

THE HOLD

*A 7-Day Private Guide For The Woman
Who Has A Good Man Right Now*

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A Companion To The Safety Trap

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

This Is For Right Now

He is there. He is consistent, kind, and serious about you. And something in you is already looking for the exit.

The Safety Trap gave you the understanding and the method. The Hold gives you what to do in the next seven days while he is still present. This is not a guide to read once and set aside. It is a guide to use daily.

Day 1 begins tonight. Each day has three elements: a task, instructions for when the pull fires, and a reflection. Do not skip the reflection. That is where the work gets honest.

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PART ONE

The 7-Day Hold Plan

Each day has a task, an instruction for the moment the pull fires, and an evening reflection. The pull will fire at some point during these seven days. That is expected. That is what this plan is designed for.

The task builds the pattern of choosing differently. The pull instruction gives you something specific to do in the moment. The reflection shows you what is actually shifting. All three matter equally.

Day 01

TASK (Tonight): Name the pull out loud. Not to him. To yourself alone. Say the words: I can feel the pattern starting. I know what this is. I am choosing to stay. Say it even if you do not fully believe it yet. Saying it out loud is the first act of choosing differently.

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: Stop. Do not reach for your phone. Say those words out loud. Then do one of the Presence Practices from Part Three before you do anything else.

REFLECTION: What was the first moment today when you felt the pull arrive? What were you doing and what was happening with him when it came? How strong was it on a scale of one to ten?

Day 02

TASK (Morning): Write three specific things he has done in the last two weeks that a man running a game or keeping his options open would not have done. Be specific. Do not write general things. Write the actual moments.

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: Read what you wrote this morning. The pull will tell you those things are not enough or that there must be something hidden behind them. Read the list again. The list is the truth. The pull is the pattern.

REFLECTION: What story did the pull tell you about him today? Was there any specific evidence for that story or did it arrive without one?

Day 03

TASK (Morning): Send him one message today that requires nothing from him in return. Not a question. Not a test of whether he will respond quickly. A true thing you want him to know. Something real.

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: If the pull fires before or after you send the message, use the Communication Script from Part Two. Choose the framework that fits where you actually are with him right now.

REFLECTION: What did it feel like to send a message that required nothing back? What did you expect him to do with it and what did he actually do?

Day 04

TASK (Morning): Write about the last time you pushed a good man away. Describe the first sign you were doing it. The first thing you said or did not say. The first distance you created. What would you do differently today with what you know now?

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: When the pull fires today, notice exactly where you feel it in your body. Place your hand there. Breathe slowly. This is the pattern activating. It is not the truth about him.

REFLECTION: What specific thing did the pull tell you today that had no evidence behind it? Write the thought exactly as it arrived.

Day 05

TASK (Morning): Tell him one true thing about yourself today that you would normally wait weeks or months to share. Not a trauma. Not a confession designed to test him. A present-tense true thing about who you actually are.

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: If the pull fires, ask yourself: has he actually done something specific today? If you cannot name one specific thing, what you are feeling is the pattern, not information about him.

REFLECTION: What felt vulnerable about today? What did choosing to be a little more open give you that pulling back would not have?

Day 06

TASK (Morning): Write what staying in something good requires of you on an ordinary day. Not the dramatic version of staying. The daily, quiet version. What does it actually look like in the small moments?

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: Do not send a cold message. Do not go quiet without a reason. If the pull fires, do one Presence Practice from Part Three and then decide what, if anything, you actually need to say.

REFLECTION: Name one thing he did or said today that you almost dismissed or almost did not let reach you. What would have been different if you had let it land?

Day 07

TASK (Today): Listen to all seven of your Voice Note Journal recordings from Part Four before you do anything else today. Then write Victoria a message or voice note. One paragraph. Describe how this week went. Victoria's WhatsApp: [YOUR VICTORIA WHATSAPP NUMBER]

WHEN THE PULL FIRES: You have made it seven days. You know what the pull is now. You have named it more than once this week. When it fires today, name it again and stay.

REFLECTION: What is genuinely different about how you see yourself in this relationship today compared to how you saw yourself on day one?

PART TWO

The Communication Script

These are not scripts to memorise and deliver word for word. They are frameworks. The words inside the brackets and the guidance notes are starting points. Fill them with what is actually true in your specific situation.

Use these frameworks when the pattern has already started running and you need to find a way back to him without making the distance bigger.

SITUATION 1

He has noticed you have gone quiet

When he notices and asks if you are okay, he is offering you an opening. He is reaching for you. This is the exact moment the pattern wants you to say nothing is wrong and close the distance between you and him further. Take the opening instead.

FRAMEWORK:

"I have been in my head a little. It is not about you and you have not done anything wrong. I am working through something and I am still getting clear on what it is. I am here though. I am still here."

You do not have to explain the pattern. You do not have to say the word avoidant. You do not have to give him a full account of your psychology. You just have to let him know you are present even if you went quiet.

