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# q feature: DRIP - THE NEW WAY TO SEX

**drip is Australia's newest, hottest and most progressive intimacy brand with premium, locally-made, products that give back to local organisations and fund sex-positive content on [www.dripfeed.life](http://www.dripfeed.life), where nothing is taboo (as long as you're a consenting adult).**

drip's purpose is to improve people's lives through frictionless experiences of sex and intimacy. It does this by challenging the outdated structures around sex that exist in our society and giving a voice to underrepresented communities. A passion project started by founder Hugh Crothers, drip's products and online platform drip(feed) is designed to celebrate the diversity of sex, based on real people's needs and experiences.

Hugh Crothers, founder of drip and drip(feed) says: *"After spending 15 years exploring my sexuality after coming out, I craved a trustworthy source that spoke to me like an uncle or an aunt. One that listened and gave advice without judgement, shame or bias, and had his experience of pleasure front of mind. Cue drip(feed)."*

*"Next, it was time to tackle sex products that made me proud to me to develop drip – products that points, designed with the entire from taste to smell, to feel and ease*

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- o Toy cleaner: A sexy antibacterial spray that's designed to be used often rather than forgotten, it's also latex toy safe, ensuring your toys are ready to report for duty whenever you need them.

drip's products also help to fund sex-positive content on the online platform drip(feed) which has been live since July 2021. The site features content from writers and sexperts and internationally renowned musicians who have curated sex playlists and user-generated content, exploring friction through conversation, education and stimulation to empower people to live their best sex lives.

drip(feed) is a space to talk about sex differently, shining a light on underrepresented communities such as those with a disability, sex workers, mums and the complexities of postnatal sex and the LGBTQIA+ community. Content covers everything from guides to penis pleasure, working in the porn industry, playlists to get you in the mood, navigating pleasure after trauma, never spoken before kinks and the most common yet unspoken barriers to pleasure.

*drip's products are available at [www.dripshop.life](http://www.dripshop.life)*



*products. I didn't have any own and use often. This led respond to real-life friction sexual experience in mind, of use."*



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# q life: with GABRIEL TABASCO

## The Photoshoots

**I needed to take some nude photos for my OF page as well as for my articles for Q Magazine. I knew Brett wanted to see some saucy photos for my articles so I reached out to photographers on a platform where models and photographers post ads to work together.**

On these platforms there was a lot of back and forth with photographers where many of them did not know what they wanted, pushed back the meetings, and kept changing their requirements. They seemed to behave like first-time models who had never posed for photos before. You would usually expect photographers to be the assertive ones; but they seemed overwhelmed by basic questions.

In the end I got in touch with one photographer who was interested in taking artistic nudes. Andy was around 55 years old, originally from England and got into photography later in life. He worked during the week at a factory and in the weekends took photos of models. He was given a large,



empty room, rent-free, in the factory he worked at, that he could use as his studio. There he would photograph nude men and women, in groups, single or couples for his artistic nudes.

Andy was friendly although working with him it became apparent that he was socially awkward. His thinking process would be jumpy, he would not be able to stick to one idea too long and he was petulant.

Technically he was good; having good knowledge about lighting, the cameras, and backdrops but he lacked any inspiration. He would have me stand naked in various poses; to which some of the images would come out badly, and then do it all over again as if forgetting what he asked me to do. On other occasions when I pushed him to take on my recommendations... and he listened... the photos came out well.

'Move your crown jewels a little,' he would say, when I was in a certain position, and it was not visible in the right angle. On another occasion he commented: 'oh it seems you are becoming a little excited,' and then snapped a picture of my budding erection.

At one point he wanted to be in the image, so he put the camera on timer and posed next to me as if he were preparing me for the shoot. He posed kneeling down in front of me as I stood above him. His face was opposite my crotch and as he posed, he looked straight at it. I could not help but get an erection.

'Getting horny again?' he muttered.

The first shoot lasted around two hours. The second shoot over five hours and that was not counting the hour and a half of commute. And this was unpaid as it was time-for-photos. So, it disappointed me when he not only sent me the photos edited, badly cropped and with some odd photo texture on them.

