

# Are You Ready for Gay Marriage?

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## CAST

Dorothy - a young lesbian in love

Rose - a young lesbian in love

Blanche - the friend who thinks it is wrong

Ms. Taken - the lawyer

## Scene 1

(harp music plays as we see Dorothy and Rose making out passionately. They stop, look lovingly into each other's eyes, Rose places her head on Dorothy's shoulder for a moment. They sigh with love)

Rose: I'm so excited that we'll be getting married. Aren't you Dorothy?

Dorothy: Pleased as can be Rose.

(. They kiss again. They part, longingly holding one another's hands)

## Scene 2

(Dorothy enters a room - ideally with 2 chairs set up and spots Blanche. They greet each other with a friendly but not too familiar hug.)

Dorothy: I've just been on a pink cloud all day. I can hardly wait another second to get married.

Blanche: Marriage! Are you sure?

Dorothy: Why yes, we're in love.

Blanche: But marriage is really just a tool of the patriarchy. Why do you want to adhere to society's view of what is 'normal'? Don't you see it's just another way to keep you down? Marriage isn't about love - it's about guilt, entrapment, unfairness and sorrow.

Dorothy: But marriage is also about love, it's about stability, commitment and honor. And it's practical, think of the tax benefits!

Blanche: Still, I'm disappointed in you. Weren't we just marching last month for a women's right to choose and today, here you are, eager to step into the confines of what is deemed proper? Why do you want to enter into an institution that inherently is flawed?

Dorothy: I love Rose - that's why!

(Rose Enters. She and Dorothy exchange a look of longing.)

Blanche: Here's your sweet-smelling girl now. Good luck.

(Rose crosses and Dorothy and hugs her. She is obviously distraught)

Dorothy: Rose, love, what's wrong?

Rose: Oh sweetie - its just awful! I went to the town hall to get our marriage license and... and... (she cries) oh - its just awful! We aren't allowed to get married.

Dorothy: We're not allowed to get married? What do you mean?

Rose: Only a man and a woman can get married. And since we are a woman and a woman - well, we just can't!

Dorothy: That doesn't seem right. We're in love with each other, I know I want to spend the rest of my life with you and you only. Well, we'll just have to go to Vermont and get a civil union then.

Rose: A civil union! I want to get married, not unionized.

Dorothy: Alright, alright. Say, wasn't there just an article in the Daily Tribune about that law firm downtown that specializes in civil rights?

Rose: Yes

Dorothy: What say we go talk to one of their lawyers, I hear Ms. Taken is quite good.

Rose: Yes, yes! (cheering up) Let's do that.

Scene 3

(an office - an easel with a notepad on it, a desk - or small table, 2 chairs.)

Ms. Taken: Thank you ladies for coming down here to chat. How can I be of service?

Dorothy: Well, Rose and I are in love and wish to get married. But, because I was born with breasts and not a penis, we're not allowed. Is there anything we can do Ms. Taken?

Ms. Taken: Well, that certainly is a sticky situation. But before I depress you with the plethora of obstacles to marriage, I'd like to find out if you two are even ready for marriage.

(go to easel - reveal 'Sappho's Checklist' which says

1. Similar backgrounds
2. Real Friends
3. Understand Marriage)

Do the two of you have similar backgrounds?

Rose: We did both come out at a Melissa Etheridge concert. I was so smitten with the boy next to me in his flannel shirt and permed mullet and then he opened his mouth and he wasn't a he at all! I was hooked.

Ms. Taken: (chuckles) yes.. but that's not exactly what I mean. Do you have similar belief systems, experiences that compliment one another?

Dorothy: Well we met at the 'Stop SPAM' rally. I thought her protest sign was swell.

Rose: It said "Spam is ham, without the H and meat."

Dorothy: And I played softball for Wheaton College.

Rose: And I'm allergic to Wheat.

Ms. Taken: Why, you're practically two peas in a pod! But are you real friends?

Rose: We certainly are. We're able to pee in front of one another and everything.

Dorothy: And I can tell her anything. We talk for hours. We can also sit next to one another doing nothing. Its refreshing.

Ms. Taken: But do you understand marriage?

Rose: Marriage is the accepted form of expressing undying love and commitment to one another.

Dorothy: Plus you get tax breaks!

Rose: and estate rights, health care benefits, ease in adoption, citizenship rights and matching china to boot!

Ms. Taken: Well, you two certainly pass Sappho's checklist. Now the difficulties. There are a lot of roadblocks on your journey to marriage. Let's look at the Gay Marriage Barrier Board.  
(reveal another chart with the 'roadblocks' cheezy road type metaphor)

Rose: Golly - that road is impassable!

