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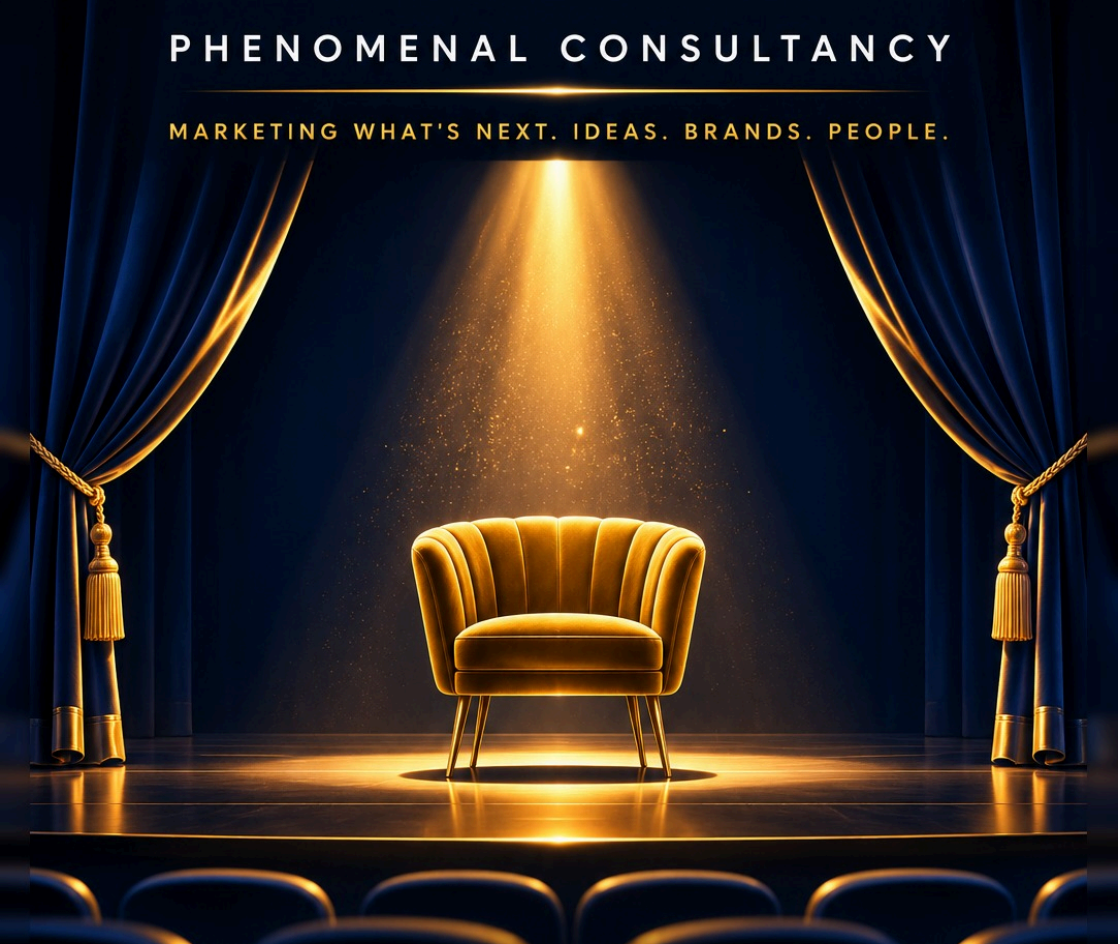

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ONE IMPORTANT NOTE

If you're in a relationship where you feel unsafe, controlled or afraid, put this guide down and speak to someone qualified, or contact your local emergency services. Dating strategy is for dating. Safety comes first.

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Before We Start

You've been on the date.

You laughed at the right moments. You picked the place he'd like, wore the thing he'd like, said the things he'd like. Then you went home and replayed the whole evening like match footage. Did I talk too much? Was I too much? Was I enough?

That isn't dating. That's an audition.

I've spent more than 25 years in marketing, helping brands and people get chosen. And here's what I know: the best brands never audition. They position. They know exactly who they are, who they're for, and who they're not for. Then they let the right people come to them.

This guide applies that same thinking to dating.

The one rule

You're not packaging yourself into a product. You're presenting the real you, clearly, to the right person. No tricks, no tactics, no pretending. Great marketing has never been about lying. It's about being unmistakably yourself, on purpose.

What this guide is, and isn't

Short, direct, ten chapters: each one a marketing principle applied to your love life, with an exercise you can do tonight. It isn't therapy or a rulebook. Take what's useful and leave the rest.

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CHAPTER 1

You Are the Brand, Not the Applicant

Most women walk out of a first date asking one question:

"Did he like me?"