'Can you send me the photos in their original format?'

'I can't. I erased them all off the camera,' he said.

All those hours of images... gone... and all I had were badly edited ones. It was a shame.

At one point I insisted we go outside where I kicked around a football for a shoot that was a little more real and authentic. The photos came out ok... even though Andy was clearly outside of his element without his studio and all his gadget.

I decided to give him one more chance and was happy when he introduced me to Will who wanted to have a join photoshoot together. Will was a little older than me, and in great shape having been a military man. He was married to a woman and was openly bi. He had a toned, sinewy body and was hairless with a long, thick penis. We texted a little bit before our shoot and found that we got on so the chemistry between us in the shoot was good.

In fact, it was so good, I was worried that I would like him too much and get an erection. Especially since we had to be in various poses; touching and at some point, even intertwined. It was sensual and not erotic... even though it would not have bothered me if it were.

I very much did enjoy posing with Will. We kept looking at each other's dicks. At one point we had to lie down, heads to toes and at one point, if I looked down, I got a perfect view of his asshole. It was a light beige colour, hairless and contracted from time to time.

I wanted to reach out and put him finger to it. He would not have minded. And I would not have either if he saw mine and wanted to do something more with mine... with or without Andy present. However, I did not think Andy would have wanted that. I think he was too concerned about his 'artistic nudes'!

The photos came out mixed. The ones that were heavily curated and posed looked good; but they were clearly in-studio and with an art magazine look. The ones with Andy telling us to pose showed we were not comfortable with him and the ones where Will and I were genuine came out well.

It comes to show how much it is down to having a good photographer for good images.

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# q sex toys: MEET THE AMAZING BALLDO

Industry newcomer Nadgerz Inc showcased its first product - the world's first ball-dildo balldo™ at ANME/XBIZ in January this year. Nadgerz Inc utilised the XBIZ/ANME show to meet and greet industry buyers and personalities in preparation for the full scale launch of its first product balldo™.

'We are very excited to enter the adult industry with our genre-creating range of products' says CEO and serial tech innovator/entrepreneur Jerry Davies.

Make sure you take a look at their humorous launch video at [www.balldo.com](http://www.balldo.com) which has already gained a lot of views and is expected to exponentially spread the word virally.

## So what is the balldo?

The balldo™ is the world's first dildo that uses your balls for penetrative sex. The outside of the male balls has over 6,000 nerve endings which is almost the same as the women's vulva.

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The balldo™ is internationally patent-pending and is the first in a long line of ball focused products that our company Nadgerz Inc will bring to the market over the coming 24 months.

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# q property: PROPERTY FIT

When it comes to building a property portfolio the right techniques and industry knowledge can save you a lot of pain. So, here's a quick guide to the most popular strategies to help you find a method to fit you and your circumstances.

## THE EASY FIT

These strategies are excellent performers if you're just starting out. Executed correctly they'll do the heavy lifting for you; but they're not sexy, they're workhorses! It's all about numbers, profit and growth; not high ceilings, ocean views and swimming pools.

### Positive and negative gearing

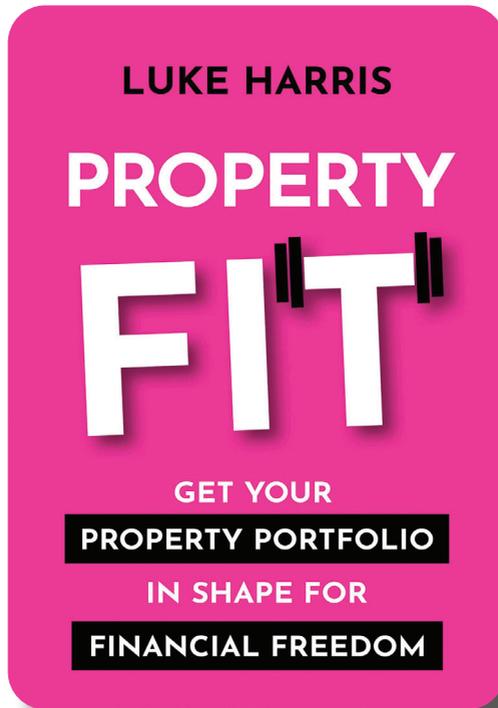
Positive gearing provides income over and above all expenses, providing investors with a financial buffer and assists with borrowing for more property, as lenders can see the positive cashflow position. However, investors often choose a property based on its cashflow outcome rather than its investment fundamentals, and may not end up with the best long-term investment. Also, a positively geared property may not remain that way as interest rates and other expenses impact the cashflow position over time.

