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*To those who dream of falling in love.*

*And to anyone who fears it.*

*Love is one of life's greatest rewards,  
so long as you're prepared to work for it.*

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# Welcome to Eros

An anonymous dating app inspired by Cupid's lesser-known Greek counterpart.

**Not familiar with the best love story in Greek mythology?** No worries! We'll give you a quick summary of what happened to the god of love.

Long story short: a mortal woman named Psyche fell in love with Eros without ever seeing his face, proving that beauty isn't skin-deep (and inspiring our "love is blind" twist).

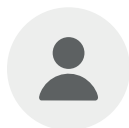
**Get Started** —

**Login**

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Before you aim arrows at  
possible matches, upload a  
photo of yourself.



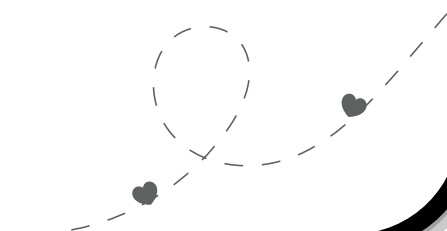
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do so.



A match can request to see your photo, but there  
is a mythology-inspired catch that would make  
Aphrodite proud, so proceed with caution  
(seriously, brush up on your Greek myths and see  
what happened to Psyche before considering this  
option).

**Upload Your Photo**

**Continue**



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**Now that your photo is  
uploaded, share a few facts  
about yourself.**

When's your birthday?

What's your gender?

Who are you looking to match with?

Who's your favorite Greek god or goddess?

Choose at least three interests

Reading

Movies

Music

Fashion

Cooking

Nature

Traveling

Cars

Animals/Pets

**Submit your answers**

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# You're all set!

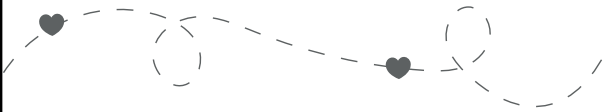
Now all you have to do is read our  
community guidelines below and click  
*I Agree* to start your love story.

**I Agree**

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Eros



# It's a Match

Love is in the air because you  
have a **new match**



Home



Likes



Chats



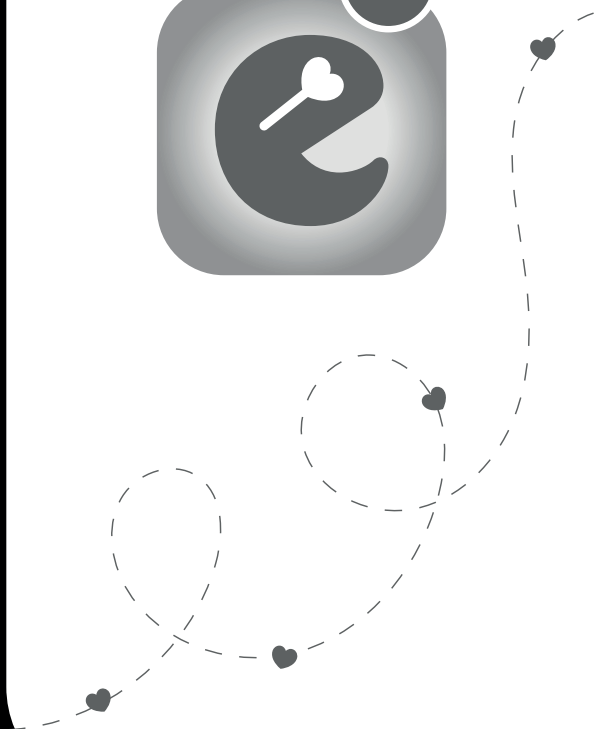
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# August

Nearly One Year Ago...







**LAURENCE**

Have you ever done something bad?

**ANA**

I can't tell if you're trying to flirt with me or scare me  
into never using Eros again.

**LAURENCE**

And if it's the first?

**ANA**

Well, if I have done something bad, then I'm not  
about to disclose it in a chat that some random IT  
guy could read when he's bored.

**LAURENCE**

And if it's the second option?

**ANA**

Then I have a feeling we're not talking about traffic  
violations or borrowing my sister's favorite sweater  
and shrinking it by accident.

**LAURENCE**

Most definitely not.

**ANA**

Good to know.

