

ALCOHOLIC WEDDING DAY July 30, 2003

(Preacher faces crowd, Fred and Ethel have backs to crowd)

PREACHER: It is truly wonderful when out of the horrors of alcoholism and into the halls of recovery two people find one another and love blossoms alongside sobriety. Fred and Ethel, your heartfelt vows to each other you just expressed can be the cornerstone of a lifelong commitment which will continue to bless you all the days of your life. So therefore, if anyone can show just cause why these two should not be wed let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

GRACIE: I'm sorry I can't believe I'm actually doing this but I have to say something. My name is Gracie and I'm an alcoholic. I've been Ethel's sponsor for some time now and she is simply not ready for this big of a commitment. I mean, it took her six weeks to get enough nerve to sign a year commitment for her cell phone service! I think this is just another attempt to get a pink cloud experience to latch onto for a while. Sure, the wedding is beautiful, but believe me, the marriage will get butt ugly real quick. But some people have to learn things the hard way. Hey, you know what? Never mind. Maybe this will be a good learning experience for Ethel. I withdraw my objection. If anyone knows a good divorce lawyer see me at the reception. Go ahead preacher, sorry.

PREACHER: Um...okay...as I was saying if anyone can show just cause why these two should not be wed let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

GEORGE: My name is George and I'm an alcoholic. I'm Fred's sponsor and I tried to talk him out of this for weeks, but you know what happens when you try to tell an alcoholic anything. Fred is about as mature as Dennis the Menace. I think he misunderstood what I said about getting into a relationship in your first year of sobriety. Specifically the part about NOT doing it. I told Fred when he asked me to be his sponsor that he could have all the sex he wanted in his first year and then in the second year invite someone to join him. Now, I'm not saying it couldn't work between him and Ethel, I mean look at Ozzy and Sharon Ozbourne; anything is possible. Look, I don't really want to stop the wedding, that's not my job. I just want to be on record as saying this is about a good an idea as putting an electric eel in your

underwear. When you call me in a few weeks pissed off and drunk Fred, I'll just say I told you so. All right. Proceed preacher.

PREACHER: All right. If anyone else...

GLENN: My name is Glenn and I'm an alcoholic. I have just cause to stop this wedding. The reason is I am completely, head-over-heels in love with Fred. I met him four days ago at my home group, Fatal Attraction. He spilled some decaf on me by accident and the way he said he was sorry was *so* sincere, *so* heartfelt that I knew we were soulmates. He glanced at me three times that day and two days ago he said hi to me and smiled. We are meant to be together forever and I know that given a little time Fred would see just how right we are for each other. Obviously he has been bewitched by this EVIL TRAMP pretending she loves him. NO ONE LOVES FRED LIKE ME! DOES EVIL ETHEL HAVE A FRED SHRINE IN HER CLOSET? I DON'T THINK SO! DID SHE SACRIFICE A SQUIRREL TO FRED LAST NIGHT AT HER FRED ALTAR? NO! HAS SHE WRITTEN "I LOVE YOU FRED" 400 TIMES ON THE KITCHEN FLOOR IN LIPSTICK? DOES SHE HAVE A WEBSITE CALLED "WWW.I LOVE YOU FRED. COM? I PAINTED A PICTURE OF FRED ON MY GARAGE DOOR! I HAVE A HEART TATTOO WITH FRED'S NAME ON THE SOLES OF MY FEET! FRED I LOVE! FRED I LOVE YOU!

(Two guys come and drag her away as she is still ranting)

PREACHER: Anyone else? No? Can we finish this wedding? Okay, one more time, if anyone can show just cause why these two should not be wed let them speak now or forever hold their peace.

ABNER: Abner, alcoholic! I have just cause! Ethel is my wife!

(preacher faints-Abner chases Fred-as Ethel cries)

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