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Hello!

The divine hosts have incarnated. They're also slightly not used to being so bodied and are slightly lost. They have this magnetic gravity and seem to be out of it.

Would you so kindly, hmm. Date them?

You have karma to unravel! And boy is your penance looking bad/great/good. In a series of unfortunate dates and happenstance you will:

- Meet this Karmic Emanation of An Arch Angel
- Conveniently be the source and solution to each other's problems
- Complicate your Sh*t
- And part ways(?)

Cheers,



Your Soul Investigator



HOW TO LOVE LOVE

(or an emanation of the divine)

Here's your contract.

There, on the fine print. It said you'll help learn lessons for new beings as long as it would be in the vehicle of the relationship.

Yea, I know, I know. *taps desk

You're human, they'll be human, it's gonna get Real. Pick an Arch Angel (AA) and we'll get you through some questions, make sure you guys push and pull the best and worst out of each other. Use each question as a spring board to keep pushing the story in one way or another

You're gonna like it. It's gonna be fun dating an angel.

Have a friend(s) alternately narrate but you could also mend and unmend that heart of yours yourself. Play for about 1-2 hours or more. Get specific, go novel length series if you like and pick a good tarot/oracle/art deck to go alongside you. Take breaks when needed, and more importantly have fun.

NOTE: this is an LGBTQA+ friendly space. Let these stories be about you loving through love in love.



HOW TO READ LOVE

(or how to allow spirit
to tell this story with you)

This story-game has an Intuitive Storytelling element through a tarot/oracle/art deck. While it may feel like you don't know how to that - well. They're just prompts, look at the card and tell the story you want to tell, and that naturally emerges.

You can!! refer to websites like learntarot.com..

But how about trying these out first:

01 Begin with a deck that you really like, with art you like and dances

with your imagination

02 Look at that evocative imagery and ask any:

- What do I feel is going on in this image?
- If I could speak to anyone or anything in this card, what would they say? What would they sound like?
- What symbols call out to me? What do I immediately associate them with?
- If I treat this card like a still image from a scene, what do I feel happened just before this image? What will happen after?



- When I pull a new card, how do I feel it complements or contradicts a previous card? What is the hidden story between the cards?
- What archetypes am I reminded of? What stories come to mind, what characters? How can this inspire my answer?

You'll take turns drawing cards to answer specific questions. When pulling a card, you can ask each other follow up questions helping fish more story out from the veins.

PRO-TIP: If you can't think of anything look at the card, just start talking. It connects somehow.

*these guide questions is are based on guidelines by Jamila Nedjani of Sword Queen Games.

HOW ANGELS LOVE

(probably like you)

The story you make, may go anywhere. It doesn't matter if you've dated or not, fallen in love or not. Feel free to explore themes with your whole rolodex of favorite dating sims, observations-of-friends and K-dramas.

Here's some fun stuff that you could additionally explore in-story:

- They may have small mundane supernatural powers. Fiddling with electrical currents, dream premonitions and so on
- They may know they're angelic or not. They can like skydiving or clouds.
- Make them generally confused about a very human invention or social convention. Like a very benevolent E.T.
- They may know other arch angels. They may be minor characters in your story or even their friends. They must also kinda suck at being human
- Involve the church; have a Full-On Miracle. Trumpets of rapture, incomprehensible fire, glowing eyes and a primal fear of God etc.
- (BONUS) add incarnate demons ala Good Omens by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchet. Make them snarky, greedy or nice
- Each angel has bonus beats and prompts at the bottom right of their sheet! So check that out for more stuff.



With each question on the playbook, push the story forward, paint a scene, add elements, characterize further, and don't block any other player's ideas. Say yes, and _____. Let the story loop back and dive in and out the themes and the characters you've created. Don't overthink it— plunge fully into the story, —kiss kiss and fall in love!

Note: You may want to use something like the X-card, Lines & Veils, Script Change, etc. for safety in emotionally difficult topics. Use whatever tool is best for your table.



PLACES TO DATE AND ANGELS THEREIN

Squint at this collage and identify which Arch Angel has been assigned to you. Then proceed..



JOPHIEL



MICHAEL



GABRIEL



AZRAEL



RAPHAEL



CHAMUEL



ARIEL



AA Michael

ANGEL OF POWER

I revel in the breath of a True Leader. A battle worth fighting for, and a cause that ought to be supported. Your strong heart shall by my downfall. I know virtue and I extol it in all your little corporal self.

You have some weird machinations huh. Complications of a Persona.

Fret not, I don't need to understand. I will win your wars for you.

