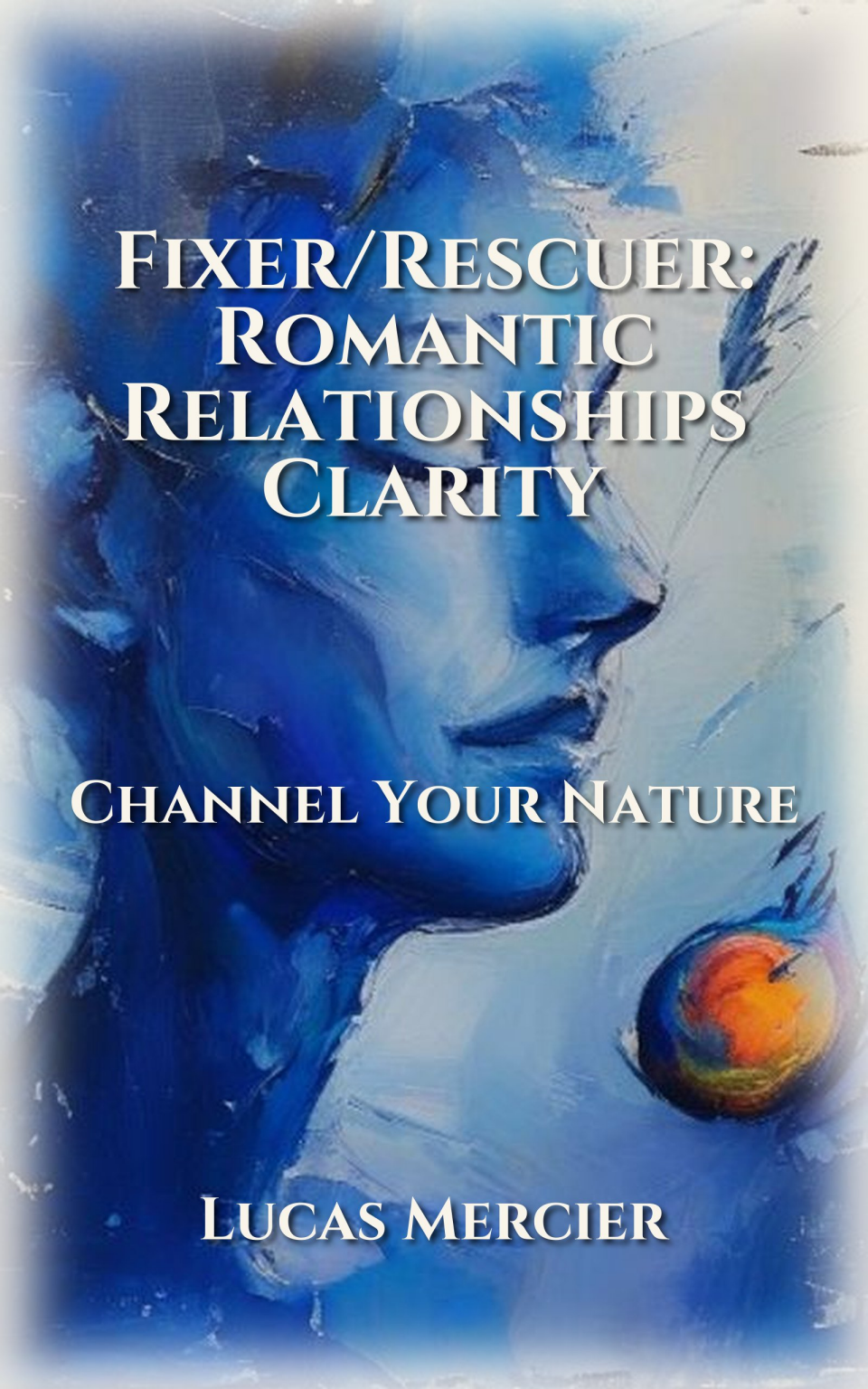


An abstract painting featuring a profile of a face, primarily in shades of blue and white, looking towards the right. In the lower right corner, there is a glowing, multi-colored orb with orange, yellow, and red hues. The background is a mix of blue and white brushstrokes.