**ANA**

Then as your unofficial legal counsel, I need to  
advise you against continuing this conversation.

**LAURENCE**

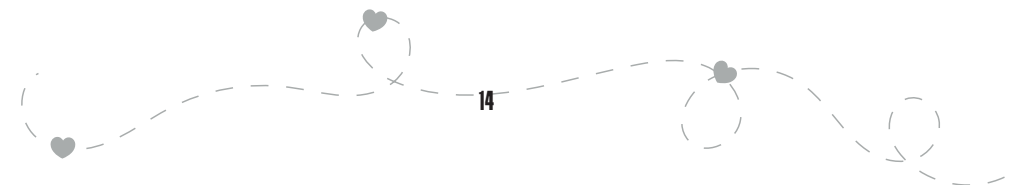
Are you a lawyer?

**ANA**

After all the dramatized detective shows I've seen,  
I could run a law firm.

**LAURENCE**

Straight into the ground?





**ANA**

I'm wounded that you think so little of me.  
Have a little faith.

**LAURENCE**

I have some.

**ANA**

Just not the good kind?

**LAURENCE**

Exactly.

**ANA**

You are aware this is a dating app and not a crisis  
hotline, right?

**LAURENCE**

It's easy to forget given the state of your love life.

**ANA**

Mine? What about yours?

**LAURENCE**

It was DOA years ago.

**ANA**

Aw. Did someone break your heart?

**LAURENCE**

Who said I have one?

**ANA**

Well then now's my chance to drop a clichéd "everyone  
has a heart, even if yours is a bit broken" line.

**LAURENCE**

You've got a real talent for words.

**ANA**

Really?

**LAURENCE**

No.





**ANA**

Maybe it's time for me to delete this anonymous chat and find someone who appreciates my charm AND has no problem meeting up in person after spending the last few weeks messaging nonstop.

**LAURENCE**

Giving up already?

**ANA**

Your sunny disposition is starting to wear on me a bit.

**LAURENCE**

Your jokes are improving. I nearly laughed.

**ANA**

Is there hope for me yet?

**LAURENCE**

I hate to break it to you, but I have about as much hope as I do faith.

**ANA**

You know what I learned from fostering animals?

**ANA**

Hurt dogs don't holler. They bite.



**ANA**

Sometimes I think about packing my bags and going somewhere else.

**LAURENCE**

I don't believe you.



**ANA**

You're right. I love Lake Wisteria and plan on spending the rest of my life here. It's part of my whole thirty-year plan to buy a cottage, have a few kids, and start a bee sanctuary in my backyard.

**LAURENCE**

That's...oddly specific.

**ANA**

I've had a lot of time to think it over.

**LAURENCE**

I wouldn't have guessed.

**ANA**

Don't you have a thirty-year plan?

**LAURENCE**

No, and even if I did, I don't think it would include this town.

**ANA**

This place will warm up to you eventually.  
Mark my words.

**LAURENCE**

Nearly impossible with the brutal winters.

**ANA**

I take it you're not from somewhere cold.

**LAURENCE**

Hell is known to have the same temp yearround.

**ANA**

You're funny.

**LAURENCE**

Your bar is far too low.

**ANA**

At least it's easier for you to hit.





**LAURENCE**

You should expect more from people.

**ANA**

Why?

**LAURENCE**

Because if not, then you'll end up with someone like me.

**ANA**

Is that supposed to be a bad thing?

**LAURENCE**

You have no idea.

## September

**ANA**

Do you ever feel lonely?

**LAURENCE**

No.

**ANA**

Let me guess: You enjoy your own company way too much.

**LAURENCE**

You'd understand if you heard the voice in my head.

**ANA**

You struggle with that too? I thought I was the only one.

**ANA**

Does yours always tell you to treat yourself to a sweet treat or new outfit when you've been mildly inconvenienced?



**LAURENCE**

No.

**ANA**

Oh.

**ANA**

That's disappointing.

**ANA**

Perhaps you should seek professional help then.

**LAURENCE**

Why do you feel lonely?

**ANA**

Forget about me. We're focusing on you for once.

**LAURENCE**

If I answer your question honestly, will you tell me?

**ANA**

Aw. You care about my feelings  
that much? I'm touched.