Themes: Might, Warriors

NAME

(Choose) Michael, Michelle, Mika, Mike, Variants of Mikhail, lil M, Thor, A Name that sounds Really Strong and Powerful

LOOK

(Choose three) Piercing blue eyes, unnecessary layers, a mechanic's tool belt, coach/gym attire, callused wide hands, a stray eyebrow scar, a cocky comforting grin, tense shoulders, voice like dark brandy, good jawline, your own vision of strength

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the Arch Angel's head?
- What's their smile like?
- How do they crave strength?

HOW WE MEET-(UTELY

Draw three cards

- We're both newbies/ subbed out in the local sports meet
- I saved you from a near fatal _____ mechanical/electrical accident
- I picked you up as a hitchhiker
- Create your own YOUR Earthly Problems

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

I get to know you, draw three cards

- What's the human's relationship with Earthly Power?
- How has the human been ridiculously self-righteous?
- Which of the human's personal boundaries were crossed? By Who? How is my date vindictive or vengeful?

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

You get to know me, Draw three cards

- What abuse and failings of human power and authority do I not understand ?
- How has my faith in people's morality, your self-righteousness, damaged my mortal vehicle ?

- How have I let people abuse my saviour complex ?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did you see that you are both worthy and compassionate?*
- When the war is over, how did we move forward?

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- Which army does AA Michael command?
- What's your power dynamic like? And how does it pull and shift as the story progresses?
- To who has the human sold their power?
- Who are the Oppressed?
- Courtroom Battlefield
- Class / Religious / Racial Xenophobia
- What's the scale of the people involved?
- How did human learn Power from their parents?
- How did human learn Power from their surrogate parents?
- Suddenly find a feather



AA Raphael

ANGEL OF HEALING

I love your immortal soul trapped in mortal bones. I find it hard to deal and walk in your duality.

I see you in pain, I love you through pain. I dream of you free in the inner realms of my vision, heartstrong, and open places.

I desire to take away all of your suffering, your lessons.

Maybe I learn, this too is cruelty.

Themes: suffering, rescuers

NAME

(Choose) Raphael, Rafael, Rafaël, Raffaello, Raf, Julie, Mercy, Rami A name of a healer/cleric you've definitely have had a crush on

LOOK

(Choose three) Pale blond or salt and pepper hair, white coat, asian herbal medicine in a big tote bag, burly and huggable, glasses, way too shy, the kind that looks good with kids or the years have aged them like nice fine wine, your own vision of healing grace

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the Arch Angel's head?
- What's their heart like?
- How do they crave healing?

HOW WE MEET-(UTELY

- You have an unexplainable injury and you're brought to my clinic
- Your dog/cat/pet has an unexplainable injury and you're brought to my clinic
- I'm a volunteer emergency responder, what's your emergency?
- Create your own

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

- I get to know you, draw three cards
- What's the human's relationship with Health, Chronic Illness?
 - Is the human addicted to a substance?
 - How does the human distrust people who want to help them?

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

- You get to know me, draw three cards
- How do I judge people who refuse to heal?
 - How has my healing intervention made worse someone else's predicament?
 - What human systems of thrall, needs and desire, are behind my date's disease, and which I fail to understand?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did you see that you are the source of your own healing?*
- How did you miraculously heal on your own terms? What happens to us next?

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- Emerald Green happens to us/you
- Repeating numbers appearing on license plates
- Addiction Support Group
- Rafa is a sexy mythic masseuse
- The Blessed Essential Oils from your grandmother
- You tried getting healed by a shaman before but they only told you something cryptic about..
- What visible injury occurred to you on an important day in your early childhood memories
- Someone has cancer/dementia/ stroke at your house
- You are a burnt out medical practitioner



AA Gabriel

ANGEL OF MESSENGERS

I'm really good at piercing people's armor, having long running and deep conversations. I could swallow your messaging apps. I could unpeel your walls. I could hear the song in your heart wanting to burst forth. I'm probably too curious.

Maybe I believe in your music too much.

Themes: lies & personal truth, coming out

NAME

(Choose) Gabriel, Gabby, Gardo, Camacho Gummy Bear, Susan, Betty, Papa, A name that's really loud or chatty

LOOK

(Choose three) Has an alias or is called by their last name, curly hair, wicked smile, small waify stature, custom loafers, perennially glued to their cellphone for really no good reason, on brand organizers with fountain pens, is uncomfortable with silence and too in love with their own voice, your own vision of lost and late for a meeting, probably in marketing or theater

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the Arch Angel's head?
- What's their voice like?
- Why do they need honest conversation / vulnerability?

HOW WE MEET-(VTELY

- I somehow borrowed your notebook from a friend of a friend of a friend... and I doodled on it
- Your friends got the angel as a consultant for your debut/pitch/thesis
- You thought I was your cheating ex once, and we almost made a scene in the bar/mall/university
- Create your own

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

I get to know you, draw three cards

- What does the human have difficulty communicating?
- The human has never told anyone about this shocking truth about them?
- What personal truth does human hate to admit to themselves?

