Chapter One:
Thick skin
A dating offering to share with anyone and everyone. Here, thick skin slathered in oil will protect you from the worst. Having something to sink your teeth into is important.

Lupini and Sicilian olives warmed with oil, rind and rosemary

Chapter Four I & II:
With honest thanks to Timothy Chamalet, the peach is again a juice-filled symbol of pure sexual fervour. Yet the peach euphemism for erotic male flesh actually dates back to China’s Zhou Dynasty (1046-256 B.C.) where a bitten peach was a literary nod to queer male sexuality.

Iced peaches

Chapter Two:
Longevity is the key to success
In Chinese folklore noodles represent the longevity of life and relationships. With any long innings, it’s important to keep things spicy.

Shiacci planed noodles with Biang Biang chili oil

Chapter Three:
Looks can be deceiving
With rose coloured glasses or through smokey dancefloors, looks can be deceiving. Mutton dressed as lamb? Pork as tuna? Mushroom as animal? Be careful out there.

Fonno del Chianti (Funa of Chianti) confit pork with lemons and garlic bulbs or lions mane mushroom lightly seared

Chapter Three II:
Spill the beans
After years of awkward encounters, he finally spilled the beans.
I fucking love you.

Cannellini beans dressed in confit oil with red onion, rocket and vinegar

Chapter Three III:
Wrapped around your little finger
Be warned, in love seducers and seductresses have the unfair ability of mind manipulation. Those malleable may find that before long they are wrapped around a little finger. Or a big finger. Or just tied to a bed.

Pea tendrils with shallot and mustard dressing

Chapter Four I & II:
Call me by your Kougelhopf?
Even with a large hole in it, your heart can still be whole. Even without what you have lost, you are layered, you are dense, you are moist. Share with friends, stay warm, be generous with the icing of life.

Kougelhopf from Monarch Cakes

High Hopes Wines:
Where there is no wine, there is no love (Euripides)

1. Latta Vino Good Times Pet Nat $46.00
2. Latta Ex Nihilo Pinot Gris $46.00
3. Ochota Barrels Botanicals $51.00

Fable dressings: Brittany Rouse
Musical accompaniment: Jack Doepel