Negative gearing tax advantages, on tax yet still hold an often 'add back' some losses to their loan- so you can continue to portfolio. Short-term be offset by capital is held long enough. drain can kill a healthy with negatively geared sensitive to interest- to tax laws.

Established residential An obvious positive the property before know what you're housing can be through renovation, development; it can settled and tenanted. a second-, third- (or means you could faults, and repairs can affect cashflow portfolio growth. Tax are also reduced and, can cause a hit to your financials.

### New or off-the-plan residential property

This is a solid strategy, allowing you to fast-track your property portfolio without fuss. New property can rent for a higher price, is lower maintenance, comes with a warranty and provides tax depreciation benefits - allowing you to direct funds towards building your portfolio instead of maintaining an older property. However, off-the-plan properties can be delayed and valuations can come in below purchase price, meaning that before settlement you may need to chip in additional funds. This is common in areas that are oversupplied or in high-rise buildings.



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property is that you can see purchasing and you buying. Established improved to add value subdivision or also be quickly bought, However, purchasing more) hand property be buying hidden and maintenance and slow down depreciation benefits combined with repairs,

## **Commercial property**

Commercial property offers stability, with rents typically paid on time and other expenses generally covered by the tenant. Rents are often higher than residential, and tenants generally sign longer leases with built in increases and options to extend. However commercial property is linked to external economic factors and businesses can fail, meaning lost rent.

## **THE HIGHER RISK FIT**

These next strategies are about lifting the lid on what's possible at the riskier end of the investment ladder. Having said that, they offer fantastic opportunities to build your portfolio, as long as they fit your long-term objectives and risk profile.

## **Renovating**

Executed correctly, renovations can provide an uplift in property value without needing to spend a fortune. However time delays can chew up huge chunks of potential profit, and when working on an older property you never know what problems might arise. Inexperienced renovators often run out of time or money; so don't spend more money than you need to, and never get emotionally attached to the property. Treat it like a business from start to finish!

## **Flipping property**

Flipping property can be a fast way to increase cashflow. You can renovate, add rooms, secure planning approval for further development or change the approved zoning of land (for example, from rural to residential). Knowing which locations to research and how to narrow down which property to purchase is critical. If you time the market accurately, you can ride the wave of price increases - provided you add value appropriately. However, entry and exit costs are high, with stamp duty, holding costs and selling costs payable over and above any other costs. Taxes on profits can also be huge, so remember to make sound commercial decisions.

## **Property development**

Property development involves buying land, knowing how to obtain funding and present your application, what terms to sign up for, how to avoid being ripped off, obtaining planning approval, building, selling and orchestrating everything in between! The unwritten rule is you need a 20 per cent margin, which is your profit, and this must be balanced against your risk tolerance. External factors can impact your project and if you fail it can send you broke. You need substantial financial buffers and a good asset base ... you also need to be prepared to lose some - or all - of your capital.

## **Short-stay accommodation**

This can be an amazing strategy to increase yields, with many investors building a great cashflow portfolio this way. One of the biggest risks is cashflow fluctuation; you need a financial buffer to get you through low booking periods. Aim to double your baseline rent when setting price. If you can achieve \$400 per week on the long-term rental market, you should aim to average \$800 on the short-stay market. Guests can cause damage to your property, insurance can be expensive, and you need to consider the time involved in managing the property yourself versus engaging professionals to manage the process for you.

