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| Honey, I’m Home… |
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If someone I truly loved, respected and completely trusted, such as someone who will be my future fiancé, told me that they had been abducted by aliens, I am not quite sure what I would do. Initially, right after being told, I would dismiss the idea that my fiancé intentionally meant an extraterrestrial alien. After that I would probably ask if by aliens she meant illegal Mexicans or something of that sort. I would have a hard time of believing my fiancé’s assertion right there in the moment in which she told me. I would not automatically try and shoot her down, but I would be skeptical and try to be understanding of what is going on.

Shortly after being told, I would begin to ask questions and try to learn more about what happened. In other words, I would begin probing and see if my fiancé truly believed what she was saying or not. I would test the validity of the story probably by asking her to explain exactly what happened and ask for her story on the situation. As she is telling me the story, I would most likely be listening intently to see if somewhere in the story there was a misconception or a misinterpretation that occurred that would give a more reasonable explanation for this story; something that completes the picture and changes the end of the story. Or in other words, I would try and see if there was a way to prove that she was not actually abducted by aliens but rather another explanation of what ‘actually’ happened. If I could not do this and everything in the story sounded reasonable, I think that I would believe my fiancé if a) I believed that she was not pulling my strings, b) she was mentally stable, c) and emotionally stable.

If I did not believe her and something was fishy about her story/explanation, than I would cast many doubts and I think it would be very hard for me to ever look at my fiancé the same as before. I would be too skeptical I believe to really ever let it go, but I would try to put it behind us and move on with our lives. If she made our marriage’s success dependent upon whether or not I believed her and accepted this one assertion that she makes, than I don’t think that I would want to marry her because this would most likely become the basis of our relationship and I don’t want to base entire relationship, especially a marriage, on one truth or assertion. That is not the type of life style that I would want to live and I would probably end the relationship.

In summary, if my fiancé told me she was abducted by aliens, I would probably by skeptical at first. I would ask her to tell me her perception of what happened and if everything sounded ok, I would probably believe her. If something sounded fishy, I probably wouldn’t believe her. But at any point if she made our marriage dependent upon this situation, I probably would end the relationship because I don’t want my marriage to be dependent upon any one event.