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LOVE LANGUAGE

My astrological star sign is Taurus.
And for those of you with functioning social lives,
That simply means that food
Is my love language.

Speak to me in tones of Italian linguini
Stewed to steaming, simmering perfection
With a side of lemon seared scallops.
Did you know shellfish is an aphrodisiac?

Show me Spanish root words grilled to impeccable char,
Picked, pickled peppers spread on tortillas
Roll-off my tongue smooth as salsa verde and just as authentic;
I hope you can stomach my spiced passion.

I am fluent in flavor,
Can detect notes of burnt deception in undertones of basil,
And I am not scared to send your plateful of loving lies back to the kitchen
Because dishonesty is not what I ordered.

Food is the first linguistics class I ever took,
Taught by my mother and a rubber spoon
Topped with mushy peas and self-respect turned slob on my bib;
I guess some love is harder to swallow than others.

Now I am a Taurus full and
Brimming and speaking between spoonfuls of affection.
Forkfuls of feasts overflow my heart's mixing bowl
As you add the ingredients for admiration;

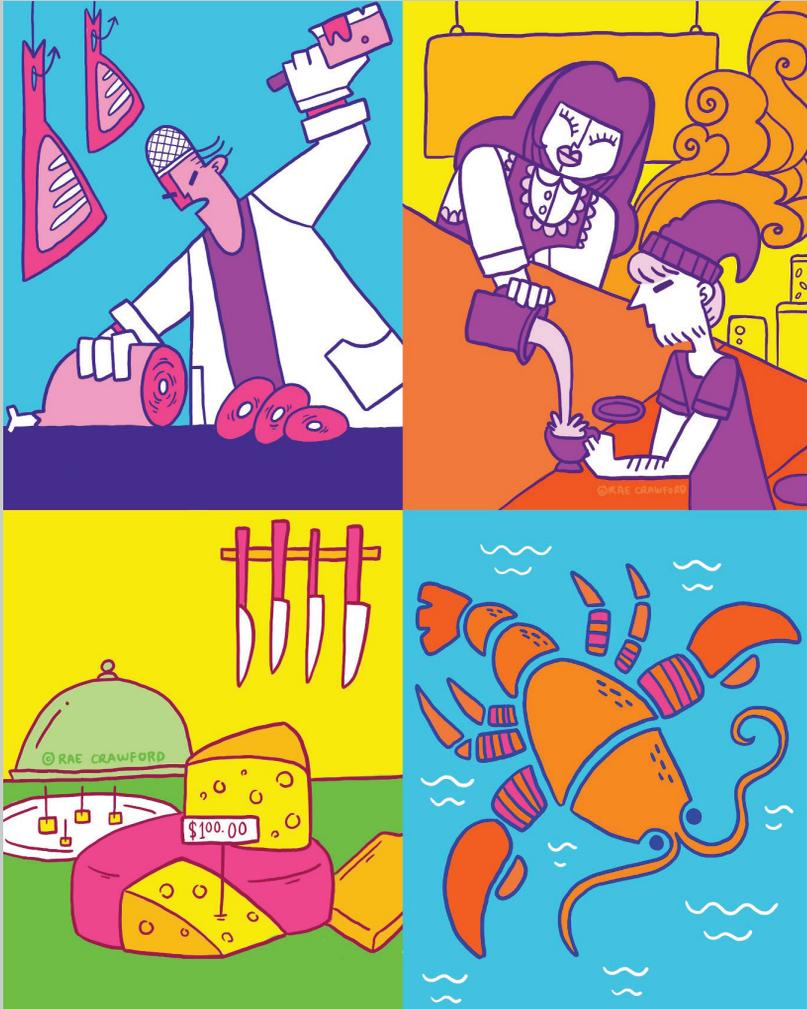
But just because my language is a mess, often misspelled,
There is no excuse for spilling your sugar in haste.
If you don't understand what I am saying, don't make waste.
I do not want to broil in a love gone unseasoned.
If you want to learn my native speech,
Do not pour yourself out all at once.
Love me slowly, savor me, fold me gently
Like butter in cream for the frosting sweetness you so desire.

If the heat is too high too soon,
The flames may devour me before you get the chance to taste.
Even the lightest and loveliest loaves of bread
Must first rise to the occasion.

When the oven is set and apron donned,
Let me bake in your warmth, expand beyond the pan.
As long as you forget me not,
I believe we shall turn out just fine.

For I am Taurus
And that means food is my love language.
The culinary jargon is meticulous to decipher
But loving me to well-done perfection is well worth the time.

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