WHAT NOT TO DO: Do not say: Everything is fine. Do not go quiet after he asks. Do not give him a version of the story that puts the distance on something he did.

SIGNS IT WORKED: Signs this worked: He relaxes. He stays present with you. The conversation continues rather than ending.

SITUATION 2

He asks directly if something is wrong between you

He is not accusing you of anything. He is not preparing to leave. He is trying to reach you because he can feel the gap and he cares about closing it. This is the moment the pattern wants you to say nothing is wrong and go further inside yourself. Do not do that.

FRAMEWORK:

"Something is happening inside me that I am still working through. It is not about anything you have done. If anything, the fact that you show up the way you do, specifically [name one real specific thing he has done recently], makes me want to get this right. I just need a little patience from you while I do."

The specific thing you name matters. It has to be real and it has to be about him specifically. That specificity is what tells him you are paying attention to him, not just managing him.

WHAT NOT TO DO: Do not make the thing about him or something he did. Do not tell him you need space without giving him some reassurance that the space is about you, not about him.

SIGNS IT WORKED: Signs this worked: He says he understands or he thanks you for telling him. He does not withdraw. He gives you the patience you asked for.

SITUATION 3

You need to acknowledge that something is happening without having to explain everything

There are moments when you cannot explain the full pattern because you are still in the middle of it and you do not have the words or the clarity yet. You do not have to explain everything. You just have to not disappear on him.

FRAMEWORK:

"I want you to know that I see what you are building here. I see how you show up. Something in me is finding it hard to stay open right now and I am working on it actively. I am not going anywhere. I just need you to be patient with me for a little while as I work through it."

This is honest without being a full disclosure. It holds the connection while you do the internal work. It gives him enough to understand that this is about you, not about him, and that you are choosing to stay.

WHAT NOT TO DO: Do not say this and then go cold anyway. If you use this script you have to actually do the work of staying. Otherwise it becomes a way of managing him while you prepare the exit.

SIGNS IT WORKED: Signs this worked: He says he is here and he is not going anywhere. He stops trying to diagnose what is wrong and starts simply being present with you.

PART THREE

The Presence Practice

These five practices build on each other across the seven days. Each one takes less than ten minutes. They are done in addition to the daily Hold Plan, not instead of it.

Over the seven days you will find one or two that work best for your specific body and your specific pattern. Once you find those, return to them whenever the pull fires, not just on the days they are assigned.

PRACTICE 1

The Body Scan (Days 1 and 2)

Sit quietly somewhere you will not be interrupted. Close your eyes. Starting from the top of your head, move your attention slowly downward through your body. Notice where you are holding tension. Notice where you feel nothing. When you reach an area of tension, breathe into it four times and say internally: I am here. I am safe. I am choosing to stay.

The pull often lives as a tightness in the chest or a hollow feeling in the stomach. When you find it, do not try to make it go away. Acknowledge it. Breathe into it. It is the pattern activating. It is not information about him.

How long: Five to eight minutes. Where: Anywhere quiet. Bathroom at work counts.

PRACTICE 2

The Evidence List (Days 2 and 3)

Take out a piece of paper or open a notes app. Write at the top: What he has actually done. List every specific thing he has done in the last two weeks that shows you clearly who he is. Do not write general things. Write specific moments. A specific thing he said on a specific day. A specific time he showed up.

The pull will tell you those things are not enough or that there must be something you are not seeing behind them. When the pull says that, read the list again from the beginning. The list is what actually happened. The pull is the pattern telling stories.

How long: Ten minutes to write it. Thirty seconds to read it when needed. Keep it somewhere accessible.

PRACTICE 3

The Future Letter (Days 3 and 4)

Write a letter from your future self, six months from now, to your current self. In this letter you stayed. Write what happened as a result. What is your relationship like in that letter? What does he say to you? What do you feel when you are with him? What is different about your daily life?

Write the letter in real detail. The more specific the better. What do you eat together on a Sunday? Where do you go? What does it feel like to be with someone who is still there? The specificity of the letter makes the possibility feel real rather than abstract.

How long: Fifteen minutes minimum. The more detail the better. Keep the letter and read it when the pull arrives.

PRACTICE 4

The Present Moment Return (Days 4 and 5)

When the pull fires and you feel yourself starting to disappear into the future fear it generates, stop whatever you are doing. Name five things you can see right now. Four things you can touch right now. Three things you can hear right now. Two things you can smell right now. One specific thing you are grateful for about him right now.

This practice pulls you out of the anxiety about a future that has not happened and back into the present moment where he is actually doing nothing wrong. The pattern lives in the future. Presence lives in now.

How long: Two to three minutes. Where: Anywhere. Eyes open. Standing or sitting.

PRACTICE 5

The Staying Statement (Days 5, 6 and 7)

Write your own staying statement. A sentence or two that names what you are choosing and the specific reason you are choosing it. Read it every morning during days five, six, and seven.

