

SPEAKEASY CARDS

**CARDS, V.6 "FOR ALL OCCASSIONS"
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These cards were created after so many evenings of getting the same questions: “so, what do you do?” “how long have you been living here?” “where were you before this?”

We’ve been testing and iterating these questions at **Curious Dinners** (discussions about taboo, crucial topics like sex, death, affairs, money, stereotypes, imposter syndrome, unproductive days), **Fuck Up Nights** (candid business failure stories), and **professional workshops and networking**.

It seems that what we want is **an invitation, excuse, opportunity, or permission** to dive directly into the topics that interest us! Otherwise, we (strategically) go with topics that are the safest.

These cards might nudge us towards armchair philosophy, personal reflection, or hilarious and nostalgic stories.

They might be permission to tackle tough conversations, or explore peculiar and creative ideas!

They are a place to start.

*(72 “for all occasions” cut the small talk questions, giving people the option for deeper, tougher specifics.)
(Event hosting & facilitation notes to be added. Questions? Current facilitator guide? angelaognev at gmail.)*



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What's something you did for the first time lately? (Or, what would you like to do for the first time?)

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What have you learned recently? (About a topic, a skill, yourself, another, society, etc.)

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What's an everyday thing you've been appreciating lately (or would like to appreciate more?)

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If you were part of the first group on Mars, which 2 people might you take with you? (Practicals are covered.)

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What's a high point and a low point of this week?

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What is an energising part of your day-to-day?

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What have you changed your mind about lately?

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What would you make a book about?

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What have you found easy about relationships? What's been difficult?

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What's a social norm you might like to change? From what to what?

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What is a defining or epiphany moment of your childhood?

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What's a mistake you'd like to look back on with laughter or learning?

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What's challenging your comfort zone? (Making you uncomfortable, but in a good way.)

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What are you currently afraid, confused, frustrated, or nervous about? (Pick 1 emotion word.)

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If you had 5 separate, other, fantasy lives, what might you be doing in them? (Brief phrase for each.)

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Do you read fiction? If so, what draws you in? If not, what do you believe about fiction?

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What habit are you working on at the moment?

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What's a belief of yours that has changed over time?

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What advice do you support but rarely follow?

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What's made you laugh uncontrollably? Why?

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What's something you want to see being taught in tomorrow's schools?

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What activity, unrelated to your main work, has helped you in your work? How?

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In what physical space or environment do you feel the most "you"?

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What's something you've clicked on in your social media feed? Why?

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— If you were restarting civilization on Mars, what key ideas or structures might you start with?

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— What do you believe is a good way for those in a relationship to deal with money?

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— What's something thoughtful you've given to or planned for someone (including yourself)?

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— What was the conversation around emotions and feelings in your childhood home?

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— How are you with giving or receiving gifts?

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— What's been changing recently? (About you or not.)

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— What's something you've been meaning to do for a while?

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— What kind of game might you make or design? Why?

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— What alternative professions or ways of living are you curious about today?

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— What's a little thing that fills you with pride, smugness, or an urge to celebrate?

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— Who or what did you want to be as a kid? Where did you get that inspiration?

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— What's something you not appreciate at the time, but you really appreciate now?

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What's a quirk or strange habit you've noticed recently? (In yourself, or in others)

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Which of your own skills, personality traits, or choices have you been proud of lately?

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Who is someone who may not realise their impact on you? What impact did they have?

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If you were to be in the mind, body, spirit, lifestyle, etc. of another person, who might you choose?

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What really tiny things make you happy?

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What about a person tends to energise or enliven you?

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What do you have an intuitive or gut sense for?

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When were you excited to pay for something? Why?

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What would you like even more people to know you for or associate with you?

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What's something you'd tweak about your education or upbringing? Why?

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What book or movie has shifted how you see the world? In what way?

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What do you want to build or do on your weekends, offdays, vacations, etc?

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What's a moment where your life could have taken a different path?

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What's one of your pet peeves or annoyances? Why do you think it annoys you?

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What's something you believed about love, sex, relationships, etc as a child?

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If you are distracted by thoughts while talking to someone, what are you thinking about?

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What would you like to learn more about, or experience more of? Why?

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What's an idea (or category of thoughts) you would like to stop thinking about?

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Who (or what) do you admire? Pick one that would be hard to guess.

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What tradition might you reinvent (or create)?

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What mess up or failure can you look back on and laugh now? What changed?

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What do you believe about personality tests or inventories?

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What initially-outrageous group or worldview is no longer so outrageous to you?

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When (and about which topic) did you debate or argue passionately?

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What tough past moment do you look back on with humour now?

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Imagine you could look 100 years into the future. What would you want to know?

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When you're dining out with friends, how do you feel when the bill comes?

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What's a moment or experience that has helped you better understand others?

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What's a surprise or apparently-contradicting-thing about you?

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What keeps you up at night? (Could be literal or metaphorical.)

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If an extra room popped up in your house, what would that room be for?

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What would you like to be doing (or doing more often)?

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When do you feel most connected, energised, powerful, or "in the zone"?

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What song makes you feel most happy, relaxed, or embodied?

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If your life split into 2 (or 3) different lives now, what would they be?

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