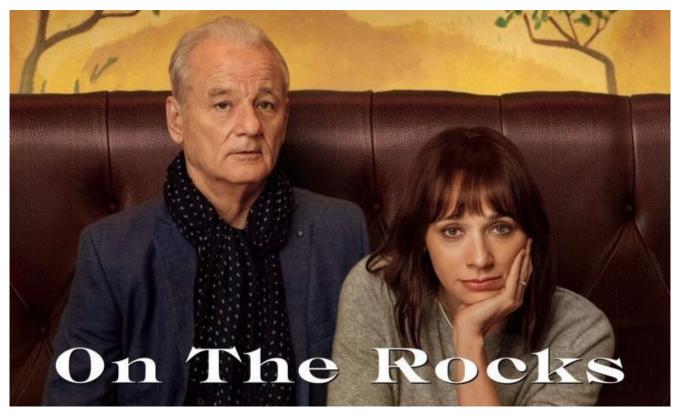
Movie Review: On the Rocks





By Nicole Maher

On the Rocks is the newest comedy-drama movie directed by Sofia Coppola. The movie stars Bill Murray and Rashida Jones as a father-daughter duo on a quest to determine if the husband of Jones' character, Laura, is cheating. While this may seem like a weird adventure to take with your father, Laura's father has an extensive playboy past who has left him absent for most of her life, making him the perfect person to help uncover her husband's player actions. As the two begin keeping taps on Laura's husband, they grow closer and are given the opportunity to repair some of the damage in their relationship caused by Felix's (Bill Murray) absence.

Check out our movie review for *On the Rocks*, the perfect combination of comedy and drama.

Should you see it: If you are looking for a new take on family relationships, then *On the Rocks* may be just what you are looking for. The movie explores the complications of both parent-child relationships as well as marriage, but is sure to add plenty of comedy to get you laughing in between the drama.

Who to take: On the Rocks is the perfect movie to watch with your best friends or partner. The movie has a lot of sarcastic humor and quick one-liners, so it is perfect to see with someone who you are ready to laugh with.

Cupid's Advice:

As Felix and Laura work to determine if Laura's husband, Dean, is truly busy or if he is being unfaithful, Felix reveals many telltale signs of being a play-boy. While relying on suspicion rather than hard evidence is not the best way to determine if someone is being unfaithful, knowing some of the signs of a play-boy is a good way to hunt out red flags in a relationship. Cupid has some relationship advice on how to determine if your partner is remaining loyal or is actually a playboy:

1. If they're excited to see you: In the movie, we see Dean and Laura awkwardly greeting each other after Dean returns from a work trip. Whether it's coming home at the end of a workday or returning after a week-long trip, your partner should be excited to see you. This does not mean that your partner needs to be all over you the second they come home, but if they are constantly returning without expressing how much they missed you, it may be a red flag. Related Link: Movie Review: A Rainy Day in New York

2. If they're sticking to their travel plans: It's common for someone to be concerned about the fidelity of their partner when they are forced to travel often. However, if your partner is following the travel plans they have told you, then there is likely no need to worry about them being faithful. The only time a red flag should be raised is if your partner has repeatedly been someplace different from where you expected they were going.

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3. If they're willing to have a conversation: At the end of the day, the best way to go about suspicions of infidelity in a relationship is to have a conversation with your partner. If someone knows that they've been acting like a play-boy, then they will likely be more standoffish to the idea. However, if your partner has been remaining loyal and cares about the relationship, they will be willing to address your concerns and speak through them.

What are some other ways to determine if you someone is acting like a play-boy? Start a conversation in the comments below.

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Movie Review: A Rainy Day in New York





By Nicole Maher

If you are looking to fall in love with your new favorite young couple, A Rainy Day in New York is the perfect movie for you. Gatsby Welles, played by Timothee Chalamet, is head-overheels in love with his college girlfriend Ashleigh Enright, played by Elle Fanning, when she gets an offer to interview a famous film director in New York City. Gatsby sees this as the perfect opportunity to take a trip with his girlfriend and show her his hometown of New York. While the couple intends to spend the perfect weekend together, their plans are quickly derailed as Ashleigh gets caught up working with the director. During this time, the couple is forced to face new challenges such as kissing other girls and spending time with other men, and both begin to wonder if their relationship will survive.

Check out our movie review of A Rainy Day in New York, the newest

young love story with a vintage feel.

Should you see it: If you are looking for the perfect mix of a vintage-inspired setting with all the twists and turns of modern love, *A Rainy Day in New York* is worth the viewing. The movie contains both elements of an old-timey New York City and elements of modern-day relationship challenges, making it unique and familiar at the same time.

Who to take: A Rainy Day in New York is the perfect movie to see with your best friends. The movie will definitely have you and your friends relating to the challenges of young dating if you are experiencing them right now, or have lived through them in the past.

Cupid's Advice:

A Rainy Day in New York explores both the thrills and complications of having a serious relationship at a young age. While Gatsby Welles and Ashleigh Enright appear to be basking in their college romance at the beginning of the film, they are quickly presented with obstacles that bring into question the strength and duration of their relationship. With so many decisions being made in the transition between school and beginning a career, it can be difficult to determine if a relationship will survive. Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> on how to determine if your current relationship will carry into the next stage of your life:

1. See if your career plans match: While you and your partner definitely don't need to be working in the same field postgraduation, having careers with a similar structure can help the relationship survive. Challenges may arise if one of your careers requires you to work during the day while the other person is working nights, or if one person needs to travel often while the other must stay put. These obstacles can be overcome with a lot of communication and compromise, but they are definitely worth discussing as the two of you enter this new stage of your lives.

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2. Talk about where you'll be living: If you and your current partner attend the same college, then it's likely that you spend a lot of time in the same town or on the same campus. However, you may find yourself looking to settle down in different places after graduation. Have a conversation with your partner about where they see themselves in the next few years. Determine if you are both looking for apartments in a city or houses in the country, along with what region of the country you want to live in. While relationships can survive distance for a period of time, the issue may come up again later if the two of you are looking to eventually move in together and can't agree on where.

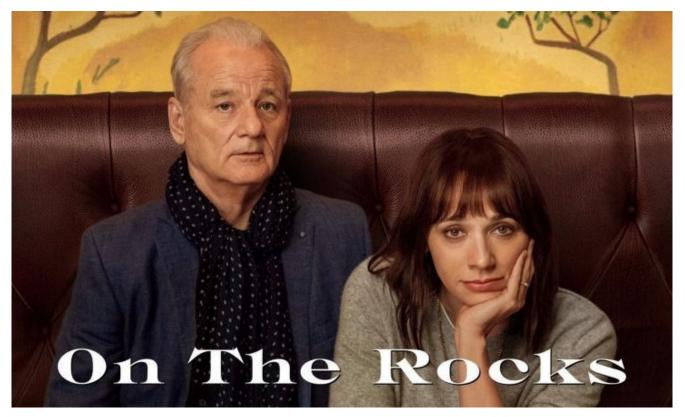
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3. Decide if you're ready to settle down: One of the most important questions that you need to ask yourself during this transition period is whether or not you are truly ready to settle down. Graduating college or simply moving someplace new comes with a variety of new opportunities, and it is important to decide if your current relationship is worth missing some of those opportunities. Have a conversation with your partner about where they see the relationship going in the future. If both of you are certain that you want to be together longterm, then get excited about taking on these new steps of life together!

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Movie Review: 2 Hearts





By Carly Silva

2 Hearts is a new romance movie that will pull on your heartstrings. The film follows the story of two romances, one of which is between Chris (Jacob Elordi) and Sam (Tierra Skovbye), who meet in a college class and begin a whirlwind love story. In an entirely different decade, Jorge (Adan Canto), falls in love with a flight attendant (Radha Mitchell). The two love stories, which occur in different places at different times, are connected when Jorge and Chris end up at the same hospital. You won't want to miss what happens with these two romances!

Check out our movie review on 2 Hearts, a romance film that will make your heart throb!

Should you see it: If you love a romance movie, and you're not afraid of a film that may make you cry, *2 Hearts* may be perfect for you!

