

From Game of Tiaras

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SOLDIER 3, a soldier gives a sermon before a wedding.

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It's an emergency sermon.

(He clears his throat.)

Marriage. Love. True love. When I think of marriage, I'm reminded of my best friend Barney. He was such a happy guy. Before. You should've seen him. Running around. Laughing. Joking. Making rude noises with his hand in his armpit. Kinda sounded like someone passing gas, but it was really just him squeezing his hand in there. It was... it changed my life. He changed my life. So talented. And then he got married.

(he starts to tear up.)

I saw Barney about three years later and I said Barney – do the thing and he said... I'm sorry I'm having a hard time continuing this story – give me a second – he said he couldn't make the farting noise anymore because *she* didn't think it was worthy of him. I hate that woman. It's like she took an angel and she tore off his wings. Rip. No more armpit noise. So I said, "who are you?" and he said, "I don't know man.... I don't know."

(he gestures at CHARMING and ELLIE)

So now you two are gonna do it. Who cares? Whatever. I can't stop ya. Do you?

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