These strategies are about helping you determine the best pathway to success without wasting time on activities that may not produce an ideal result. Likewise, different strategies come saddled with different risk levels, but this can be mitigated with the right education, the right team of people around you and an informed plan of attack. You can always make money, but you can't get time back, so don't waste this precious resource by pursuing the wrong strategy.

***Luke Harris is the author of Property Fit (Major Street Publishing \$29.95), and is the CEO of The Property Mentors, a Melbourne-based business that educates, motivates and facilitates clients from all around Australia to achieve financial freedom through property.***

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# q books: SCOTT LEGGO'S AUSTRALIA

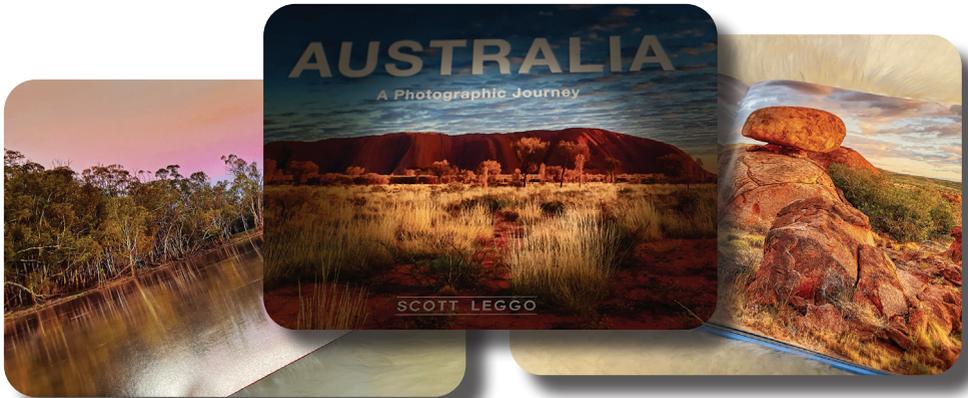
**New book featuring photos from across Australia launched as Australians seek travel inspiration after lockdown.**

As Australians emerge from lockdown and seek inspiration for travel, Australian Landscape Photographer Scott Leggo has launched his new coffee table book 'AUSTRALIA - A Photographic Journey'.

This premium quality, hard cover coffee table book, with 224 pages showcases the beauty of this magnificent country with approximately 200 selected photographs. Readers will be transported on a journey of discovery as they view this collection from across the Great Southern Land.

Available now, in time for Christmas gift shopping, this book offers the perfect antidote to locked up Australians seeking to discover more of Australia.

Scott Leggo has travelled the length and breadth of Australia to establish a unique collection of landscape photographs. From camping out in the highest mountains in The Australian Alps covered in deep snow through winter, to the sparkling contrast of the harsh, dry deserts of Central Australia, this collection of photographs represent over 15 years photographing this spectacular country.



According to Scott, *"This book will be 'a must have' book for your at-home library, for anyone who has travelled across this land and for those who dream of the opportunity to be immersed in its diversity. Travelling and exploring these locations has been a powerful way for me to reconnect to the natural world and appreciate the beauty that is all around us. I can't wait to share this book with others. Each photograph is ultimately a record of an event or an experience that has formed part of my story of Australian photographic exploration."*

There is no better place to explore than Australia and in the current environment of restricted travel, this book promises to entice. Timed perfectly prior to Christmas, this will be a must have addition for Christmas stockings.

A former Air Force officer, Diplomat and Iraq war veteran, Scott's book is another addition to his growing range of quality products featuring his stunning photographs from across Australia. It builds on his growing recognition as a veteran success story, having grown his business into one of Australia's leading providers of artworks and gifts.

