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Chapter 5: Good-Enough Marriages

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Chapter 6: Ecstasy as Therapy

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In the case of love between two people, there is usually some form of compatibility, some shared values, some event or aspect of personality that enables and leads to the love. The feeling has an “autobiographical anchor,” making it authentic. Again, it is important to distinguish between the use of love potions to create new love and to foster existing love. The use of drugs to instill a new love is more likely to create inauthentic love, since the causal reasons for the love may lie in the drug (and external events surrounding the situation), rather than the particular person loved. This would not be the case in an established loving relationship that is losing its momentum. (Julian Savulescu and Anders Sandberg, “Neuroenhancement of Love and Marriage: The Chemicals Between Us,” *Neuroethics* 1, no. 1 [2008]: 31–44, 40)

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Chapter 7: Evolved Fragility

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thing we'll say here is that if a person had already "cured" themselves of their emotional attachment to, for example, an abusive partner (perhaps by using one of the interventions we explore in the book), there might be less of a perceived need to delete the partner from their memory as well. For readers who are interested in the science and ethics of memory modification, in addition to the discussion by Grau we recommend the following essays: Reinoud de Jongh, Ineke Bolt, Maartje Schermer, and Berend Olivier, "Botox for the Brain: Enhancement of Cognition, Mood and Pro-social Behavior and Blunting of Unwanted Memories," *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews* 32, no. 4 (2008): 760–76; Adam J. Kolber, "Therapeutic Forgetting: The Legal and Ethical Implications of Memory Dampening," *Vanderbilt Law Review* 59 (2006): 1561–2053; and Erik Parens, "The Ethics of Memory Blunting and the Narcissism of Small Differences," *Neuroethics* 3, no. 2 (2010): 99–107. Please note that this note and much of the present chapter is adapted with permission from Brian D. Earp, Olga A. Wudarczyk, Anders Sandberg, and Julian Savulescu, "If I Could Just Stop Loving You: Anti-love Biotechnology and the Ethics of a Chemical Breakup," *American Journal of Bioethics* 13, no. 11 (2013): 3–17. **As Gondry recounts:** Quoted in Jessica Lack, "Eraser-head," *The Guardian*, September 5, 2008, <https://www.theguardian.com/film/2008/sep/06/1>. **reports of a real-life technique:** Pauline Bock, "How a PTSD Expert Developed a Viable Cure for Heartbreak," *WIRED*, June 26, 2019, <https://www.wired.co.uk/article/ptsd-and-heartbreak>. All quoted material in the remainder of this section of the chapter is from this source. **More than 70 percent of participants in a 2018 study:** This statistic comes from the *WIRED* article cited in the previous note; however, it is unclear whether the study has been published or whether the author was sharing preliminary results. We did find a 2018 study by Brunet and others that describes a similar technique, but found no mention of romantic betrayal; rather, the patients are simply characterized as having PTSD. See Alain Brunet, Daniel Saumier, Aihua Liu, David L. Streiner, Jacques Tremblay, and Roger K. Pitman, "Reduction of PTSD Symptoms with Pre-reactivation Propranolol Therapy: a Randomized Controlled Trial," *American Journal of Psychiatry* 175, no. 5 (May 2018): 427–33. **As Helen Fisher and her colleagues:** Helen E. Fisher, Debra Mashek, Arthur Aron, Haifang Li, and Lucy L. Brown, "Defining the

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Chapter 10: Chemical Breakups

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Chapter 11: Avoiding Disaster

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Chapter 12: Choosing Love

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