

## MARRIAGE PACT

Context: CASSIE (age 20) just had a nasty breakup. While consoling her, her best friend of seven years, CODY (age 20), comes up with an idea...

CODY:                   OKAY, SO I HAVE AN IDEA.  
IT MIGHT SOUND SUPER STRANGE,  
BUT IT'S NOT A HUGE CHANGE  
FROM THE FRIENDSHIP WE'VE GOT.  
I DON'T KNOW,  
IT JUST KIND OF MAKES SENSE.

CASSIE:               Cody--

CODY:                   WE'VE EACH DATED AROUND.  
NEVER HIT THE GOLD MINE,  
BUT YOU'RE ALWAYS MY LIFELINE  
SO WHY NOT GIVE IT A SHOT?

I propose....  
We form a marriage pact!

CASSIE:               Oh. A what?

CODY:                   A marriage pact! You know, like when friends decide that they'll get  
married to each other at a certain age if they're both still single.

*CASSIE makes an unsure face.*

CODY:                   Come on--

I COULD SEE US HAVING OUR MORNING COFFEE,  
MINE WITH MILK, YOURS BLACK  
WHILE I MAKE A STACK OF BUTTERMILK PANCAKES  
WITH SYRUP ON THE SIDE  
SO YOU'RE SATISFIED.

WOULDN'T IT BE NICE?  
I MEAN, IF I DON'T FIND ANYONE ELSE,  
YOU WOULD SUFFICE.

CASSIE:               Hey!

CODY:                   IT'S JUST A MARRIAGE PACT,

A SILLY MARRIAGE PAC.  
TO ENACT OR RETRACT  
WHILE OUR FRIENDSHIP STAYS INTACT.  
CASSIE, WHY NOT MAKE A MARRIAGE PACT WITH ME?

CASSIE: Honestly, Cody, this isn't one of your worst ideas.

I COULD SEE US WALKING IN RIVERSIDE PARK  
WITH OUR DOG... A PUG!  
WE'D NAME HIM DUG FROM YOUR OBSESSION WITH *UP*  
AND PLAY FETCH WITH SOME STICKS  
AND TEACH HIM NEW TRICKS!

WOULDN'T IT BE FUN?  
I MEAN, IF I DON'T FIND MY SOULMATE,  
I GUESS YOU'D BE THE ONE.

CODY: *(sarcastic)* I'm flattered.

CASSIE: IT'S JUST A MARRIAGE PACT,  
A HARMLESS MARRIAGE PACT.  
TO ENACT OR RETRACT  
WHILE OUR FRIENDSHIP STAYS INTACT.  
CODY, DO YOU WANNA MAKE A MARRIAGE PACT WITH ME?

CODY: I WANT NOTHING MORE!  
WE'LL HAVE A HOUSE IN THE SUBURBS----

CASSIE: WITH A TWO CAR GARAGE----

CODY: AND A BACKYARD FOR DUG----

CASSIE: WE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT HIM!

CODY: AND MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY I'LL WORK AT SOME LAW FIRM--

CASSIE: I'LL DRIVE RIGHT FROM WORK---

CODY/CASSIE: TO MEET UP AT THE GYM!

CODY: AND AT NIGHT WE'LL RELAX-----

CASSIE: AND PLAY CLUE----

CODY: OR CATAN----

CASSIE: BE IN BED AROUND MIDNIGHT----

CODY: BUT TALK UNTIL DAWN.  
THEN WE'LL DO IT AGAIN, DO IT ALL FROM THE START.  
DAY AFTER DAY, TILL DEATH DO US PART.

*(CODY realizes he took the daydreaming too far.)*  
BUT IN THE MEANTIME, WE'LL KEEP SEARCHING  
TILL THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE ARRIVES.

Right?

CASSIE: Right!

THOUGH IT'S NICE TO KNOW WE WON'T BE WAITING  
FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES.

Right?

CODY: Right!

*(To themselves- the other one can't hear)*  
CODY/CASSIE: AND IF WORST COMES TO WORST,  
YOU FIND SOMEONE FIRST,  
THEN I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD DO.  
SO I'M HOLDING OUT HOPE FOR ME AND YOU.

*(Back to each other)*  
'CAUSE WE'VE GOT A MARRIAGE PACT,  
A SOLID MARRIAGE PACT  
TO RETRACT OR ENACT

*(To themselves- the other one can't hear)*  
SO I CAN STOP THIS FRIENDSHIP ACT.

*(Back to each other)*  
CODY: So when we both turn thirty---

CASSIE: Make that twenty-nine----

CODY: Or twenty eight----

CASSIE: That works for me, I'll make a mental note----

CODY: Then it's a date!

CODY/CASSIE: I PROMISE THAT I'LL GO THROUGH  
WITH MY MARRIAGE PACT TO YOU!