Who to take: This romantic film makes for a perfect date night with a significant other, or even a great sappy girls night for you and your best friend!

Cupid's Advice:

2 Hearts is a purely romantic film, and it's all about meeting someone and instantly falling in love. How do you know if you're falling in love? If you're looking for ways to tell you may be falling in love, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. If they make your heart rate increase: Everyone knows that feeling of your heart skipping a beat, or butterflies rumbling in your stomach. These can be tell-tale signs of intense emotions for someone, and if they persist even after you have been dating for a long time, they can definitely be a sign of real love.

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2. You can't stop thinking about them: If you have ever stayed up all night thinking about someone, or couldn't focus on your daily routine because you couldn't get them out of your head, that may be a sign of love. Thinking about someone all of the time, and missing their presence when they're not around can mean more than just infatuation, but that you may be genuinely in love.

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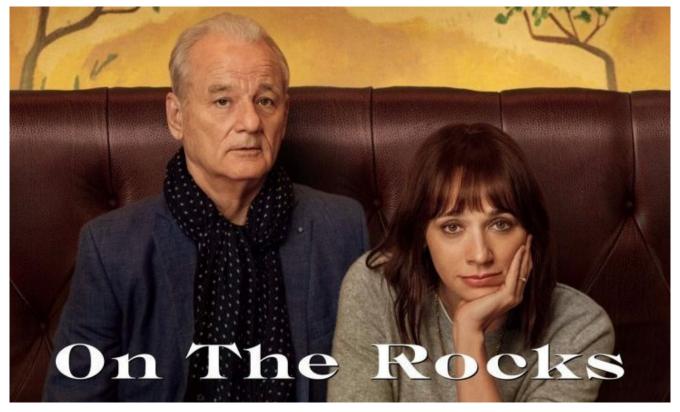
3. You enjoy the little things with them: A major sign of falling in love is having a new excitement about life that your significant other stimulates. If going grocery shopping or doing other boring tasks starts to become something exciting and fun when you're doing it with your partner, you may be falling in love. Someone that you're in love with will excite you, never bore you, and make you more enthusiastic about the little things in life!

What are some ways you can tell you're falling in love? Start a conversation in the comments down below!

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Movie Review: Seberg





By <u>Hope Ankney</u>

Seberg is a film that will have everyone sitting on the edge of their seats. Following the story of Jean Seberg (as played by <u>Kristen Stewart</u>), the <u>movie</u> takes place in the late 1960s, as the American actress grows bored of acting and takes interest in activism and politics of the era. While on a flight, Seberg locks eyes with a handsome stranger, Hakim Jamal, who turns out to be an outgoing, yet controversial, leader of The Black Panthers Movement. Wanting to "make a difference," she finds herself swept up in a romance with Jamal while she dives further and further into the movement of the Panthers. It isn't long, though, until a young FBI agent named Jack Solomon falls for Seberg, making everything a little bit more difficult.

Seberg is a political thriller that will have you feeling a mix of

emotions by the film's end! Check out our movie review.

Should you see it: If you're a fan of politics, true stories, or thrillers, this film will be perfect for you!

Who to take: Take someone who will appreciate the film's purpose as much as you do. It's better to link up with a friend who would be into Seberg's story line and understand the significance of the politics of that era for you to have a better viewing experience!

Cupid's Advice:

Even though Seberg is a political thriller, there is a subplot that revolves around lovesick FBI agent Solomon chasing after Jean even though she doesn't seem to be reciprocating the same smitten feelings. If you're falling for someone, and you don't know if they're feeling the same way, don't worry. Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> to figure out if someone is into you or not:

1. Extended eye contact: If you and your crush are consistently exchanging glances at one another, this could be a sign that they're interested in you. It's even more obvious if these glances include smiles, bashfulness, or rosy cheeks!

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2. Casual touches: innocent touching happens all the time between two people. But, it becomes a little less casual when these touches turn into gentle hands on the shoulder or brushing of hands. Chances are, if someone is going out of their way to come in contact with you, they're at least a little bit into you.

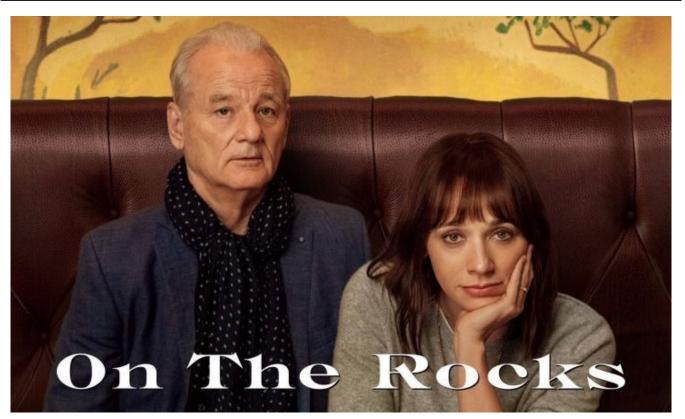
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3. Constant laughter: A sure sign that someone is flirting is when everything you say is taken like a comedy routine. People who like you are going to think you are the funniest person on the planet, and going out of their way to genuinely laugh at something you said is a way for them to show interest.

What are signs you've noticed to know when someone is into you? Let us know down below!

Movie Review: Portrait of a Lady on Fire





By <u>Hope Ankney</u>

If you've been looking for a good period piece with romance and gender representation, then look no further than Celine Sciamma's newest directorial move. Ending the year off right, *Portrait of a Lady on Fire* is the French film that burns on female desire. Following the story surrounding the 18thcentury painting, the focus of the film revolves around the woman, Héloïse, who refuses to pose for it, defiant against the arranged marriage she's being forced into. This where she meets the artist commissioned to paint the portrait, Marianne, who she ends up having a very complex and intellectual bond with. Told through Marianne's eyes, it's a film that's hopeful, heart-wrenching, and utterly poetic as a beautiful lesbian representation of love and loss.

Check out our movie review of Portrait of a Lady on Fire, a stunning romance film for date night!

Should you see it: If you love period pieces, romance stories, female-directed films, or are just tired of not seeing enough lesbian representation in the industry, you should definitely mark your calendar to see *Portrait of a Lady on Fire*. It'll be a film you won't stop talking about in the new year.

Who to take: This movie is perfect for date night or just a G.N.O with some friends who want to experience a tearful yet beautiful love story! Filled with moments of complexity and the deeper layers of how love blossoms between two people, it's great for conversations over dinner about how the story made you feel afterward.

Cupid's Advice:

Portrait of a Lady on Fire details the relationship between two women who come into one another's lives in a way they both don't expect. A forbidden love story that relies heavily on trust and vulnerability, it pulls on anyone's heartstrings who have found themselves in relationships that are new and frightening. First time experiences and allowing a stranger into your chest can be a hazardous territory. If you're inbetween a budding romance, but you're having a hard time allowing yourself to be completely vulnerable with the other, don't worry. Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> on how to knock your walls down as to let the other person in:

1. Communicate your fears: Stepping into a new relationship, usually, means that you haven't shared a lot about yourself with your partner. They don't know about your insecurities, doubts, problems, or fears. But, if you allow yourself to peel the layers back and reveal some of those issues and walls that you have built up, it'll be a relief for both you and your significant other. Besides, being vulnerable is one of the most attractive things to be in a relationship, and it will increase your intimacy and emotional connection ten-fold.

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2. Open up instead of shutting down: We've all been guilty of this. We get into an argument or something hurts our feelings, and instead of talking it through, we go completely silent and deal with it internally. In most cases, problems can be solved by choosing not to shut down but to open up. Communicating with your partner about something they did that affected you not only allows understanding of perspective, but it allows you, as a couple, to learn from the experience.

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3. Share aspirations and passions: It's a common theme in relationships that people fail to do what they love because they're afraid of what their partner will think. If you have a

goal or dream that is incredibly important to you, allow your partner to know about it! When you share something that personal with a significant other, you are letting them into your world which can make your relationship even better than it is. The more you do this, the stronger and more unique your bond will become.

