

A script from



“Date Night With the Newlyweds”

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- What** Veteran married couple, Jack and Jan, have dinner with newlyweds, Todd and Lauren and good advice abounds. **Themes:** Marriage, Newlyweds, Relationships, Husbands, Wives, Love, Commitment, Wisdom, Encouragement
- Who** Jack
Jan
Todd
Lauren
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** The setting is a restaurant, so go as big or as small as you'd like.
Table
Tablecloth
Table setting-plates, glasses, napkins, silverware
Bread basket
- Why** 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 5:21-33
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational and energetic. Be careful not to overact.
- Time** Approximately 6-8 minutes

Todd and Lauren are sitting at the table onstage. Jack and Jan walk in from stage left and stop for a moment to primp before meeting with Todd and Lauren. Jack is dressed in a sport coat and tie and Jan is wearing a nice dress.

Jack: *(Annoyed)* Now remind me, again, why I'm missing game 6 of the World Series to hang out with your niece and her new husband???

Jan: *(Looking at herself in a compact)* Because we missed the wedding so you could go deep-sea fishing. *(Fixing his tie)* And because, we could use a date night ourselves.

Jack: Which leads me to my next question...why waste a good night of babysitting at this place? *(Taking her hand)* Let's go somewhere where we can be...you know...alone.

Jan: C'mon, I told Lauren that you're dying to meet her new husband.

Jack: Oh yeah, her prissy artist husband. I don't trust any guy that plays with paint for a living.

Jan: He doesn't play with paint and he's not prissy. *(Pause)* He's just more cardigan than camo.

Jack: *(Sulking)* Do we really have to do this? I mean they're so...so...newlywed.

Jan: *(Laughing)* What does that mean?

Jack: I dunno...they smile too much. Laugh too much. You know, *(he makes an absurd lovey dovey face and sighs deeply)* too much. They just have that newlywed... *(searching for the right word)* smell.

Jan: *(Slapping him playfully)* Stop it...now let's go, we're already late.

Jack and Jan walk to the table at center stage and commence to greet the two cordially.

Lauren: *(Giving Jan and Jack a big hug)* Oh it's so good to see you!

Collecting herself.

Lauren: *(Cont'd)* Aunt Jan, Uncle Jack...I want you to meet my husband, Todd.

They exchange handshakes and hellos before sitting. As Todd and Lauren turn around to find their seats, Jack traces the outline of a splayed out collar to Jan and she slaps him on the shoulder and mouths "behave".

Lauren: I went ahead and ordered us some calamari for an appetizer, I hope you like calamari.

Jack: *(Unfolding his napkin and placing it in his lap)* Oh, I don't eat anything with suction cups or tentacles...it's just a rule I have.

Jan: *(Ignoring her husband)* Calamari sounds wonderful...

Todd: And I went ahead and ordered us some sparkling water to drink...*(he turns and looks deeply at Lauren)* to remind me of the sparkle in my love's eyes.

Lauren: *(Visibly taken aback by his words)* Oh, that's so sweet.

They commence to coo over one another. Jack looks at Jan and makes the absurd lovey dovey face as before. She gives him a dirty look and mouths "stop it".

Jack: *(Breaking up the newlyweds moment and reaching for the bread in the middle of the table)* Uhh...would anyone like some bread?

The two lovebirds don't break their focus on one another.

Jack: *(Cont'd)* Alrighty then

Jan: *(Trying to break the awkwardness)* So, Todd...Lauren tells us that you're a graphic artist. That must be a fascinating field.

Todd: *(Breaking away from his focus on Lauren)* Oh it is! This week I just landed a major client...have you ever heard of Smith and Wesson?

At this, Jack drops the knife loudly on the plate and the two ladies roll their eyes to each other.

Jack: Did you say Smith and Wesson? Like the gun maker?

Todd: Yep.

Jack: *(To Jan)* I knew I'd like this guy

Jan rolls her eyes.

Lauren: *(Trying to steer the conversation elsewhere)* Honey, tell them about some of your other clients.

Todd: Well, I do lots of work for...

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ENDING:

Todd: So I'm off antiquing duty?

Lauren: Yeah...about that...*(glancing at Jan)* I think I've found my new Saturday morning antiquing partner in aunt Jan. *(Touching Todd's shoulder)* Oh sweetie, I hope that's okay with you.

Todd: *(Taking her hand and looking deeply at her)* Honey, it will be tough but I think our marriage can handle it.

Lauren glances down at their hands and Todd mouths "thank you" to Jan...she winks at him and smiles.

Jack: So, that means I've got a kitchen pass too...*(to Todd)* looks like there's some fishing in our future, Bro.

Jan: *(Turning to Jack)* It means you can finally tile my bathroom like I've been asking for two months now.

Jack: *(Returning to his roll)* Anything for you, my dear. I'll get Todd, here, to help me

Todd: Hey, what happened to being the leader? To being yourself?

Jack: Todd, the key to a happy marriage is to be yourself...but the key to *survival*, is knowing *when* to be yourself.

Jan: Well said, sweetie. *(Offering the basket of rolls)* Would anyone like some bread?

Todd and Lauren both respond with an enthusiastic "yes".

Lights out. The end.