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Everybody knows an inspiring young individual:

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- Paving the way for our future through innovative thinking
- Who is a leader and role model for their peers

We need to give thanks, and now you can by nominating them into one of these categories:

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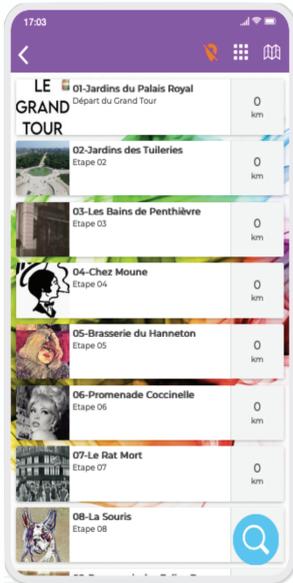


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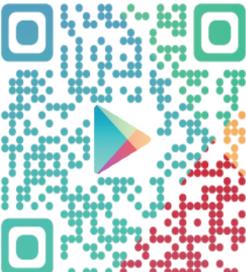
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# q musical: A GOOD PILL TO SWALLOW

The story of JAGGED LITTLE PILL centres around the Healy's, a seemingly perfect suburban family striving to hide the cracks beneath the surface when a troubling event shakes their community. Driven by the themes and emotions of the original album, the musical embraces today's powerful social voice and burns with passion in its uplifting storytelling, ultimately highlighting the hope and healing that comes when people come together.

*"We are all very excited knowing that our show Jagged Little Pill will be making its way to the Theatre Royal Sydney this year! This show has been a vehicle of healing for so many of us throughout its journey and knowing we are coming your way is such amazing news after these intense 12 months across the world. Can't wait to share this blood sweat and tears musical with you...as Australia has always held a very special place in my heart."* said Alanis Morissette.

Multi award winner Natalie Bassingthwaighte (she/her) stars in the electrifying and inspiring Australian production of JAGGED LITTLE PILL in the lead role of Mary Jane Healy, alongside critically acclaimed film, TV and stage actor and recording artist, Tim Draxl (he/him) as Steve Healy. Making her musical theatre debut, Emily Nkomo (she/her) stars as Frankie Healy, and Queensland Conservatorium of Music graduate Liam Head (he/him) will play Nick Healy.

Released on June 13, 1995, the tremendous success of Alanis Morissette's album Jagged Little Pill skyrocketed her to become the bestselling international debut artist in history; a title she still holds, with the record's sales reaching 33 million copies worldwide and winning 5 Grammy Awards. Now, 25 years after its release, Jagged Little Pill continues to be one of the Top 20 Best-Selling Albums of All Time. In Australia, the album has sold in excess of one million albums, is certified 2 x Diamond, spent 10 weeks at #1 and was the highest selling album in 1996. With 10 eclectic and acclaimed albums released over the subsequent years, Morissette's music has garnered 7 Grammy Awards (with 14 nominations), a Golden Globe nomination, and total sales of over 60 million albums.

**JAGGED LITTLE PILL opened on Broadway in December 2019 following its record-breaking, sold-out world premiere at the American Repertory Theater. Fans and critics were unapologetic with their love for the musical and are now awaiting its triumphant post Covid Broadway return on October 21st. Its success continued throughout the pause with a 2021 Grammy Award win for the Best Musical Theatre Album released through Atlantic Records and scooping the pool with 15 Tony Award nominations and winning 2 awards including Best Book of a Musical for Diablo Cody and Best featured Actress in a Musical for Lauren Patten.**

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# q pets: NATURAL BEAUTY FOR DOGS

Just as many Australians value skincare and homecare products that are natural and organic, Australia's own Smiley Dog provide a range of specially formulated natural and organic grooming products for the much-loved furry members of our households, our dogs!



Used, loved and trusted by thousands of professional dog groomers all over the county, the luxurious range of dog shampoos, conditioners and pet colognes are also available to paw-rents for home use!

Launched in 2009 by dog-loving duo, Sarah and Eva Reid, Smiley Dog products are made with expertly chosen natural and organic ingredients that will make your furry best friend look, feel and smell amazing. Smiley Dog understand how sensitive a dog's skin can be so each product is carefully formulated using plant extracts and natural coconut oil is used throughout the range to rejuvenate the skin and coat. The easy-to-use products are so gentle that they cause no irritation, itchiness or residue and are pH balanced specifically for animals to ensure they won't strip the dog's coat of its natural oils and sebum.