That's an applicant's question. It hands him the whole decision and leaves you waiting for the verdict.

Brands don't ask whether every customer likes them. They ask whether the right customer does. So ask a brand question instead:

"Did I like him? And did I like who I was around him?"

Some men make you sharper, funnier, more yourself. Others make you smaller, quieter, careful. You can usually feel which one within the first hour. You've just been trained to ignore it while you check whether you passed.

> **You don't win a man. You choose one.**

The three questions

After every date, before you text anyone, answer these honestly:

1. Did I feel calm or anxious around him?
2. Did he ask about me, or did I spend the night narrating myself?
3. If I knew for certain he liked me, would I still want a second date?

The third question is the one. It takes approval out of the equation and leaves only the real answer.

BRAND AUDIT

Write down five things you genuinely bring to a relationship. Not your looks, not your job title. Your loyalty, your humour, the way you show up for people. That's your product. Know it before you present it.

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CHAPTER 2

Define Your Target Audience

In marketing there's a saying: a brand that targets everyone appeals to no one.

Dating is the same. If you don't know who you're looking for, you'll take whatever shows up and call it fate.

Sort what you want into three boxes.

Non-negotiables

Three to five things, no more. Values and behaviour, not looks or job titles.

- Honest, even when it's inconvenient

- Wants (or doesn't want) children, the same as you
- Treats people well, including people who can do nothing for him
- Shares the faith or values that genuinely shape your life, if they do
- Emotionally available, not "figuring himself out" at 41

Preferences

Nice to have, not deal-breakers. Height. Career. Music taste. Whether he can cook.

Bonuses

The things you didn't know you wanted. He remembers your coffee order. He's great with your nephew. He reads.

The classic targeting mistake

Treating preferences as non-negotiables, and non-negotiables as preferences.

"He's six foot two with a great job" made the cut. "He's honest" quietly got demoted to "we'll see." That's how good women end up explaining bad men to their friends.

TARGETING EXERCISE

Write your non-negotiables down and keep them on your phone. Read them before a second date, not after the fifth.

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CHAPTER 3

Your Positioning

Positioning is the space a brand owns in someone's mind. It's the answer to "why her, and not anyone else?"

Most women never answer that question for themselves, so they default to being agreeable. Agreeable is pleasant. It is also forgettable.

What positioning is not

- Being whatever he seems to want tonight
- Hiding your opinions until you're "safe"
- A list of adjectives every woman on the app already uses: fun, kind, loves travel

What it is

- The things about you that are true, specific and a little unusual
- What you stand for, and what you won't stand for
- The feeling people have after time with you

> **If you're trying to appeal to every man, you're positioned for none of them.**

POSITIONING STATEMENT

Finish this sentence and keep it: "I'm a woman who _____, looking for a man who _____." If it could describe your best friend too, make it more specific.

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CHAPTER 4

Brand Consistency Beats Intensity

Week one: he texts all day. He's planning trips. He says he's never felt like this.

Week three: he's "busy."

That's a launch campaign with no product behind it. Loud, expensive, gone.

> **Fireworks are beautiful. They're also over in eight seconds.**

What intensity looks like

- Big gestures very early, before he really knows you
- Future talk on date two: holidays, moving in, "our kids"
- Constant contact, then sudden silence
- You feel high when he's around and empty when he isn't

What consistency looks like

- He does what he says he'll do
- He's the same man on a Tuesday as on a Saturday night
- Plans are made, kept, or moved with notice
- You feel calm. Not bored. Calm.

The strongest brands in the world are consistent, not loud. The same goes for men worth keeping. And for you: show up as the same woman every time, and the right man will trust the brand.

MR. MO'S TAKE

A man who's consistent at the start isn't playing it cool. He's showing you how he'll be in year three.

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CHAPTER 5

Read the Data, Not the Noise

It's 11:48 pm. He's sent "hey stranger."

You screenshot it to the group chat. Four women spend forty minutes analysing two words and a lack of punctuation.

Marketers have a name for this: reading noise as signal.

> **Behaviour is data. Words are claims. A late-night text on its own is noise.**

Strong signals of real interest

- He suggests a specific plan: a day, a time, a place
- He follows through
- He remembers things you told him
- He contacts you at normal hours, not only after midnight
- You don't have to wonder

Noise

- "We should hang out sometime"
- Replies to your stories, never your messages
- Disappearing for a week, then acting like nothing happened
- Only being available when it suits him

If you're decoding, you already have your answer. Clarity is a sign of interest. Confusion is a sign of something else.

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CHAPTER 6

The First Date Is a Two-Way Pitch

In business, a first meeting isn't one side pitching. Both sides are deciding whether to work together.

A first date has one job: to help you decide whether there should be a second one. It's not a performance review of you.