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## CHAPTER 1

# THE FIXER/RESCUER KNOWING: ACTUALIZING YOUR KINGDOM

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A low murmur of contentment filled the bistro; candlelight caught the edges of your partner's laugh as you leaned in to hear them speak about their week. Everything felt perfectly calibrated—the wine pairing, the comfortable silence punctuated by shared anecdotes, the subtle brush of knees beneath the table that always signaled mutual ease. Then, casually, almost as an afterthought while describing a recent trip, they mentioned seeing your partner's ex-boyfriend near the waterfront in Charleston. You watched your expression shift imperceptibly; a flicker of something—jealousy? concern?—crossed your features before you smoothed it over with practiced attentiveness. Another small detail slipped out: "He was just telling me how much better things are now that he's free from all that emotional baggage." The casual delivery hung in the warm air, a tiny piece of exposed history dropped onto the polished

mahogany between you. Your mind immediately began to run diagnostics. \*How do I address this without sounding possessive? How can I make them understand that comparison is inherently damaging?\* You started formulating an intervention, rehearsing a measured response about emotional boundaries and the importance of present focus. The instinct flared hot: you had to correct the narrative, to gently but firmly redirect the conversation away from past attachments and back toward \*your\* shared reality. It wasn't just the mention; it was the ease with which they brought up someone who was no longer a fixture in your current life together. That effortless comparison felt like an unaddressed structural weakness in the foundation you were so carefully building, and your immediate urge was to step forward, to apply expert sealant until the whole structure appeared flawless again.

The phone rang during what should have been a moment of quiet decompression after a particularly stressful day for both of you. You had spent the last hour listening intently as they recounted a complicated financial situation involving unexpected repair costs and overdue bills, details you'd absorbed with professional focus. When the call suddenly jolted to an end—perhaps

because your partner was preoccupied elsewhere or simply needed space—a wave of adrenaline hit you. Recognizing that you had spent the last twenty minutes offering specific advice on budgeting apps, tax shelters, and even suggesting a complete overhaul of their insurance portfolio, a sudden alarm bell rang in your head. You realized how much proprietary information, how deeply intimate a slice of their personal vulnerability, you had absorbed and processed. The urge to continue troubleshooting was almost overwhelming; you felt compelled to guide them through the next three steps: contacting creditors, filing for assistance, researching better rates. Stopping meant admitting that your expertise hit an abrupt wall, leaving you suspended in awkward silence rather than actively solving the crisis. You found yourself abruptly saying, "Look, I think we need to wrap this up here; maybe tomorrow when you've had a chance to sit with some of this." The exit was sudden, too decisive for mere fatigue. It felt like an abrupt system shutdown because continuing meant accepting that your carefully constructed scaffolding of solutions wasn't needed right then, which felt dangerously close to admitting you were simply \*there\*, rather than being indispensable in the moment.

A weekend plans conversation started with a breezy agreement: "Oh, don't worry about dinner Saturday; I'll just swing by your place instead; it'll be easier." You heard the words, and your internal alarm system began to whirl. You had spent the last month anticipating this easy rhythm, the effortless convergence of schedules that signaled stability. Yet, as you listened, a faint thread of anxiety pulled at the edges of your composure. Their suggestion felt less like convenience and more like an avoidance tactic—a way to bypass the necessary discussion about dividing household chores or addressing the accumulation of unspoken resentments. You caught yourself nodding along, already formulating the comforting response that would smooth over any potential friction: "Sure, Saturday sounds perfect; just let me know what time works best." The trap was laid bare when you remembered last week's exchange where they had offered a vague promise to finally deal with that paperwork—the one item that, if addressed, would remove persistent background tension. By accepting their casual excuse for delay this time, by agreeing to postpone the difficult conversation about accountability because it felt *\*easier\** in the moment, you triggered a deep, familiar pang of guilt. You suddenly understood that your agreement wasn't an act of generosity; it was a strategic

deferral, allowing the discomfort to settle into the background noise rather than confronting its sharp edges right now.

The pattern became painfully clear over the ensuing weeks. The small compromises you made—the times you let an unreturned commitment slide, the vague excuses for lateness that you simply accepted with a reassuring smile—were not acts of patience; they were preemptive negotiations to maintain equilibrium. You remember distinctly canceling plans last month because your partner had promised help organizing a major life transition, only to find out later they'd gotten sidetracked by something less urgent and simply forgot. The initial flush of annoyance cooled quickly, replaced by the familiar, dull ache that signaled emotional capitulation. Instead of voicing the disappointment—the quiet 'I was counting on you'—you instead offered a soothing balm: "It's alright; we can reschedule." That acceptance felt like swallowing glass to prevent a more immediate cut. Slowly, subtly, your relationship began to accommodate this pattern. The dynamic shifted because you had learned that maintaining superficial peace required preemptive sacrifice of your own needs. People around you started expecting the smooth landing, the effortless



resolution provided by your intervention. They grew accustomed to the narrative where \*your\* solving was the necessary precondition for \*their\* stability. This comfortable inertia allowed genuine vulnerability—the messy, unproductive struggle that actually builds intimacy—to recede, replaced instead by a predictable reliance on your steady, problem-solving presence.



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