What are some ways you've opened up in new relationships? Let us know down below!

Movie Review: Queen & Slim





By Ahjané Forbes

If you are looking for an action-packed romantic thriller this Thanksgiving, Lena Waithe's screenplay of *Queen & Slim* is the <u>movie</u> for you. The film starts with a casual first date in a diner that takes a drastic turn after the pair are pulled over by a police officer. Slim, played by Daniel Kaluuya, feels pressured and shoots the officer in self-defense. Queen, played by Jodie Turner-Smith, decides to flee the scene with Slim. A modern day *Bonnie and Clyde*, the couple feels as though they can escape the law. However, the video of the incident goes viral on social media. No matter what happens, Queen plans to be Slim's "ride or die" until the very end.

Check out our movie review on *Queen* & *Slim*, the perfect thriller for the Thanksgiving holiday!

Should you see it: If you are fan of action, drama, and thrillers, this is a good movie for you to see. The film shows a modern-day version of *Bonnie and Clyde* if there had been social media at that time.

Who should you take: The movie is rated R, so consider going with your friends or your partner. There will be a lot of of violence and adult behavior, so it is not appropriate for children.

Cupid's Advice:

Queen and Slim are there for each other through thick and thin. Their relationship escalated from casual to "ride or die" within 24 hours. Cupid has some advice on how to be a "ride or die" for your partner:

1. Have open conversation: A relationship has to have a solid foundation. Start with being upfront. Over time, you both will get to know each other, and it is important to be open and

honest. This will help with decision making in the future.

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2. Show that you to care: When your partner is going through a tough time, be there for them. They might not want to talk about it right away, but If you always extend offers of help, they will appreciate it. Also, try to stay away from being too judgmental. Put yourself in their shoes to see how you would feel in that situation.

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3. Be solid: If you say that you're always going to be there for them, mean it. In your relationship, both of you will be dependent on each other in certain aspects of your life. Help your lover out with the task that they're struggling with.

What are some ways that you have been there for your partner? Let us know in the comments below!

Movie Review: Last Christmas





By Ahjané Forbes

Last Christmas is a movie that sets the mood for the upcoming holiday. The film takes place in London and is directed by Paul Feig, who is known for his work on *Bridesmaids* and *Someone Great*. The female lead Kate, played by Emilia Clarke, has been having a streak of ongoing bad luck. After coming out of the hospital, she finds a job singing and working as an elf in a year-round Christmas store. When Kate meets Tom, played by Henry Golding, he impacts her life in a very special way by turning her misfortune into a positive experience. Eventually the two of them starting dating, and Tom shows Kate that even damsels in distress can find love, too.

Last Christmas is a modern-day feel-good movie that makes you feel love for the holidays! Check out

our movie review.

Should you see it: If you are a fan of a rom-com with a little sprinkle of reality then this the the movie for you!

Who to take: Take someone that you are comfortable sharing your feelings around. A few close friends or your partner would be a good date choice for this movie.

Cupid's Advice:

Last Christmas represents the heartfelt relationship between Kate and Tom and shows us that love can happen when you least expect it. Cupid has some relationship advice for those singles looking for love this holiday season:

1. Search for a person that you are attracted to: It's not all about looks! Attraction can be based on intellect and how a person makes you feel emotionally. Sometimes love comes in a way you may never anticipate.

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2. Adds value to your life: Find someone who feels good to be around and who goes the extra mile to make you feel special. A good partner will push you to be a better person and support you in both the good and bad times.

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3. Create your own ending: Not everyone's love story is the same. The way you plan to tell your story is completely up to you.

Are you going to see *Last Christmas*? Let us know in the comments below!

Movie Review: Lady and the Tramp



By <u>Hope Ankney</u>

Get ready for another animated Disney re-make! Lady and the Tramp is the next film to be offered a reboot, but unlike its predecessors, it won't be coming out in theaters. It'll be offered through Disney's newest streaming service starting on November 12th. Don't worry, though. The adored movie will still stick to its classic story-line. The journey follows a pampered Cocker Spaniel named Lady whose life is ripped away from her once her owners have a baby of their own. She goes

through certain circumstances that lead her onto the streets, where she meets the tough and brawny stray dog, Tramp, who comes around to protect her. Soon enough, a romance between the two starts to blossom, but the differences in who they are and where they come from threaten to keep them apart.

Check out our movie review for Lady and the Tramp, a perfect film for the whole family!

Should you see it: If you were already a fan of the beloved classic, love a good, family-friendly movie that caters to all ages, adore dogs, or are always up for a heart-warming experience, you should definitely consider seeing this film. And, unlike other animated remakes that Disney has done, Lady and the Tramp feature real dogs and isn't made up of mostly CGI!

Who to take: This movie is perfect for any family outing with the kids, your friends when you're wanting to experience nostalgia, or even as a light rom-com for a casual date night! The story-line is made to entertain everyone that sees the film which makes it an easy and enjoyable watch for anyone who is even slightly interested!

Cupid's Advice:

Lady and the Tramp is known for how it marries a child-like adventure story with an unforgettable romance. Always acting as a loose interpretation of Romeo & Juliet, it focuses on how differences between two people can hinder the success of a budding relationship. If you've ever found yourself in a position where you and your partner have major differences between both of you, don't automatically call it quits! Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> on how to stay together even when it seems like you're differences can tear you apart: 1. Talk about expectations/differences and negotiate: It's tough to have a conversation about expectations in a relationship. It's even harder when that conversation steers towards things that bother you about certain aspects between you and your significant other. But, having these hard discussions can help you and your partner grow stronger. Work together when it comes to making decisions and following through on expectations. It's a good start to being able to have differences and disagreements that don't, ultimately, feel like a personal attack anytime they're brought up.

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2. Let the differences be a positive thing: Depending on the circumstances, some differences can actually be good to have in a relationship. Being with someone who shares the same opinion or values about everything as you do can actually be quite boring and bland. Differences between two people give texture to the romance and can make the relationship fun and exciting. You should always be growing and changing in your relationships, so being with someone who shows you new ways to perceive life and opens you to new experiences is always something you should be looking for.

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3. Only compromise when it's worth it for both of you: There's no such thing as a relationship without compromise. But, you should never find yourself in a relationship that has you compromising more than the other person. Every couple handles differences and the compromises to those differences in unique ways. So, the key to having a healthy and successful relationship is to find ways where compromise doesn't seem like a bad thing, and it can help both of you to become happier and better people.

What are some ways you've found a way to stay in relationships despite your differences? Let us know below!

Movie Review: The Sky is Pink





By <u>Hope Ankney</u>

If you're in the mood for a love story that pulls on your heartstrings and takes you on an emotional journey, look no further than Priyanka Chopra's newest Hindi <u>movie</u>, *The Sky is Pink*. It acts as the true story of Aisha Chaudhary, a teenager who had pulmonary fibrosis whose parents dedicated their whole lives to helping her survive. Choosing not to focus on the illness aspect of the story, the film is narrated by the daughter, who instead details the incredible love story of her parents. She lets you know quite early on that she's speaking from beyond the grave, but her retelling of her parents' 25year relationship is nothing short of hilarious, heartwarming, and, at times, heart-wrenching as it touches on the beauties of life and death.

Check out our movie review of *The Sky is Pink*, a perfect rom-com for date night!

Should you see it: If you're a sucker for romantic comedies, love a good immersive, emotional experience, or gravitate towards true stories, you should definitely go give it a watch. It's a modern twist on the general love story, and if anything, it's refreshing as it is inspiring.

Who to take: This film is perfect for date night with your partner or even a girls' night with your girlfriends! Having moments of tenderness mixed with humor is the recipe for a great movie experience with others. Besides, you can wipe each other's tears, too.