The retail range by Smiley Dog includes natural and sweet smelling Pet Colognes that come in 8 x different scents. Formulated to neutralise 'wet coat' and other unpleasant odours, the subtle colognes have a safe fragrance that is noticeable to humans without being overpowering for our pets. Best used in-between washes or directly on smelly dog beds, the beautiful aroma lasts for up to 4 days. The Cologne range includes the following scents; Oatmeal & Almond, Pacific Island Coconut, Chamomile & Lavender, Apple & Lemongrass, Vanilla, Witch Hazel & Strawberry, Summer Opium and Rosehips & Mango.

Smiley Dog also has a range of Gift Packs and Trio Packs that are perfect for Christmas, Valentine's Day, Doggie Birthdays or just because! There are 5 x Gift Packs in the range that come with a 100ml Shampoo, 100ml Conditioner and a matching 30ml Cologne, all encased in a reusable travel-friendly hessian bag which is perfect for travelling dogs these holidays! There are 6 x Trio Packs in the range that come with 1 x 250ml Shampoo, 1 x 250ml Conditioner and 1 x 30ml matching Cologne. Each pack has differing key benefits, suitability and hero ingredients.

Available Nationally via:  
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# q cabaret: FREDDIE MERCURY

MELBOURNE'S CHAPEL OFF CHAPEL LAUNCH THEIR 2022 SEASON WITH  
'The Freddie Mercury Songbook'

STARRING Australia's Got Talent star and international chart topper Greg Gould, Australian Music Theatre star of The Lion King and Charlie & The Chocolate Factory Tarisai Vushe, and The Voice Australia 2020's Drag Superstar Jimi The Kween.

Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy? Get caught in our landslide of incredible music, memories, and magic of Freddie Mercury as we celebrate one of one of the world's most iconic artists of all time.

THE FREDDIE MERCURY SONGBOOK stars 3 of Australia's finest - celebrated songstress and musical theatre star Tarisai Vushe, multi award winning powerhouse Greg Gould and The Voice's drag superstar Jimi The Kween.

These 3 vocal forces take you on an unforgettable Queen adventure with all the hits that you know and love including Don't Stop Me Now, We Will Rock You, I Want To Break Free, Somebody To Love, Who Wants To Live Forever and Bohemian Rhapsody! This high energy vocal feast is packed with hits, humour and heart backed by some of Australia's finest musicians.

It's the "stage shaking" show not to be missed!



The Freddie Mercury Songbook  
(21-23 January 2022) is on sale now.  
8pm Friday & Saturday | 6pm Sunday

For bookings and further information: [www.chapeloffchapel.com.au](http://www.chapeloffchapel.com.au)

# q health: KNOW YOUR CRYSTALS

**Looking for Your Soulmate? This Crystal Can Help...Are you unlucky in love and ready to meet your soulmate? Perhaps your love life is sorted but you are seeking a kindred spirit to grow a meaningful and long-lasting friendship with?**

Metaphysically speaking, your vibe attracts your tribe. So, if you are having difficulty finding your soul mate, there may be something subconscious that you are unknowingly projecting into the world, which may be messing with your vibe. Experiences like childhood trauma and emotional pain can leave a lasting imprint on your energetic body, which can manifest itself into subconscious thoughts, patterns and behaviours that influence your life – even if it means sabotaging the things you desire the most! Thankfully, there is a specific crystal (known as a ‘tantric twin’, ‘twin flame’, or ‘soulmate’ crystal) that can help clear any energy that is blocking your soulmate’s path to you.

**What is a ‘soulmate’ crystal?** Many crystals, such as quartz, celestite and amethyst, grow together in clusters, which means that they are made up of many crystals all joined together. I like to think of these type of crystals as one happy family, all energetically and physically connected forever.