An example to adapt: I am choosing to stay because he has shown me clearly who he is and who he is is good. The pull is the pattern and the pattern is not the truth about him or about us. I am not the pattern. I am choosing to stay. Your version should be in your own words and name something specific about him and about what you are choosing.

How long: Two minutes to write it. Thirty seconds to read it each morning.

PART FOUR

The Voice Note Journal

Each evening during the seven days, find a quiet space where you will not be interrupted. Open your phone voice memo app. Record yourself responding to that day's prompt. Speak for as long as you need to. You do not have to be articulate or organised. You just have to be honest.

Two important instructions about listening back: Do not listen to your recording immediately after you make it. Listen to each day's recording the following morning before you record the next one. On the morning of day seven, listen to all seven recordings before you write to Victoria.

Recording your own voice responding to honest questions is a different experience from writing. Something in the voice carries what the written word sometimes hides. That is why this practice uses audio and not a journal.

DAY 1

What is the pull telling me today and is there any real evidence behind what it is saying?

Why this question today: *This question helps you separate the pattern's narrative from actual information about him. On day one, most women find the pull is running a story with very little evidence behind it. Naming that is the beginning of choosing differently.*

Listen for: Listen for: The moment in your recording where the story the pull is telling you runs out of specific evidence. That moment is the pattern revealing itself.

DAY 2

What did he do today that I almost did not let land?

Why this question today: *The pattern does not only run exits. It also runs distance. It keeps good things from landing. This question surfaces the things his care and presence gave you today that you almost deflected without noticing.*

Listen for: Listen for: The specific things you name. Those are what he is offering you. Notice how many of them you almost missed.

DAY 3

Where am I still protecting myself in this relationship and what am I protecting myself from?

Why this question today: *By day three you have been choosing differently for two full days. Some places will have opened. Others will still be closed. This question maps where the remaining walls are and what fear is running them.*

Listen for: Listen for: The specific fear underneath the protection. Not the wall itself but what the wall is keeping out.

DAY 4

What would it mean for me if this actually worked?

Why this question today: *This question surfaces the thing underneath the pattern that many women do not expect. The fear is not only of getting hurt. Sometimes it is also of getting what you want. What would it require of you to live inside a good relationship? What would you have to give up or become?*

Listen for: Listen for: Any resistance to imagining it working. That resistance is information.

DAY 5

What is the difference between who I was at the beginning of this week and who I am today?

Why this question today: *Five days of choosing differently is not small. This question asks you to witness what has actually shifted, not what you hope has shifted. Be honest about what is different and what is still the same.*

Listen for: Listen for: Specific moments this week where you chose differently than you have chosen before. Those moments are the evidence that the work is real.

DAY 6

What do I want to say to him that I have not said yet?

Why this question today: *This question is not asking you to say it. It is asking you to name it. What true thing is sitting with you that you have been holding back? It could be something appreciative. Something honest about your process. Something you want him to know.*

Listen for: Listen for: What the unsaid thing is and what has been stopping you from saying it. The stopping is usually the pattern.

DAY 7

What is true about this relationship today that was not true in the relationships before it?

Why this question today: *This is the question you answer after listening to all six previous recordings. You are looking at the full week. What is actually different? Not different in him necessarily. Different in you. Different in how you have been choosing.*

Listen for: Listen for: The specific ways you have been different this week. Those are your evidence that the pattern does not have to run your life.

PART FIVE

Victoria's Day 7 Check-In

By the time you reach this section you will have done seven days of specific, honest work. You will have named the pull more than once. You will have chosen to stay in moments when leaving would have felt easier and more familiar.

I want to hear how it went. Not the polished version. The real one.

Send me a message or a voice note on the morning of day seven, after you have listened to all seven of your recordings. Tell me what shifted. Tell me what was hard. Tell me what surprised you. Tell me where the pull is now compared to where it was on day one.

I will respond personally. Not with a template. With specific observations based on what you share with me.

What you are doing is not small. Seven days of choosing differently when every familiar thing in you is pulling toward the exit is significant. I want to hear about it.

Victoria

What To Include In Your Message

- What shifted during the seven days. What feels different than it did on day one.
 - What was the hardest moment of the week and what you did with it.
 - Where the pull is now. How strong it is compared to day one.
 - One specific thing you chose to do differently this week that you would not have done before this work.
 - Anything else you want me to know.
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WhatsApp: [YOUR VICTORIA WHATSAPP NUMBER]

Send your message or voice note any time on day seven. Victoria responds within 24 hours.

BONUS

The Crisis Card

Screenshot the card below and keep it on your phone. Use it in the sixty seconds before you do something you cannot take back.

The crisis is not the pull firing. The crisis is the thirty seconds after the pull fires when you are about to send the message, make the call, or create the distance that you will spend the next three days trying to undo. The Crisis Card is for those thirty seconds.

Put the phone down. Place your hand on your chest. Breathe in for four counts.

Breathe out for six.