Cupid's Advice:

The Sky is Pink inspires us and how we treat our relationships. To see a couple go through such trials and tribulations spanning 25 years, and yet they still choose one another at the end of the day is something that should be enacted in our own lives. Knowing that the film isn't an act of fiction but based on a true couple makes its impact even greater. Here is some of Cupid's <u>relationship advice</u> on how to have a loving and lasting marriage, yourself:

1. Learn how to handle fights: It shouldn't be shocking to anyone that relationships will have their fair share of fights, but it is in how you deal with those fights that matter. Surprisingly, some studies have shown that arguing is one of the healthiest things a couple can do. It allows both you and your partner to explain why you feel the way you do and to find a way to solve the conflict. Couples that engage with arguments and learn how to handle fights are more likely to be satisfied with their marriage than couples who choose to ignore conflict, altogether.

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2. Don't always empathize: We've all been in conversations with our significant other where one of us is having a bad day and the other simply says, "me too." Saying "me too" can actually be damaging to a relationship because it can become a barrier to real communication. Those words shut the other person's feelings down even though we think we're being empathetic. Instead, if your partner is having a rough day, choose not to empathize but to listen to what happened and offer your support. Having a commitment to listen to their problems is something that can make all the difference.

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3. Be a little old-fashioned: It's not always bad to have old-fashioned morals. When it comes to marriage, having traditional views on certain issues is actually a good thing to ensuring a long-lasting marriage. Is my partner going to be able to provide? Are they going to be a good parent? How do they get along with my friends and family? These are all questions that can determine if a marriage will be worth the long-haul. Don't get caught up in the feeling of love, because reason and logic have to be important aspects of your relationship too.

What are some ways that you've kept your marriage longlasting? Let us know in the comments!

Movie Review: The Joker





By <u>Hope Ankney</u>

If you're looking for a dark and psychologically thrilling film to jumpstart Halloween, Joaquin Phoenix's adaptation of *The Joker* is the perfect one for you. The film focuses on the origin story of the infamous DC comic villain, and his descent into chaos and madness. Arthur (The Joker's given name) has never felt like he genuinely fit into society. As a failing comedian, he tries to find purpose on the streets of Gotham City. Yet, he continuously feels the need to wear two masksone for his day-job and the other to try to fit into the framework of the world that has, overtly, rejected him. The only person who has shown Arthur any sense of empathy and kindness is his neighbor, Sophie Dumond. They form a connection as she tries to help better his circumstances and make him feel less alone. Unfortunately, this comes on the heels of his descent into the madness that ultimately transforms him into the criminal mastermind we now know him to be as The Joker.

Check out our movie review on *The Joker*, a psychologically-gripping movie for you and your friends if you're trying to jumpstart the Halloween spirit!

Should you see it: If you're a fan of DC comics, dark thrillers, themes of isolation and empathy, or you're just are looking for something creepy enough for the spooky month of October, definitely go see it. Besides, there's something oddly reassuring about the relationship forged between Arthur and Sophie, a certain kindness for those struggling that isn't reciprocated nearly enough these days.

Who to take: *The Joker* is rated R, so consider taking your friends or a date that loves dark and gritty films! Be wary of the violence, but be ready for a lot of good and tense cinema.

Cupid's Advice:

Even though the <u>movie</u> doesn't entirely focus on the connection that transpired between Arthur and Sophie, it is one that we think is an important aspect to take note of! Our main character is susceptible to falling through the cracks, yet Sophie takes it upon herself to reach out her empathy and understanding of his isolation to try and help him in any way she can. This can also be said for any relationship where one of you is struggling more than the other. Being in a partnership comes with its ups and its downs, and sometimes we need our significant other to be that Sophie Dumond for us when we're feeling down. Here's Cupid's <u>love advice</u> on how to be there for your partner when they're going through a tough time:

1. Be fully present when they want to talk to you: Not everyone wants to talk about their situation when they're struggling, but if your partner does come to you at some point to discuss their hardships, make sure you're there for them. Giving your significant other the undivided attention they deserve when they're speaking out about their circumstances is incredibly important for them to feel supported by you.

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2. Empower them, even if it's in small ways: Sometimes, a partner can be less than motivated to do even the smallest of tasks when they're down. But, if you keep encouraging them to complete something and make them feel worthy when they do, this can go a long way for helping them realize their worth and purpose. This can be as mundane as answering emails, cooking a meal, or even running some errands. Productivity can make a huge difference when someone is having a tough time.

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3. Let them know they're not alone: Adversity can cause people to have a negative view of themselves and their lives. As a partner, you must be able to validate their feelings while also letting them know they aren't going through this alone. Relationships are built on the foundation of being a team. Whatever happens to one affects the other. Help them not to lose sight of that.

How have you supported your partner when they've been going through a hard time? Tell us down below!

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Movie Review: Judy





By Mara Miller

If you've seen Wizard of Oz, you know the song Over the Rainbow. Judy Garland not only took over the role as Dorothy Gale in the original Oz but had a successful movie career until MGM released her in 1950. Judy follows Judy Garland's trip to England in the winter of 1968 to perform in a series of sold-out concerts. She faces not only leaving behind her children in America, but also finds love as she struggles

during her time spent in London.

In *Judy*, Garland's struggles between her music career and her family are a struggle and center point for this <u>movie review</u>.

Should you see it: Yes! Renee Zellweger is an amazing actress, and from what little we've heard of her cover of *Over the Rainbow*, she brought Judy Garland back to life beautifully.

Who to see it with: Grab your partner for a date night to see this movie!

Cupid's Advice:

Garland had trouble balancing her career and family, and you might be, too, but don't beat yourself up over it. It can be a delicate scale when it comes to figuring out how to juggle work, kids, and a partner, especially when the work you do is demanding. Here's Cupid's Advice on how to stay organized so you can balance your work and personal life:

1. Self-care: Self-care is an important part of balancing your work and personal life. If you aren't taking care of yourself, your family and work performance will suffer. Take the time you need to sleep in for 15 more minutes, go on a date, or take your kids to a playground and put the technology down for a while.

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2. Let go of the guilt: It's easy to feel incredibly guilty when we can't be there for our families as working women. Maybe you work more hours than your partner who has a physically taxing job, so the dishes and the rest of the house have started to fall apart. Don't beat yourself up feeling horrible when a plate doesn't get washed or your new puppy tears up a DVD case. This will be good for you mentally and emotionally in the long run.

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3. Find a new appreciation for date night: Pick one night a week that you and your partner can get away from the kids with a baby sitter. Forget about work for a while and just enjoy being with them for a while. Couples who continue to date even after they get married have more of a chance of making things work than those who don't.

Do you have any other ways to keep your work and personal life balanced? Let us know in the comments below!

Movie Review: 21 Bridges





By Katie Sotack

Chadwick Boseman and J.K. Simmons star in a new action thriller that'll have you perched straight in your seat. Boseman plays an NYPD cop who uncovers a conspiracy surrounding two cop killers. The <u>movie</u> takes place in the course of one night where Boseman's character becomes increasingly unsure of who to trust. As tensions rise and the chase goes on, the city closes down all 21 routes of escape from Manhattan to prevent the killers from fleeing.

21 Bridges is a star soaked, action-packed thriller that'll leave you questioning who to trust and where to turn.

Should you see it: Avengers: Endgame directors had a hand in making this film and Chadwick Boseman stars. If you're a fan of the Marvel Cinematic Universe for its action scenes rather

than it's one-liner comedy and enjoy the shaky anticipation a good chase, check out this movie.

Who to take: This is a movie for the in-depth friend who can talk about anything and everything afterward at dinner.

Cupid's Advice:

Knowing who to trust is not a science, but an art. Try as psychologists might, we can't all be trained in the microtwitches of a liar's facial movements. Instead, think of trust as a building exercise. Here are <u>relationship tips</u> on establishing and maintaining trust.

1. Intuition: Security to the stars and traumatized victims, Gavin de Becker famously exclaimed to the world "Trust your intuition!" in his self-help book *The Gift of Fear*. Often read in self-defense classes and by women seeking ways to minimize attacks, the book is ultimately about relationships (both long term and immediate). The most essential advice from every chapter is, "trust yourself first and foremost." Social niceties teach us to suppress our illogical worries, but your body and mind have intuitive reasons for that gut feeling. Next time you feel something 'off' in your relationship, speak up.