A soulmate crystal is a type of clustered crystal, but instead of many crystals growing together, it is made up of only two crystals which have formed and grown together. Like a tree trunk with 2 branches, two or more individual crystals will grow out of one common base or will be fused together along one side (not dissimilar to conjoined twins). To try and separate the crystals would result in irreparable damage to one or both, so they should forever be left to exist as one. Soulmate crystals are gorgeous treasures to hold close to your heart. They symbolise and embody everything typically associated with a true soulmate; support, strength, connection, unbreakable bonds and togetherness. They remind us that we are not alone, and that everybody has a twin flame. Different soulmate crystal formations can be used for attracting and manifesting specific types of soulmates. For example, a pair of soulmate crystals that are roughly the same size and height would be best used for someone seeking a spiritual equal (either male or female) to connect with through romance or friendship. A large crystal with a much smaller crystal attached, would be perfect for a mother-to-be to cherish, as she awaits her first meeting with the child she will soon be birthing. It could also be for a mother who is yet to fall pregnant and is hoping to attract a new little soul into her life.

**Working With Your Soulmate Crystal.** When working with a soulmate crystal, it is best to treat it with love, respect and tenderness. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

- Place the crystal over your heart when meditating, to help manifest your heart’s desires.
- Create a sacred ‘soulmate’ altar and place the crystals, together with other things that symbolise the soul you wish to attract. You might like to incorporate photos, items from nature, incense, and keepsakes.
- Sleep with your soulmate crystal under your pillow and carry it around with you in your pocket or purse. You never know when you may pass your soulmate on the street and having your crystal with you ensures that your intention is active all the time. Even on days when you are too preoccupied with the shopping or work to think about meeting your soulmate, your crystal will continue to send your intentions out into the world for you.
- Sit with your soulmate crystal, staring deep into its depths, imagining one of the crystals as yourself, and the other as your soulmate. You may even notice that identifying features of your soulmate may be evident inside the markings of the crystal.

Remember, soulmates don’t always present themselves when you want them to. Sometimes you just need to take a hiatus from searching for your soulmate and start nurturing your own soul while you wait!

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A woman with long, thick, grey braids and a nose ring is lying on a wooden board. She is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved top and has her right hand near her chin. Her nails are painted a bright neon green. She has several rings on her fingers, including a large purple one and a large green one. She has a tattoo on her left arm. The background is a light-colored, textured surface with various crystals scattered around her, including a large purple amethyst, a clear quartz, a pink stone, a brown stone, and a colorful patterned stone. The overall aesthetic is bohemian and spiritual.

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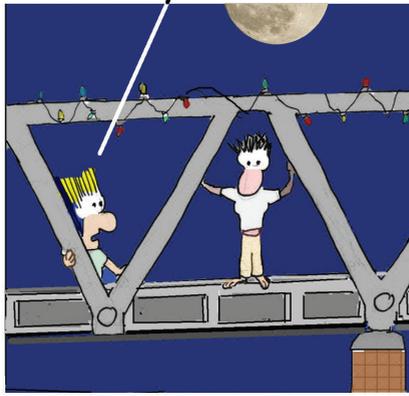
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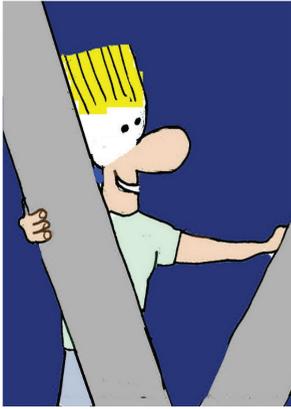
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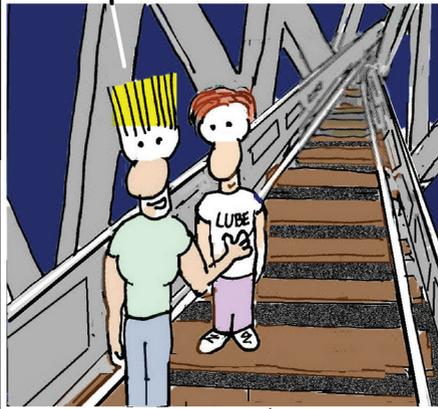
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