Ms. Taken: But not impossible.  
Let's take it one roadblock at a time. First - Your Family. How do they feel about your relationship? Will they support a marriage?

Dorothy: I haven't spoken to my parents in years and really feel that as an adult, their approval is not high on my list of what's healthy for me.

Rose: My parents think Dorothy is the best! They just adore her. Mum's already begun sewing my gown.

Ms. Taken: Well, it may make things difficult to not have full familial support, but you're on the right path. Now let's look at your own community - other homosexuals, your friends. Are they supportive?

Dorothy: That's the funny thing. A lot of them aren't. Why, I ran into Blanche just this afternoon and she said I was buying into the patriarchy.

Rose: Why, I don't believe it! Its much more of a matriarchy.

Ms. Taken: The community is divided. However, I am one to believe that homosexuals should have the choice. What they choose is their own dilemma.

Now the media. If you do choose to pursue marriage, they may get

wind of it and dig into every personal compartment you have...

Rose: Thank goodness we just use the whisk and wooden spoon honey!

Ms. Taken: Indeed. Now the big three. The Church, the courts and the gov't.

Dorothy: I'm an ex-Catholic Buddhist by way of Paganism. But really, I go to Unitarian Services because the songs are robust.

Rose: Well I'm Jewish so there's hope for me.

Ms. Taken: There may be hope. But bear in mind that the pressure from the Pope and other leaders will influence the other two (point to courts and gov't.)

Currently, you are legally prohibited from marrying. But we could challenge that - if you're ready to be the poster girls for homo rights.

Rose: Does that mean photo ops?

Dorothy: If it means we can get married, then

Rose and Dorothy: Yes.

Ms. Taken. Good - it will be a long hard battle and even once our arguments are heard, the court may decide to indefinitely postpone announcing its decision. Its rare, and I doubt that they would be so cowardly as to avoid making a decision in the hopes that the gov't will make it for them.

Dorothy: How would that happen?

Ms. Taken: As you may know, Mr. Bush,

Rose: What an abomination to a perfectly good name.

Ms. Taken. Mr. Bush is pushing to define marriage as one man, one woman. Of course, after divorce it becomes one man, another woman and another woman and that woman's daughter.... If his proposal passes, then the court will most likely adhere to his thoughts.

Dorothy: Why, Ms. Taken - it seems almost hopeless!

Ms. Taken: that's where you are mistaken my friends.

Rose: No. I'm Rose - you're Ms. Taken

Ms. Taken: Yes, I am Ms. Taken and you, my friends, are wrong.

Dorothy: If neither of us are right, what will we do?

Ms. Taken: no, no no! What I'm trying to say is that there is hope for you yet! The court recently legalized gay sex...

Rose: see honey, I told you I was a bad, bad girl.  
(Dorothy blushes.)

Ms. Taken: And with Canada legalizing gay marriage, we may have an ounce of hope. I'll prepare your papers and get this started - you two, just continue to love.

(Dorothy and Rose hug and then shake Ms. Taken hand)

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Scene...

This is a montage. Dorothy and Rose mime the activities talked about in the voice over (pre recorded or offstage by the 'Blanche' or 'Ms. Taken')

Dorothy and Rose did more than just love -

They held a public forum in order to educate the community about homosexual love and the right to marry.

They went to their church and synagogue seeking blessings for their union.

They drew up a will, clearly giving each other their assets. (Rose presents her ass to Dorothy. Dorothy goes to spank it with a wooden spoon)

That's assets girls. (They mouth 'Oh' and Dorothy gives Rose the spoon.)

They filled out Health Care proxies.

They opened a joint bank account.

They learned how to play the ukelele.

They went to a couple's therapist to strengthen their relationship.

They found jobs that had domestic partner benefits.

They wrote letters every day to their Senators.

They formed the Million Dyke March on Washington.

Yes, Dorothy and Rose were busy, busy beavers (they start to have

sex.)

They were busy girls indeed!

After years of preparation and waiting - they were forced with a difficult decision.

Scene

Back at Ms. Taken's office.

Dorothy: Well, Ms. Taken - we've done everything imaginable and more. Do you think we can get married now?

Ms. Taken: I'm afraid that you still can't. We could do a pretend ceremony though - I've always wanted to catch a bouquet.

Rose: There aren't any flowers here. I'm afraid we are going to have move to Canada where the lumberjacks are lean mean lesbian machines and our love is legal.

(Dorothy and Rose shake Ms. Taken's hand and leave - they kiss as 'O Canada plays.)