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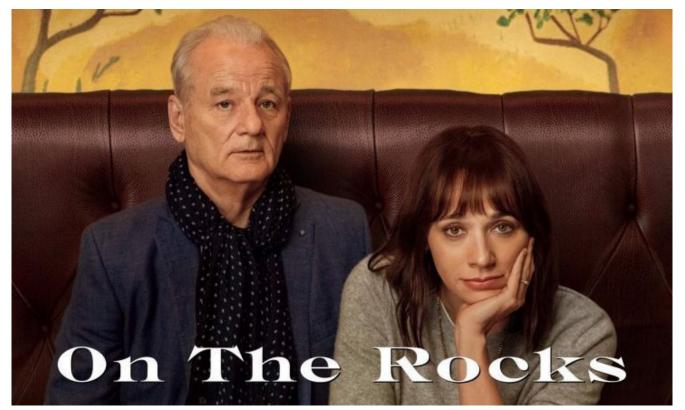
2. Honesty: The number one way to establish trust is honest and open communication. This means intimacy and it can sound scary. Take the process one step at a time. The first few dates are not the time to confess that embarrassing time when you walked into a wall because you were nose-deep in your cell phone. Talk about your hopes and dreams to build gradual intimacy and add in the embarrassing or deeper feelings once trust has been established.

Related Link: <u>Celebrity Vacation: Jason Momoa & Lisa Bonet</u> <u>Explore Italy After Zoe Kravitz Wedding</u> 3. Keep True: A far more practical take on the establishment of trust is by staying true to your word. If you promise to do something, make sure you stick to it. Think of it from your partner or friend's perspective. Had they promised to pick you up at the airport but instead left you searching to find a cab, you'd feel cheated. Instances like this make a person seem unreliable and would encourage the receiving person not to trust the, with another task.

How do you experience trust in your relationships? Share in the comments below!

Movie Review: Hustlers





By Emily Green

If you're looking for a fun, action-packed girl power movie, look no further! *Hustlers* is a movie focusing on the revenge strip club employees take on their clients who are employees on Wall Street. This movie is based on a 2015 article for *The Cut*, that follows the story of two girls who worked as strippers, and as an attempt to get more money, they lured their clients to the club and spiked their drinks to cloud their memories. This movie has many notable stars, including <u>Jennifer Lopez</u>, Constance Wu, Lili Reinhart, KeKe Palmer, Cardi B, Lizzo, and many more.

Check out our movie review on Hustlers, an action-packed film for you and your girlfriends!

Should you see it: If you believe that women are treated unfairly and not paid as much as men, definitely go see it. Women deserve to be paid equally to men, and this movie is a great movie to remind you that you are worthy, and you are a BOSS.

Who to take: If you are looking for a female empowered film, grab your best girlfriends and head to the theater! It's the perfect movie for a girl's night out.

Cupid's Advice:

We're inspired by the drive these girls have, and the willingness to do anything for their family, no matter what. These girls know that even though they are being treated unfairly, they are true girl bosses and will do whatever it takes to fix that because they know what they deserve. Here is some of Cupid's advice on how to stand up for yourself in the face of adversity:

1. Practice being transparent and authentic: This can definitely be hard at first, but the more you practice being open and honest with people in your life, the more you won't have to deal with carrying a constant weight on your shoulders. Tell these people how you feel, and no one will be able to tell you otherwise!

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2. Clarify first, without attacking: Figure out what the root of the problem is. You are aware of your viewpoint, but take a moment to listen to the other side. Are you truly in the right or wrong? By clarifying what you mean and listening to the opposing side, you can start a real discussion and get to the solution quicker.

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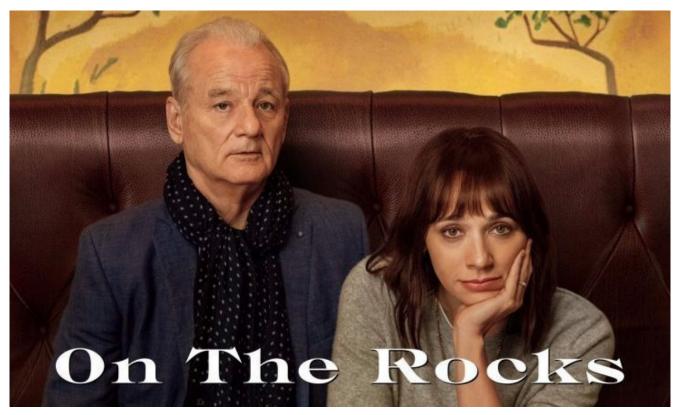
3. Recognize that no one can invalidate you: You are the sole owner of your feelings and emotions. No one can tell you how to feel, what to feel, or invalidate your opinions. Have an open discussion with your peers, so they know their opinions are valid, and vice versa.

What are some ways you stand up for yourself in the face of adversity? Let us know in the comments below!

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Movie Review: Ready or Not





By Bonnie Griffin

In *Ready or Not*, a bride's wedding night takes an unexpected turn when her new in-laws convince her to play a sinister game. *Ready or Not*, starring Samara Weaving as Grace and Andie MacDowell as Becky Le Domas, is about a new bride who finds out that her new family has a terrifying way of accepting new people into their family. If she's not careful, what she thought was a simple game of hide-and-seek could be her first and last night as a new member of the Le Domas family. This movie shows you don't really know people until you make them family. Check out our <u>movie review</u>.

Check out our movie review on Ready

or Not, a thriller that gives a new meaning to wedding night fun!

Should you see it: If you are a fan of thrillers, then *Ready* or Not will be right up your alley. This movie will keep you on the edge of your seat as Grace fights to stay alive on her wedding night where she learns that her in-laws have sinister secrets. Grab the popcorn and a friend to hold onto tight, this one is going to be a thrilling ride.

Who to take: Ready or Not is rated R and will make a great movie for date night so you can hold your partner tight in your arms. It's also great for a friends night out for you and your thrill-seeking friends.

Cupid's Advice:

In *Read or Not*, Grace is excited to get to know her new inlaws on her wedding night. Little did she know the terrifying door she was walking through when they tell her they are having game-night and she draws the hide-and-seek card. It can be hard to really know people and what they are capable of, and that can be a scary thought especially when those people are going to become your family. Cupid has some advice on getting to know your in-laws before the wedding night:

1. Invite them to dinner: You're gaining a new extended family after you marry your partner. If you live near your future inlaws it would be good to meet and get to know them before your big day. Invite them to dinner on occasion so you can learn about them and they can learn about you. You want to build your relationship with them because you'll be family forever once you say, "I do".

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2. Spend time with them without your partner: In some cases,

your partner's family might act on their best behavior when your partner is around making it hard to really get to know them. Spend some time with them on your own to get to know who they are when your partner isn't around. Invite them out for lunch or on a shopping trip.

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3. Understand that you may not get along: In an ideal world everyone would love their in-laws and get along with them, but that isn't always the case. If you don't get along with your future in-laws make peace and try not to take it out on your partner. If you don't get along, be respectful and courteous when you have to attend family functions. There is no rule that says you have to love every new person you meet, and this includes extended family and in-laws.

What are some ways you spend time with your in-laws to build your relationship? Share your thoughts below!

Movie Review: The Informer





By Katie Sotack

Altered Carbon's star Joel Kinnaman is set to debut as the star of the summer thriller, *The Informer*. The <u>movie</u> is centered around a past felon who, as a current FBI informant, must return to prison in order to infiltrate the mob. Only matters become more complicated with the informant's family to consider and the local police department breathing down the FBI's back. A story of power, corruption, and vengance, *The Informer* will keep you on the edge of your sit, praying that our hero makes it through.

Check out The Informer for a date night thriller that'll keep you on your toes!

Should you see it: If you're looking for a suspenseful crime drama that'll spike your adrenaline and have you rooting for the underdog, this film is right for you.

Who to take: The Informer may be deal with darker themes, but it's centered around family being everything. The movie is too mature to bring the kids, but it's perfect for date night. Grab your partner for a reminder that no matter what stands in your path, you can fight your way back to family.