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

You get to know me, draw three cards

- How do I assume that everyone has a deep and mature level of empathy/is trustworthy? How has this hurt me and others?
- When have I been vulnerable and open to the wrong person or the wrong timing and audience?

- How has human communication been imperfect and fallible?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did you see that your message was worth hearing, regardless of it being misread?*
- Do you reveal your secret/truth to others? What happens to us next?

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- You go to church confession at some point
- You joke that I have an angelic voice
- I can speak your favorite foreign language and you've admired that culture because _____
- Addicting Accent
- You swore you can't sing, but at some point I get you to do karaoke
- You have a phobia for public speaking
- You have a speech handicap, and I heal/don't heal it
- Someone must make a public persona /pen name /screen name
- Out of the _____ closet
- Telenovela Confrontation Scene



AA Jophiel

ANGEL OF BEAUTY

You look beautiful darling. I love your look, your appearance your expression. Is that narcissism parading as insecurity? Is the inside dissonant with the outer?

I don't care, I just love looking at you babe. And I know you like look at me too.

I don't really understand fake glamour, fool's gold. Cause you really do look fine to me.

themes: surfaces, perfection, judgement

NAME

(Choose) Jophiel, Josie, Jessica, Jess, Andrea, Pia, Paulo, Peter, Jenny, A name that suggests grace

LOOK

(Choose three) Ehtereal goddess, the kind of hair you'll glance twice at, impeccable color coordination, big eyes, no makeup makeup look, classy neutrals, long but neat nails, balletic posture, long limbed, flowing skirts, are they a model??, your own vision of angelic beauty

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the Arch Angel's head?
- What's their face like?
- What kind of beauty do they crave?

HOW WE MEET-(U)TELY

- We got on an internet argument about the "I woke up like this" hashtag
- You were my slob of a roommate, but one time you smiled and I unironically yelled godamit you're gorgeous
- I've coached/joked with you to look comfortable for an ID picture..them we exchanged numbers
- Create your own

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

I get to know you, draw three cards

- How has beauty betrayed the human?
- How have you been misjudged, dismissed and/or type-casted with the way you appear?
- What important opportunity did you lose because of this?

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

You get to know me, draw three cards

- How do I not understand earth's fickle parameters of what beauty is?

- How do I insist to see the best in people, instead of their complex imperfections?
- How do I gloss over your learned shame?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did you realize your own beauty?*
- How now, are you wholly beautiful? How are we in the next chapter?

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- You catch me changing once / prepping for a show and you like me looking flustered and unguarded in front of you
- Just out of the shower/pool/beach look
- Interior Decorator
- Production Manager/ Director
- I have a costume/photo at one point where I have wings or a halo
- We talk about crushes
- It started out with me helping you get a date
- A e s t h e t i q u e
- Bullying / Character Assassination
- Creating public personas
- Costume party



AA Chamuel

ANGEL OF PEACE



NAME

I'm really good at hiding, lying low, keeping the peace. Wallflower it out. Hearing everyone out. I'm not high maintenance.

I'll go with anything you like. I just want you to be happy.

Themes: Inaction, Simplicity

(Choose) Chamuel, Cha, Christian, Chris, Tammy, Laura, Mark, Matthew, Dave, Sandra, Daniel, Danny, Maybe a name that's easy to forget

LOOK

(Choose three) Understated patterns, polo, plain shirts, chucks, messenger bag, messy hair, nice skin you want to imagine drawing circles on, a single ear piercing, not too short or tall, plain looking but pleasing, a small voice you want to take care of, perennial earphones, long pretty fingers, your own vision of peaceful simplicity

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the Arch Angel's head?
- What's their eyes like?
- How do they crave peace?

HOW WE MEET-(U)TELY

- You needed to vent and I was that one classmate who just had a corner of the library to themselves
- I was ahead of you on a major presentation at work/school and you talked to me in a nervous cute wreck
- We have a shared commute and you liked my humming. Apparently we have the same favorite artist.
- Create your own

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

I get to know you, draw three cards

- How is human a people pleaser?
- How does human not know what I want because of their <people who raised them> expectations of them?
- What freedom did human sell for this peace? What passion of mine feels dead?

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

You get to know me, draw three cards

- How do I make your problems worse by my inaction?
- When did I fail to speak up/fight when someone important to me needed me?
- How do I reflect the worst version of you?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did you unlearn having to be always so "nice"?*
- How did we grow? Did someone outgrow each other? Did we find a larger part of ourselves and grew together?

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- A song suddenly goes on the radio with the words you needed to hear
- We message each other at the same time
- We say the same thing to each other at the same time
- We eerily match outfits
- I say something you heard in a dream
- We go somewhere and it feels like deja vu
- We go somewhere really loud and busy, like a casino, or a wet market
- You've ran away before. From who? From what?
- You've turned down someone you loved before
- We say we're bad at feelings



AA Azrael

ANGEL OF DEATH

The world has gone to shit but I think I like you too. Let's have sweet misery together. There's this genius and beauty to our inglorious mess.

