

Engagement Celebration

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Clash of Context Sketch

INT. COURT ROOM DAY

Inside a court room ATTORNEY JEFFERSON (46) and ATTORNEY CLODOUGH (38) speak to their CLIENTS, one male JAMES MALLONEY (44) and one female LINDA BROWN (43). The trial has yet to start, and PEOPLE on different sides of the court room chat quietly.

One of the large oak doors open and DAN MCCLAGHIN (27), wearing a worn and slightly too large gray oxford shirt, pokes his head in.

DAN

Oh thank god, they haven't started yet. Come on, we can sit back here.

Dan enters the court room with a STEPHANIE HEYES (26), wearing a light green dress and pearl earrings, holding Dan's hand as he drags her to one of the pews. On Stephanie's hand is a large diamond engagement ring.

STEPHANIE

(giggling)

Dan, what are we doing here? I thought you were taking me somewhere to celebrate our engagement.

Dan and Stephanie sit at the back row on the left side of the courtroom.

DAN

I wanted to show you something special. Just trust me!

Stephanie opens her mouth to speak again, but before she can the POLICE OFFICER speaks.

POLICE OFFICER

All rise for the honorable Judge Kovaks!

Everyone rises as JUDGE KOVAKS (63) takes his seat.

STEPHANIE

(whispering)

Who are these people? I don't recognize anyone here.

DAN

(whispering)

It's not important who they are, but why they are here.

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At the front of the court room Attorney Jefferson stands in front of the JURY.

ATTORNEY JEFFERSON

My client, Linda Brown nee Malloney, has been mentally hurt by the actions of one James Malloney! Not only was her husband having an affair with multiple women, but with her grandmother no less!

Attorney Clodough stands.

ATTORNEY CLODOUGH

Objection! My client, James Malloney, had no malicious intentions! His affair was completely private and had she not been snooping she would have never seen his sex tape he made with her grandmother and filed for the divorce!

At the back of the courtroom Stephanie's jaw drops and her eyes widen in shock.

Stephanie turns to Dan.

STEPHANIE

(whispering)

Did you bring me to a divorce court?!

DAN

(whispering)

Not just any divorce court! This couple is special.

Dan gives Stephanie an excited smile.

ATTORNEY CLODOUGH

My client, Mr. Malloney, was fully within his rights to have intercourse with Dana Brown in the women's bathroom of Speedo's Gay Bar and to have Ms. Brown's Grandfather film it for personal use!

Stephanie's jaw drops once more before her face scrunches up in disgust.

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STEPHANIE

(whispering)

He cheated on her at the place we
met?

Dan sighs, eye half lidded and small smile on his face,
blushing ever so slightly.

DAN

(whispering)

Yeah. On the very same night too.

Dan squeezes Stephanie's hand. Stephanie's face has drained
of color, her eyes wide.

At the front of the courtroom Linda Brown is sitting on the
witness stand Attorney Clodough paces the floor.

LINDA

Fine! I admit it, I have been
smuggling drugs for the Swedish
cartel for years in exchange for
the pills I've been using to poison
my husband with! And I would do it
again, our marriage has been as dry
as a goddamn raisin!

At the back of the courtroom Dan looks at Stephanie
lovingly, a large smile across his face and his eyes
half-lidded.

DAN

(whispering)

One day, when we're their age,
we're going to face the same
problems they are. And I want you
to know, I will smuggle drugs for
any cartel for you until the day I
die.

Stephanie nods slowly, face still drained of color. Her
entire body is shaking ever so slightly.

At the front of the courtroom James Malloney now sits on the
witness stand.

JAMES

I loved my wife! But when you are
with someone for years the little
things start to pile up! That's why
I killed her and replaced her with
a robot!

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Everyone in the courtroom GASPS except for Dan, who continues to beam at a terrified looking Stephanie.

DAN

I could never do that. I'm not smart or strong enough. I bet you could, though. Probably why I'll be the drug smuggler out of the two of us.

Dan knocks his shoulder against Stephanie's.

STEPHANIE

Dan, do you really want this to be us? Divorced by the time we're in our fifties?

DAN

I mean, yeah. Of course, our divorce will be way messier because we'll have a kid but ideally it would play out something like this.

Stephanie takes a deep breath.

STEPHANIE

I don't know if I can marry you anymore. I...this isn't the future that I want.

Stephanie looks down as she fidgets with her engagement ring.

Dan takes Stephanie's hands into his own.

DAN

Well, what kind of future do you want to have?

Judge Kovaks BANGS his gavel.

JUDGE KOVAKS

The jury finds that both parties are to receive equal share of things, and except their cannabis farm which shall go to Linda Brown.

Stephanie rests looks away from Dan.

STEPHANIE

I want to behead you after you impregnate me, and I want to eat your body after.

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DAN
Steph...That sounds even better
than divorce.

Dan and Stephanie kiss passionately.

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