Cupid's Advice:

The protagonist's drive to live free with his family is inspiring. His risk taking and perseverance show a man dedicated to his wife and little girl. With that in mind, here are ways to prioritize your family:

1. Have a set work schedule: It's difficult to prioritize your family when you never see them. By having a set work schedule your family will know that you will reliably be present at certain times of the day. This isn't possible for everyone, but if you can, obtain a consistent schedule with hours aligned with your family's time table.

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2. Quality time: Along with a consistent schedule, it might be tempting to poop out at the end of the day. If the couch is calling your name it's still important to make an effort. By all means, lay down and take a nap. But cut the time in half and make room for your loved ones in your day.

3. Be their safety net: While Kinnaman's character's adrenaline junkie risk taking might be sexy on screen it has many negatives in real life. When it comes to adventures it's better to check in with your significant other on their opinion and it's effect on the family. As the patriarch or matriarch of the family you should provide a sense of security.

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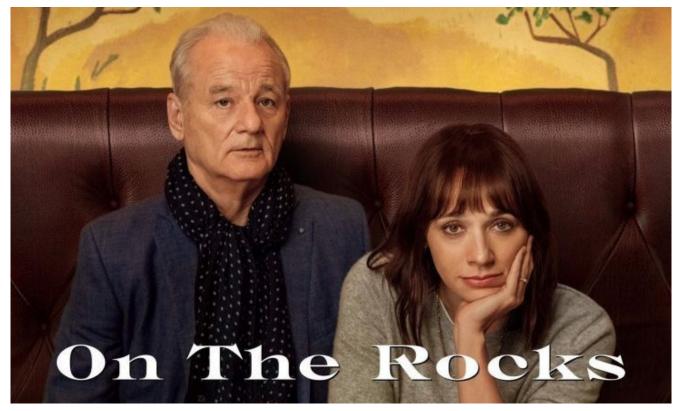
4. Avoid arguing: Perhaps the hardest advice of all for some.

It is perfectly fine to have a disagreement, but don't let that turn into an all out war. When dealing with conflict, treat the members of your family with respect and patience. Eventually things will settle down and compromise will occur.

How do you maintain your family relationships? Share in the comments below!

Movie Review: The Lion King





By <u>Mara Miller</u>

Disney is on a roll with the live-action remakes of our favorite classics, aren't they? *The Lion King* is the story set

in the Savannah where a young lion prince is born. Not everyone is willing to celebrate the new prince's arrival. Scar, the current King's brother —and former heir to the throne—is not happy about the new cub's arrival. Scar banishes Simba from the kingdom after tragedy strikes. This is a story about a prince taking what is rightfully his with his friends' help. And, we can't forget that there's a little romance with Nala! The movie features Donald Glover as Simba, <u>Beyoncé</u> as Nala, James Earl Jones (reprising his role) as Mufasa, Chiwetel Ejiofor as Scar, Seth Rogen as Pumbaa and Billy Eichner as Timon.

Check out our movie review for this live-action re-make! It's great fun for the entire family.

Should you see it: If watching Timone and Pumba again isn't convincing enough, then yes. Go see this movie. Even if you've never seen the original film, it's worth it.

Who to take: While this is a great date night movie, you can also think about taking the whole family!

Cupid's Advice:

Simba faces a lot of challenges. He has to take over his entire kingdom back and has very little support in doing so, but his biggest supporter is Nala, his childhood friend/love. What are some ways to be supportive of your new partner when they face a stressful situation?

1. Listen to them: Let them vent. Venting can be therapeutic. Try not to interrupt. Listening will show them you are supportive of whatever decision it is they need to make.

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2. Don't judge: Judging can make the situation worse. Try to keep your opinions to yourself unless they ask you what you think.

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3. Encourage them: If your partner seems dead-set on their decision, the best thing you can do is to encourage them to do what they feel is right, no matter what the situation may be.

What are some other ways to be supportive of your partner?

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Movie Review: Spider-Man: Far From Home





By Bonnie Griffin

In the next Marvel installment, *Spider-Man: Far From Home*, Peter Parker, played by Tom Holland, is trying to get away and spend some quality time with his crush, M.J., but evil has a different idea. He must face a new evil intent on ending the world without the help of the Avengers. Parker is forced to step up and believe in himself. He needs to find his own strength, and face his fears on his own in order to defeat the newest threat to the world's survival. Check out our <u>movie</u> <u>review</u>.

Check out our movie review on Spider-Man: Far From Home, an action-packed film for the whole family!

Should you see it: If you are a fan of the Marvel universe, and you have seen Avengers: Endgame, then you will not want to

miss what comes next in *Spider-Man: Far From Home.* As the next installment following in the Marvel franchise, this movie will help us Marvel fans see beyond the world *Endgame* left for our neighborhood friendly *Spider-Man*. It is a movie of perseverance and teaches us that we can all conquer evil if we just believe in ourselves.

Who to take: Spider-Man: Far From Home is rated PG-13 and is a great action packed movie you can watch with your family, with just enough romance for <u>date night</u>.

Cupid's Advice:

We're inspired by the strength that Spider-Man shows in this movie. He has to learn to believe in himself and understand that he is good enough to defeat evil even when he doesn't have the backup of the Avengers at his side. We have some advice about believing in yourself to overcome any negative obstacle that stands between you and success:

1. Believe it is possible: You set the tone for your own life and legacy. If you want to overcome anything that tries to stand in your way, then it is important that you believe in yourself. If you tell yourself you can achieve your dreams and be successful, and take action, then you will find yourself turning your dreams into realities in your future.

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2. Visualize the win: If you have a goal in mind you want to achieve, practice visualizing yourself in that role every day, and follow through with tasks that can help you obtain what you want. Want a promotion at work? Begin volunteering to help with events and new initiatives. Visualize your self in the new role you desire, then put yourself out there to make steps towards your dream becoming your reality.

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3. Understand that failure is okay: If we are being honest, then we have to understand that the path to achieving our dreams will not be lined with just successes. No, there will be times when you try something to achieve your goals and it will fail. That is okay, and it will offer a great learning experience for you. Don't take failure to heart. Examine what went wrong and learn from the mistakes so you can succeed at your next attempt.

What are some things you've done to learn to believe in yourself and achieve your goals? Share your thoughts below:

Movie Review: Ophelia





By Bonnie Griffin

Coming to theaters June 28th, IFC's movie Ophelia brings us the story of Hamlet with more action and steamy romance than we've seen before, starring Daisy Ridley and George MacKay. Set in medieval-era Denmark, Ophelia falls for Hamlet, but their union is threatened when treachery strikes the royal court, derailing Hamlet's claim to the throne. Ophelia is caught in the middle, torn between choosing love or loyalty. Check out Cupid's movie review below!

Check out our movie review on Ophelia, a romance and drama-filled film that's great for date night!

Should you see it: If you're looking for a movie that combines romance, drama, and action, then *Ophelia* is the movie for you.

Who to take: Ophelia is a great emotional story of love versus loyalty that would make a great movie for <u>date night</u>.

Cupid's Advice:

We're intrigued by the multiple dynamics in IFC's Ophelia. The blooming romance between Ophelia and Hamlet, the betrayal in the court by Hamlet's own family, and the battle Ophelia faces to choose between her love for Hamlet and her loyalty to the throne. This is bound to be one super-charged romance that you don't want to miss. Cupid's has some advice on when you should decide between love and loyalty:

1. When the one you love is making a negative decision: We've all been in love with someone who occasionally makes a poor decision. We are all human and mistakes are inevitable. Sometimes, the person you love might make a poor choice that forces you to choose sides, such as choosing their side over your loyalty to your family. Just because you love someone does not mean you always have to agree with them, especially if they are asking something of you that is not in anyone's best interest.

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2. When loyalty means ditching someone you love: Sometimes the people or organizations we are loyal to try to make us abandon those we love. Have you ever had a job you were loyal to tell you that you cannot call out to take care of your sick child? They want you to put your loyalty above the health of your sick kid and that is a time you might want to fight the battle and choose love over loyalty; after all, if they ask you to leave behind your sick child, it sounds like that loyalty only runs one way.