**LAURENCE**

More like I'm curious how someone like you could  
ever feel lonely a single day in her life.

**ANA**

I can't tell if you're insulting me or not.

**LAURENCE**

You'd know if I was.

**ANA**

Would it kill you to compliment someone from time  
to time?

**ANA**

And by someone, I mean me.

**LAURENCE**

And risk you expecting more of them?





**ANA**

The horror!!!

**LAURENCE**

Answer my question.

**ANA**

It might seem silly to someone who doesn't  
care for other people's company.

**LAURENCE**

I like yours.

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ANA IS ONLINE.

**ANA**

Sorry for the delay. I had to check if I accidentally  
fell asleep at work and started dreaming.

**LAURENCE**

And how did you do that?

**ANA**

It's best you don't ask.

**LAURENCE**

You're...

**ANA**

The most special woman you've ever met?

**LAURENCE**

No.

**LAURENCE**

You're the most special \*person\* I've ever met.

**ANA**

That better not be an insult.

**LAURENCE**

And if it wasn't?





**ANA**

Then you might end up proving this anonymous app isn't such a silly idea after all.



**ANA**

So, you're shipwrecked on an island and you can only bring three things. What are they?

**LAURENCE**

Things or people?

**ANA**

We both know you'd never willingly choose to be trapped with another human being.

**LAURENCE**

True.

**LAURENCE**

Or at least it was until I met you.

## **October**

**ANA**

There's a Halloween party tomorrow at Last Call. I think it would be fun.

**LAURENCE**

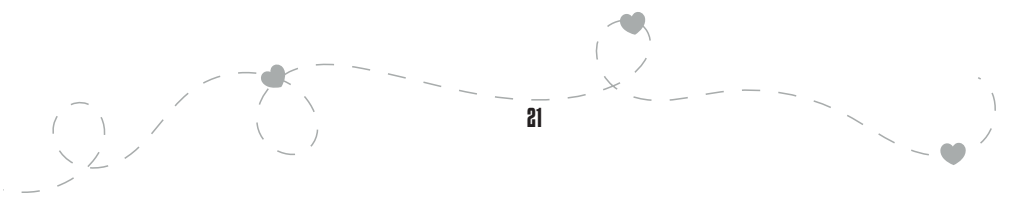
Nice. Enjoy.

**ANA**

You should go.

**LAURENCE**

I'm busy.







**ANA**

Your blood sacrifices can wait.

**LAURENCE**

Tell that to the full moon.

**ANA**

I hope you're joking.

**ANA**

Please tell me you're kidding.

**ANA**

It's been five minutes and I'm still  
waiting for an answer.

**LAURENCE**

Let's leave it up to your imagination.

**ANA**

How about we don't since it  
tends to run a bit wild.

**LAURENCE**

This is your daily reminder that I'm not  
some vampire or werewolf.

**ANA**

Except that's exactly what someone  
would say to get me off their trail.

**LAURENCE**

Right.

**ANA**

Please come to the party.

**ANA**

Don't make me beg.

**LAURENCE**

I'd rather you didn't. I find submissiveness  
rather unattractive.



**ANA**

Funny because I feel the same way about  
someone running scared.

**LAURENCE**

I'm not scared.

**ANA**

Right. Sure you aren't.

**LAURENCE**

Why are you pushing for us to meet up?

**ANA**

I'm done giving you time to get to know me first.

**ANA**

Tomorrow is your only chance. I'll be dressed like  
a cowgirl. Pink hat. Lots of sparkles. Most likely to  
be found out on the dance floor with a passion fruit  
vodka seltzer in hand.

**LAURENCE**

I won't be attending.

**ANA**

What a shame. If you don't show up, then  
I plan on going home with someone else.

**LAURENCE**

Are you threatening me?

**ANA**

If you took it as one, that means you care  
more about me than you want to admit.

**LAURENCE**

I don't.

**ANA**

Then prove it.

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**LAURENCE**

When you see this tonight, run.

LAURENCE ATTACHED A PHOTO

**ANA**

Run where? Straight into your arms?

**LAURENCE**

Why am I not surprised?

**ANA**

How did you get a mask like that on short notice?

**LAURENCE**

Don't worry about it.

**ANA**

Please. The only thing I'm worried about is the way  
I'll react in public once we finally meet.

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