Set it up well

- Keep it short. Coffee or a drink, an hour or two
- Choose a public place
- Arrange your own transport, both ways
- Tell a friend where you'll be

None of this is paranoid. It's how a woman who values herself dates, and it gives you the freedom to leave whenever you like.

Questions that reveal more than "what do you do?"

- What's something you changed your mind about recently?
- How do you spend a Sunday when nobody needs anything from you?
- Who are you closest to in your family?
- What did your last relationship teach you?

Listen carefully to that last one. You're listening for ownership or blame. "I learned I wasn't ready" is ownership. "She was crazy" is a preview.

WATCH THIS

How does he treat the waiter, the driver, the person who got his order wrong? That's how he'll treat you when the novelty wears off.

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CHAPTER 7

Quality Control: Red, Beige and Green Flags

Every good brand has quality control. Not every quirk is a defect, and not every defect is a quirk.

Red flags: reject the batch

- He pushes past a boundary after you've stated it
- Every ex was "crazy" and none of it was his fault
- He rushes commitment before he knows you
- He wants to check your phone or control who you see
- Small things trigger big anger
- His words and actions don't match, repeatedly

Beige flags: harmless, sometimes charming

- He owns fourteen identical black T-shirts
- He narrates his cooking like a TV show
- He has strong opinions about how to load a dishwasher

Green flags: premium quality

- He apologises properly, without "but"
- He asks follow-up questions
- He respects a "no" the first time
- He has long-standing friendships
- He's consistent, see Chapter 4

> **If you have to explain a red flag away to your friends, you already know what it is.**

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CHAPTER 8

Brand Guidelines: Boundaries Without the Drama

Every serious brand has guidelines: what it will do, what it won't, and how it shows up. Boundaries are your brand guidelines.

A boundary isn't a rule for him. It's a decision about what you'll do.

"You can't text me late" is a rule, and he can ignore it.

"I don't reply after 11 pm" is a boundary. It's yours. It works whether he likes it or not.

Lines you can use

> SAY: *I don't do last-minute plans at 10 pm. If you'd like to see me, let's set something for the weekend.*

> SAY: *I'm not comfortable with that yet. Let's slow down.*

> SAY: *I'm looking for something serious. If that's not where you are, no hard feelings.*

> SAY: *That doesn't work for me.*

Notice what's missing: long explanations, apologies, defending yourself. Brands don't apologise for their guidelines.

MR. MO'S TAKE

The right man hears a boundary and adjusts. The wrong one hears a boundary and negotiates. That difference tells you almost everything.

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CHAPTER 9

Every Pipeline Needs a Close

In sales, a lead that never converts and never says no is called a time-waster. In dating, it's called the talking stage.

Weeks of texting. A few dates. Nobody has said what this is.

After a few weeks of seeing each other regularly, you're allowed to ask for clarity. Calmly, like an adult.

> SAY: *I'm enjoying this. Where do you see it going?*

Read the answer

- Clear and warm: he knows, and he's telling you
- "Let's see how it goes", with consistent effort: fair, give it a little time
- Vague, defensive, or he changes the subject: that is the answer

When to close the file

- You feel more anxious than happy most of the time
- You're the only one making plans
- You've quietly dropped a non-negotiable to keep him
- Your friends have stopped asking about him, because they don't like the answers

> SAY: *I've enjoyed getting to know you, but this isn't right for me. I wish you well.*

You don't need his agreement or his closure. Closure is a decision you make, not a conversation he gives you.

> **Every "no" to the wrong man is a "yes" to the space the right one needs.**

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CHAPTER 10

Retention: What Healthy Actually Looks Like

Getting chosen is marketing. Staying chosen is retention, and retention is where the real value is.

Healthy doesn't mean perfect. It doesn't mean you never argue. It means a few things are reliably true.

The six markers

1. Respect: he speaks to you and about you with care, in private and in public
2. Trust: you don't feel the need to check up on him, and he doesn't check up on you
3. Repair: after an argument, you both come back to the table and fix it
4. Freedom: you can be fully yourself, friends, ambitions and opinions included
5. Effort: both of you show up, not just the one who cares more
6. Growth: you're both becoming better people, not smaller ones

A quick self-check

- I can disagree with him without fear
- I feel more like myself, not less
- He knows my goals and supports them
- We fix things after conflict instead of burying them
- I'd want my best friend to have a relationship like this

Five yeses: protect it. Three or fewer: it's worth an honest conversation, with him or with someone you trust.

THE END, AND THE START

Your Next Move

The whole guide, in five lines:

- You're the brand, not the applicant
- Know your target audience and your non-negotiables
- Own your positioning, and stay consistent
- Read behaviour, not noise
- Close the file on anyone who keeps you guessing

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