I like vitriol, I understand that it's hard to understand.

It's complicated. I like that.

Themes: Rebirth, Possible Nihilism

NAME

(Choose) Azrael, Sarah, Seth, Ezekiel, Zayn, Z, Ria, Izzy, Isabelle, Zadkiel, Belle, Bob, a name that feels like it should have a z in it

LOOK

(Choose three) too much black, leather boots, jackets in hot weather, smoking habit, a cool ride, full beard, a collection of rings or finger tattoos, sharp eyes, sharper tongue, a walk that feels like acid or slightly off kilter, sneaky, bad nerdy jokes, comes off as intimidating but is just socially awkward, moody MCR or FOB shirts, anarchist grafitti, zines and protest pins, your own vision of a sexy death

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the arch angel's head?
- What's their grin like?
- How do they need death/rebirth?

HOW WE MEET-(UTELY

- You liked my EP, and I liked you back
- Dating app
- You confessed to me in a drunk dare, and I find you actually nice
- Create your own

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

I get to know you, draw three cards

- What is the single most relationships/jobs/group can't human let go of and why?
- What beliefs were once best for human, but are now no longer who they are, or who they're becoming?
- How is human delaying rebirth, their leaving?

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

You get to know me, draw three cards

- How do I enjoy wallowing in my own grief?
- What cause do I like b*tching about but do nothing constructive about?
- Who do I blame this shitty world for? Who would I dream of killing?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did we have a more mature version of death and what needs dying?*
- How were we reborn? What now?

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- A stubborn pop-up appears with exactly the words you needed to hear
- At one point Murphy's Law happens, everything that could go wrong did go wrong
- The person I was trying to screw over accidentally was you
- Internet trolls, fake news
- Moving house
- Dramatic new-me haircut
- Almost in a car accident
- You've had several near death experiences, and I'm just as intense as that
- Nihilistic jokes
- Cycling back to bad coping mechanisms, bad men, wrong crowd, shark loans etc.
- We talk about exes, we had the same ex before(!)



AA Uriel

ANGEL OF NATURE

The world is need of sanctuaries and rejuvenation. I hear and feel the wisdom of plants. Let's just get out of it shall we? Pack our bags and just live in tents and camp by bonfires and the seashore.

I like hiking alone in the stars, or maybe with you.

You look like you can be one with the stars. Why don't you leave everything behind and come with me?

Themes: escaping the city, migration, nature healing

NAME

(Choose) Ariel, Ari, Arianna, Arianna, Annie, Anna, Lola, Uriel, Nikita, A name of a flower, tree or plant

LOOK

(Choose three) boho/hippie, art teacher hands and earrings, small hands, smooth hair, extra hats, colorful socks, playful laugh, has a voice that feels like a tinkle, sparkles, would rather be around plants than people, looks way too young for their age, has their pet plant as their wallpaper, yoga retreat 24/7, your own vision of nature mother's embrace

YOU HUMAN

- What is the name that can't get out of the arch angel's head?
- What's their hands like?
- How do they crave Nature?

HOW WE MEET-(UTELY

- Kindergarten teacher of your kid/ tutor of your sibling
- I'm a Zoo attendant and there's been an accident
- You got spooked out because I was sleeping in the park's tree
- Create your own

YOUR EARTHLY PROBLEMS

I get to know you, draw three cards

- Human is overwhelmed by _____ and needs to go to the beach/mountains/river
- Human is overcompensating because of _____ reason
- Human is tired, so tired. Their hell work week looks like _____

MY EARTHLY PROBLEMS

You get to know me, draw three cards

- How do I let people escape to me?
- How do I refuse to see God in normal people and living in the city?
- How can I be with you in your battle and not just your rest?

OUR KARMIC DANCE

Draw five cards

- How did we fall in love? What was the timing like?
- How did we learn of each other's problems? (you told me, you showed me, I guessed it etc.)
- Where did we date? & go?
- *How did you return to your normal life, with the thrum of nature and God remaining in your chest?*
- *Did any of us stay in the city? Move to nature? How did the change of scenery change all of it?*

BONUS BEATS / PROMPTS

(Choose Any)

- At some point a kid tried setting us up
- Juice Cleanse
- You've never slept this well before
- Crisp air
- An animal talks to you in a dream
- Disney Movie
- Expedition, where there's no people around for miles
- You grew up in the province, you associated it _____ with but needed to go the city for _____
- Your hometown changed
- Road trip / Backpacking
- Eat, Pray, Love Moment
- I need a vacation from this vacation

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