

MARJORIE CB

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SYLVIA

Tell us what, Clarke?

CLARKE

Ah, yes. Simply put ...
(not at all simply)
Marjorie and I are in love!

CLARKE and MARJORIE revel in their
love.

BEAU

START With each other?

MARJORIE

Quite. In fact, Beau, darling, well, I suppose considering
your news it will come as a comfort to you now. This child
is not yours!

CLARKE

(with enormous pride)
I'm the father, Beau! (Breathes deeply, now joyous) God, it
feels good to get that off my chest! I was dreading having to
act the uncle to my son.

MARJORIE

Or daughter.

CLARKE

(a throw away)
Of course. (now a proclamation) I want the child to call me
Papa!

MARJORIE

What a favor you've done us, Sylvie! I know tonight, I shall
sleep well for once. It's been awful. Sneaking away at every
chance we could. Loving in secret these long seven years.

*NOTE: Wherever MARJORIE and CLARKE can
steal a kiss, a look, a grab, they
ought to. There's nothing "mediocre"
about what they have together.

BEAU

(keeping a lid on it)
I'm getting some ice!

BEAU moves towards the kitchen.

MARJORIE

Why?

BEAU

I think I'll have a scotch. Sylvie?

SYLVIA
(truly in need of one)
Yes, please.

BEAU exits.

MARJORIE
At nine in the morning? How daring! (calling off) You know, I think I'll have one too!

CLARKE
(calling off)
Make that four. (nuzzling MARJORIE) It's a bit of a celebration isn't it?

SYLVIA
Seems debatable. (to MARJORIE) Sneaking away at every chance you could? As in - often!?

MARJORIE
No more often than you and Beau, I'm sure.

SYLVIA
We limit ourselves to one night per year.

A beat and then CLARK & MARJORIE burst out laughing.

MARJORIE
One night?!

CLARKE
That's quite disciplined!

SYLVIA
(with seething incredulousness)
Yes, well, we're married, you see, so we felt the impropriety was best handled in a moderated capacity!

BEAU enters with ice.

BEAU
(still heated)
Ice!

BEAU fixes drinks at the bar.

MARJORIE
(with a twinkle in her eye)
We weren't able to have that kind of self control.

SYLVIA
Weren't you?

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