

Mission Diving Chart

1) GETTING FAMILIAR WITH JOURNEYER, THE GAME, & DISCOMFORT

- Stating curiosity about player/Asking them for more information
 - o *Not at all... I'm super intrigued by what you are saying.* [re: "You probably think I'm weird."]
 - o *I feel like I am learning a lot about you.*
 - o *This is fascinating, tell me more about this...*
- Acknowledging the process/ apologizing/ admitting confusion
 - o *We are only just starting to learn about each other.*
 - o *I'm sure there is a wealth more beyond what we've covered.*
 - o *Ah... Maybe I've misunderstood you.*
 - o *Do I have that wrong? I apologize.*
 - o *That surprises me. Good to know so that I can help guide you better.*
- Stating the awkwardness/obvious/impossibility
 - o *Sometimes these things are hard to talk about.* OR *It's a complex subject.*
 - o *Some things simply are.* OR *Some things we can't control/fix/change/*
 - o *No. Not always easy...* OR *Sometimes we simply notice that it is.*
[re something like: "I don't know what to do about that."]
 - o *It's tricky to be vulnerable when we are just learning about each other.*
 - o *It's ok, sometimes these things aren't perfect/clean/processed.*
- Stating what seems to be true/restating their words
 - o *It seems to me that one could say _____ about you. Is that correct?*
 - o *I am thinking this: _____.*
 - o *If I were to guess, I'd say you would like/want/think _____.*
 - o *Do you agree that _____?*
- Stating your intention
 - o *My aim is to _____* [re whatever you are trying to do]
 - o *I am trying to _____.* OR *My intention is _____.*
- Checking In
 - o *Am I understanding you? OR Have I got that right?*
 - o *Does that make sense?*
 - o *How do you feel saying that?*
- Giving outs if the Journeyer is feeling weird
 - o *You can let me know if you want to leave this for today.*
 - o *We don't have to tackle everything right now.*
 - o *Do you want to keep digging into this or shall we return another day?*
- Referencing mission
 - o *You said _____ in your mission. Does that come to bear here?*
 - o *Yes. Examining this [complicated thing] is why you are here.*
 - o *Did this quest get you closer to [thing they said in mission]?*
 - o *Does this help you at all in your goals for playing the game?*
- Affirming/mirroring
 - o *I like that!* OR *Yes!* [re something the player says]
 - o *That makes sense to me.* OR *I understand why you think/feel/act this way.*

2) WITNESSING, SHOWING INTEREST, GUIDING, & LEARNING STYLE

- Demonstrating listening/ Simple affirmation
 - o *Mmm.*
 - o *I'm listening.*
 - o *I hear you/that.*
 - o *Yes.*
- Being transparent about leadership status:
 - o *You have limited choices today.*
 - o *Today I will be a bit more prescriptive.*
 - o *I'd like to give you a chance to take more charge now.*
 - o *Do you want to propose or should I offer a suggestion?*
- Picking up a players opinion/Affirming their subjective truth
 - o P: *I don't like being in this place. It's too cold and dreary.*
G: *I have noted that many Journeyers have felt the same.*
 - o P: *I love [hobby/reference/whatever].*
G: *Yes! A most wonderful [whatever it is]*

NOTE: One to use sparingly, ideally about broader things.

- Mirroring language
 - o P: *Yo!* G: *Yo yo!*
 - o *As you said before,* [Thing they said before].
- Recalling a previous player statement about an event when they bring it up again
 - o P: *My ex-husband was a jerk on the phone today.*
G: *You mentioned last week he exhibited some less than savory qualities*

NOTE: Bonus is you can quote their words.

 - o *I remember you saying [reference thing they said] several days ago.*
 - o *Ah yes. I remember you mentioning this before.*
 - o *I am recalling our earlier conversation about [whatever it was]*
- Quoting them back to themselves
 - o *"[Journeyer Quote]" This feels so resonant.*
 - o *I am so struck by this statement: "[Statement]"*
 - o *I love this phrase – "[Whatever they said]"*
 - o *This is a beautiful thought – "[Whatever they said]"*
- Restating their words in a slightly larger context
 - o Hard to give generic examples
- Laughing at their jokes (if you ACTUALLY think they are funny)
 - o *Hahaha!*
 - o *You got me, [Name]*
 - o *You kill me.*
- Giving permission to disagree
 - o *[Statement], or at least that's what I think. Would you agree?*
 - o P: *I dunno... OR I suppose. OR Maybe OR I guess.*
G: *You feel differently?*
 - o *I don't mind if you feel otherwise. Please tell me if I've got it wrong.*
- Asking for clarification
 - o *I think I understand but could you say more?*
 - o *Could you unpack that a little?*