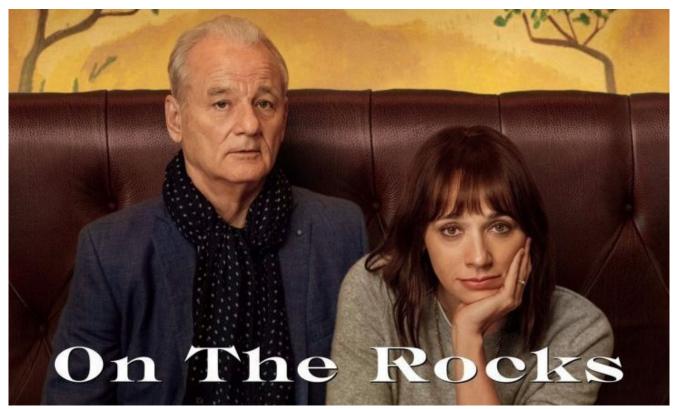
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3. Choosing your life partner: It is never a happy thing to think that members of your family might reject the person you love, the person you want to spend your life with and marry, but it happens. If your family tries to force you to choose your loyalty to them over your own happiness and the person you're in love with, it can be hard to choose a side because it's a tough situation. Ultimately, you need to decide what you need to be happy, and if that is the person you fell in love with, choose them because your happiness is just as important as your family's. In the end, they may accept your partner over time.

Have you ever been faced with having to choose between loyalty or following your heart with the person you love? Share your advice for maintaining those relationships when faced with this kind of dilemma below.

Movie Review: Hampstead





By <u>Mara Miller</u>

If you're craving a good romance starring Diane Keaton, this romance about an American widow in Hampstead falling for a grumpy Irish loner may be for you! Inspired by a true story, Emily gets more than she bargained for when she takes up a cause after Donald's home is threatened by real estate developers. They fall in love while she tries to convince him to fight against those threatening his home. Check out our movie review.

In this movie review, *Hampstead* is a great date night movie!

Should you see it: Yes! This is a feel-good romance about fighting for what you believe and supporting your partner.

Who to take: Take your partner for a date night! Snuggle up with some nacho cheese and pretzels and enjoy.

Cupid's Advice:

Seeing Emily support Donald through his tough times while they fall in love is inspiring. Cupid has some ideas on how you can be supportive of your partner through difficult times in a new relationship:

1. Be strong: Showing your partner that you can be strong for them when they need you will give them strength. It will show them that you have their back when no one else does.

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2. Try not to make it about you: No matter what it is that is making your partner face difficult times, try not to focus on your needs or wants. Doing so can make your partner feel unimportant and unloved.

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3. Encourage them: Encouraging your partner and trying to help them to face their issues will reinforce the fact that you are supportive and care about what they are going through. This is true no matter if it's a new relationship or one that has lasted over ten years.

What are some other ways you can support your partner through difficult times? Cupid wants to know!

Movie Review: Aladdin





By Bonnie Griffin

Disney's live-action movie *Aladdin* is a vibrant take on a classic animated movie starring Will Smith as the Genie and Mena Massoud as Aladdin himself. *Aladdin* is about a kindhearted street urchin desperate to impress a girl who happens to be a princess. In his attempt to impress Princess Jasmine, Aladdin falls prey to the power-hungry Grand Vizier who convinces him to go after the genie's lamp, but Aladdin decides to keep the genie to himself and he is faced with some hard decisions when the power of the genie nearly steers him down the wrong path and almost costs him the girl.

Check out our movie review on *Aladdin*, a fun-filled film for the whole family!

Should you see it: If you're looking for a fun film that teaches the value of friendship and honesty while making you laugh, and that not all girls care about fame and fortune, then *Aladdin* is a great film for your whole family.

Who to take: Aladdin is great for the whole family, so bring your kids along for this fun family-friendly movie.

Cupid's Advice:

We're inspired by the strong friendship that grows between the Genie and Aladdin, and the unconditional love Jasmine has for Aladdin without him being a prince. It can be hard to do what is right when fame and riches are dangled in front of you, and good friends and people who love you can help you when you're struggling with deciding between doing what's right and what's easy. Cupid has some advice on maintaining a strong friendship or relationship when you are tempted by monetary rewards and fame:

1. Money and fame are fleeting: Money and fame may come and go. The people who care about you and have stood by you throughout life's obstacles are more important than something that can be so easily lost. Remember to choose the people who love you before you choose something that could cost you that important relationship, even if it means money and fame. They've earned your support just as they've supported you.

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2. Make time for each other: Life can be crazy, and if you add in things like money and fame it can become more hectic than you'd ever imagined. It can be easy to leave your partner or friends behind if you come into fame and money without realizing you're doing it. Avoid making your friends and partner feel forgotten by making time to spend together, even if it means carving out time in your calendar that no meetings or work can ever be scheduled to ensure you make time for your loved ones, do it because that quality time is important.

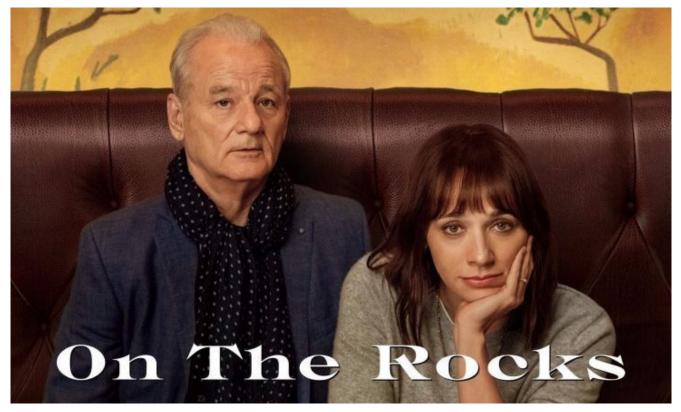
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3. Thank them for their support: They were there before you made it big, and they loved you before you had fame or money. They supported you so make sure they know you appreciated them being there by saying thank you and by being there for them when they need someone in their corner.

Have you ever been faced with having to choose between fame or money and doing what is right for your friends or your partner? Share your advice for maintaining those relationships when faced with this kind of dilemma below:

Movie Review: After





By Courtney Shapiro

If you're looking for a movie full of love, romance, and a mysterious love interest, then *After* should be on your list. Based on the best selling Wattpad novel, the film follows Tessa in her first semester of college. As a hard worker, and loyal girlfriend to her high school sweetheart, Tessa has large plans for her future. However, her small world is about to open up when she meets Hardin Scott, the dark rebel who will make her question herself and what she wants out of life. Check out our movie review on why you should see *After*.

In this movie review, *After* is the perfect combination of drama and romance for your next date night or girls night out.

Should you see it: If you have read the book, or are a fan of romantic movies, then you should plan a movie night!

Who to take: This film is a great idea for date night. Grab your significant other and fall in love with the on screen romance.

Cupid's Advice:

Tessa has to decide whether to stay in the path she knows or veer off and open herself up to new experiences. We have some advice on what you should do when you're faced with two different life decisions:

1. Take time to think: Don't rush into any choices. Weigh out the options of each decision and go through why making that decision could either help or hurt you in the end.

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2. Talk to people: It is hard to make a choice all by yourself. While the end result is only affecting you, it can be beneficial to get an outside opinion on what you're thinking.

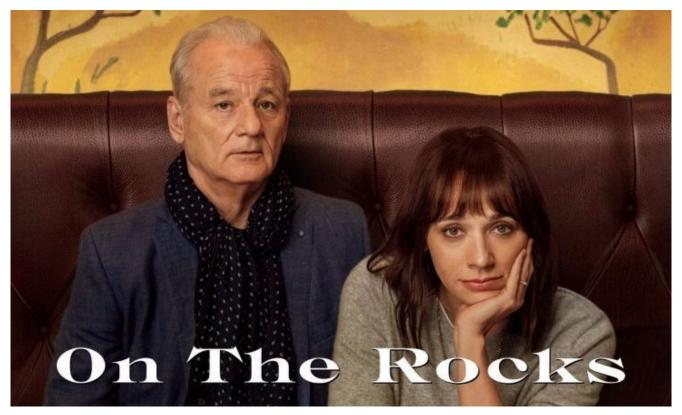
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3. Stay calm: Don't get in stuck in your own head. Everything is supposed to happen for a reason, and the outcome of your decision will reflect that. Do whatever feels best at the time and let the rest play itself out.

