of being a real team, and emotional closeness depends on being equal and responsive.

Dependence on each other can grow unnoticed.

You are likely to make decisions together as a matter of course, and feel unsettled when one of you acts alone.

The line to keep: partnership is your emotional centre, so keep your own feelings visible inside it.

Romance between you two feels like coming home. The relationship shows love by caring: cooking for each other, remembering what matters, making a private world where both of you can rest. Attraction here is inseparable from feeling safe.

This makes for a tender and loyal bond, often one that turns into family quickly. The risk is that romance slides into caretaking, and that moods, rather than words, become the way you tell each other something is wrong.

It goes wrong when one of you becomes the parent and the other the child, or when hurt is held in silence until it sours the house.

The line to keep: you two make each other feel at home, so keep a little courtship alive inside the domestic life, or the romance will settle into family life too soon.

Affection between you collects around privacy and the inner life. The love may be quiet, spiritual or kept somewhat hidden, and time alone together matters more than time on show.

Secrets and unspoken wishes are the risk.

Time away from other people, a quiet retreat or an evening with the phones off, may matter more to this relationship than any social occasion.

The line to keep: your love grows best in private, so make sure the private world has honest words in it.

Desire between you lives in play and conversation. Teasing, flirting, trying new things and talking about what you want keep the chemistry fresh, and variety matters more here than intensity.

Conflict is verbal: quick, clever and sometimes circular. You can argue for hours and settle nothing, then forget what the argument was about.

The trouble starts when boredom sets in, or when words are used to score points rather than to understand.

The flirting between you rarely stops, in public or in private, and friends may notice that you still tease each other the way new couples do.

The line to keep: words are part of the seduction here, so keep the play going in the bedroom as well as at the dinner table.

The drive of this relationship goes into friends, causes and future plans. You energise each other's social lives and may work together for shared goals.

Group tensions can spill into the relationship.

Campaigns, clubs, teams and group projects can be where you feel most alive together, working side by side for something larger than yourselves.

The line to keep: you are allies in the wider world, so keep some of your energy for the two of you alone.

The Composite Chart's Inner Dynamics — Aspects

Neptune lies across the composite Venus, welding this pairing's affection to its imagination. Everything here wears a soft focus. Shared taste in music, films, places and small beautiful objects comes easily, and the tenderness runs true, the kind that forgives quickly and notices when the other one has stopped wanting to be the strong one. People outside it can see the glow, and you both sense it whenever you arrive anywhere together. Nobody has to manufacture the romance; it arrives already lit.

The blur sits in the details. Because the fusion is so complete, the pair tends to love its picture of each other a fraction more than the actual, fallible person beside it. Small disappointments get edited out rather than spoken, and an edited-out disappointment does not vanish; it collects. Then one day the distance from picture to person grows too wide to ignore, and it feels like betrayal when it is only arithmetic. Fixing it is unglamorous work. Say the plain, slightly unflattering thing early, when it weighs almost nothing, and allow the other one to be ordinary in front of you. Romance this strong is sturdier than it looks, and plain facts do it far less damage than you fear.

The line to keep: the tenderness here is genuine, and equally genuine is the reflex of leaving out whatever would spoil it. Both arrived with the same planet, and neither one leaves without the other.

This relationship wants two things that keep stepping on each other. Jupiter wants it larger — a bolder plan, a wider circle of people, a stretch of time that looks nothing like the one before. The composite Moon wants it safe, familiar and fed. In a square neither gives way, so every reach outward produces a flinch inward, and the pair can spend a long time circling a decision that the Jupiter side wants and the Moon side dreads.

The square also enlarges moods it was never asked to enlarge. A low evening for one of you becomes a low week for the pair; a burst of hope becomes a promise nobody can quite keep. Trust gets tested more often than it is built, because the relationship commits in its expansive moments and retreats in its frightened ones, and each of you remembers mainly the half you were in. What the contact gives in return is honesty about appetite. The two of you cannot pretend to be satisfied with a small life for long, and the pull between growing and staying safe, argued out in the open, is what stops the bond curdling into routine.

The line to keep: every time this relationship reaches for something bigger, something inside it gets frightened, and the fright arrives

disguised as a practical objection. The fear usually lives under the most reasonable-sounding no.

What to Do With the Pull

A reading like this is most useful when it is said out loud. Each of you has a way of being drawn in, a way of pursuing what you want, and a set of needs that only shows once the first rush is over, and the three rarely match neatly between two people. Knowing which is which turns a lot of confusing evenings into ordinary differences.

Start with the Moon, because it is the part most often left unsaid. The attraction usually takes care of itself early on; what decides whether it lasts is whether each of you gets what you actually need on a tired Tuesday. Tell each other plainly what comfort looks like to you, and believe the answer even when it is not what you would want yourself.

Then talk about pace. You may not want at the same speed, and one may like to be chased while the other likes to be asked; neither of those is a flaw. Desire that is asked about, and listened to, grows; desire that is guessed at tends to go quiet, and the quiet gets mistaken for a lack of love.

Expect the balance to change. The chemistry described here is the pull at its strongest, and every couple's pull shifts with children, work,

illness, age and time. The patterns in your charts do not disappear when that happens; they wait for attention. Couples who keep courting each other, in small ways, on purpose, tend to find them again.

And keep the difference between chemistry and compatibility clear. A strong pull says that something between you is alive. It does not say whether you are kind to each other; that part is yours to decide.

The line to keep: attraction is the part that happens to you, and staying attracted is the part you do, together, on purpose.