Have you had to pick between two life decisions? Share your advice below.

Movie Review: Captain Marvel





By Courtney Shapiro

If you're looking for a movie full of action, a strong female lead, and another cinematic trip into the famed Marvel Universe, then *Captain Marvel* is perfect for you. With a journey into a previously unseen part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe, this movie starring Brie Larson as Carol Danvers will be great for date night! Carol Danvers becomes one of the world's most powerful heroes when Earth becomes wedged in the middle of a war between two alien races. The movie also features other Marvel celebrities, including Samuel L. Jackson and Jude Law. Check out our <u>movie review</u> on why you should see *Captain Marvel*.

Captain Marvel is a great action film for your next date night or time to spend with family!

Should you see it: If you're already a Marvel fan and love action movies, then this a no-brainer.

Who to take: This movie can be good for a date, but since it's full of action, and sci-fi elements, it can also be great to see as a family.

Cupid's Advice:

Captain Danvers seems to constantly have to prove her worth which is sometimes difficult. We have some advice on why you should believe in yourself and keep moving forward:

1. Know your worth: You have talent and value. If you chose a certain job or have a passion or hobby, keep pursuing it. You don't have to prove yourself to anyone if you are doing something you love. Take a couple steps back from the negativity and just live your life.

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2. Use your actions: If you're tired of people questioning you, prove them wrong through what you accomplish. It's a waste of energy to use words and go on an on about how well you can do something. If people don't see it, they may not fully believe in you.

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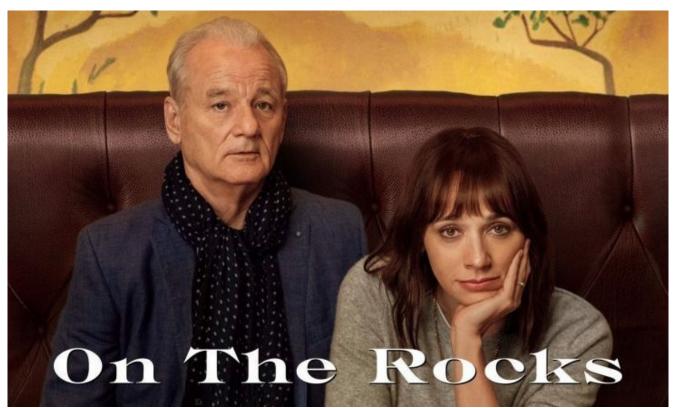
3. Write yourself positive feedback: If no one else seems to be giving you positive feedback, it is totally okay to give it to yourself. Boost your own confidence, and be your number one

supporter.

Have you had to prove yourself over and over again? Share your advice below.

Movie Review: Isn't It Romantic





By Lauren Burczyk

Looking for the perfect rom com to attend with your love? You won't have to look any further than this review! We have the perfect romantic comedy, where a woman's life actually turns into one. After hitting her head on a pole in the subway trying to save her purse from a thief, Natalie, a love cynic, played by the delightfully hilarious Rebel Wilson, wakes up to find herself in a world much different from her own. In theaters February 13th, this lighthearted comedy will be the perfect start to your Valentine's holiday.

Isn't It Romantic is a romantic comedy about a woman that doesn't believe in love who suffers an injury and wakes up to find herself in a world revolving around love and romance. Something that initially feels like her worst nightmare, turns into being everything she always needed. Read on for our movie review and ways to stop being so cynical about love.

Should you see it: If you're looking for a great romantic comedy to get you in the Valentine's Day holiday spirit, then this one's for you!

Who to take: This movie is perfect for a <u>date night</u>. Take your partner or someone you recently started dating to kick off Valentine's Day.

Cupid's Advice:

Cynicism is often times a defense mechanism. If you've been jaded by love in the past, then it's common to become cynical

about love. Here are some ways to stop being such a love cynic and find your perfect match:

1. Recognize that you've become cynical about love: Just like anything else, it's important to identify your problem, so that you can overcome it. Take a look at how you view other couples and how you feel about your past relationships, if your thoughts are mostly negative, then this may determine just how cynical about romance you've become.

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2. Challenge your inner love cynic: To change how you feel about love, you must challenge your current thoughts on being in a relationship. For instance, if you think that relationships are a waste of time, try seeing it another way. Look at a relationship as an experience to learn and grow from another individual, no matter the outcome of how it turns out.

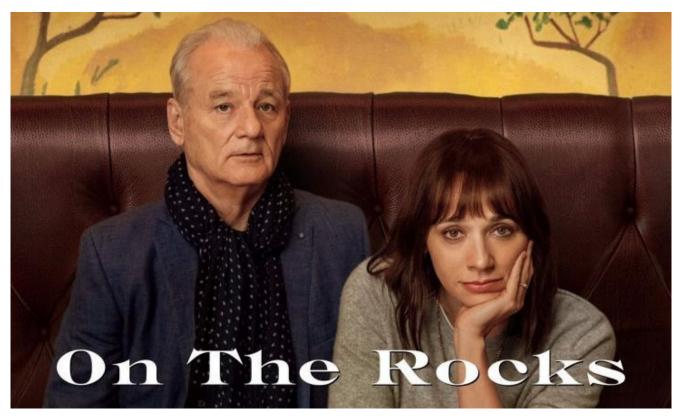
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3. Examine your social media posts: A great way to change your thoughts on love and become more open to the idea of a relationship, is to examine your posts on social media. If many of your shared posts are negative toward love and relationships, try unfollowing the original page that posted the content, so that you are not subject to that type of thought any longer.

Can you think of any other ways to stop being such a love cynic? Comment below.

Movie Review: Night School





By Lauren Burczyk

If you're looking for a fresh, witty comedy, then you're in luck! *Night School* is the perfect movie to watch when you're looking for a "pick me up." This fun, original flick stars Kevin Hart and Tiffany Haddish. Teddy, played by Hart, is a high school dropout desperate for a good job so that he can continue to impress his fiancée, an architect, who is unaware of his actual situation. His good friend promises him a position as a financial analyst if he goes back to school and completes his GED. The fun starts when Teddy meets his night school teacher, Carrie, played by Haddish, who's determined to get Teddy to pass his exam. Teddy finds out that keeping night school a secret from his fiancée is much harder than he could have imagined. Read Cupid's <u>movie review</u> to find out just how funny this film is!

Night School is the perfect comedy that shows what not to do in a relationship.

Should you see it:

If you're in the mood for a good comedy, there are just enough laughs to make this movie well worth it!

Who to take:

This would be a great movie to see with your partner, best friend, or family member. This comedy has a softer rating so you can bring your teenager along with you!

Cupid's Advice:

Do you agree with Teddy that a secret is unavoidable in certain circumstances during a relationship? Cupid has some reasons to avoid keeping secrets from your partner and why secrets, even if they're harmless, can ruin your relationship.

1. Keeping a secret from your partner proves you're being dishonest: In a relationship, honesty is always the best policy. Keeping a secret from your significant other is very similar to lying and can break the trust in a relationship.

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2. You can end up becoming deceitful: The more time that passes, the harder it will become to reveal your secret to your partner. It's important to tell the truth right from the start so that you avoid turning your secret into a real problem.

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3. Deceit quickly multiplies into mistrust: Once you've let your secret lead to deceit, the more it will affect your relationship. Deceit can often lead to breaking the trust in your relationship.

4. Keeping secrets is a breeding ground for betrayal: Avoiding to mention important facts to your partner can lead to further deception or betrayal. Being open and honest with your partner will encourage trust and open communication.

5. Relationships are often ruined by lies: Secrets and lies cause couples to grow apart. It's difficult to forgive your partner once you've found out that they've lied to you and kept a secret from you.

Can you think of any other reasons why keeping secrets from your partner could ultimately ruin your relationship? Comment below.