

How to "Casually" Third Wheel



1997
Salt & Pepper
and cumin



2006
Dr. Frankenstein & his monster
and a scared villager



2007
C3PO & R2D2
and the robot Luke's Uncle
almost bought from the Jawas

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There are days when you see people around you all getting into relationships while you are single, whether or not by choice. Those are the days, if you play your cards just right as described below, when you can successfully weasel yourself into a couple's nest and stay there with purpose.

The Ghotok

Being the matchmaker opens up a lot of opportunities for you. If you are even a half-decent human being, you will probably not be making any money from this but you can possibly get yourself a lot of free food starting from day 1. You can waltz in on the first date and just stick around. Text them saying you are there to "diffuse the initial tension." Moreover, everything they do together from there on reflects on your ghotok-ing skills. To constantly supervise them is indeed your business. If the dates miraculously go well and things start to set in motion, you, my friend, are in for a lot of treats, possibly with them both sitting with you and showering you with gratitude.

They went on another date? Treat!
They're getting married? Treat!x100

The Couple-therapist

It's okay even if your friends found someone for themselves without your help; you can still squeeze yourself in. You just have to reach out to one of your friends and convince him/her that something fishy is definitely going on. You, being the expert on love you are, just need a "closer look" into his/her significant other to pinpoint it. That translates to you being there for everything. But remember, you have to constantly revalidate your reasons for being ever present. Did they dare to go out on one date without you? Call up the friend, ask him/her to detail everything. Point out any minor error (or just "sense" something wrong) and say, "You know what? That probably wouldn't have happened if I were there."

The Puppy-eyed Manifestation of Sadness

Instructions: Walk by targeted couple and sigh, "I wish I wasn't so alone." When they look at you, give them a long lingering stare, not in the creepy way, but in the depressed dying kind of way, the one that evokes pity not repulsion.

Pro-tip: You could try smudging a little purple lipstick under your eyes to fake dark circles and a dark life. Remember to look cute, be nice, behave, and hope they decide to adopt you. Once they do, you have to fill them in on stories of love lost and how you just really need someone(s) to take care of your broken soul, even if said someone(s) is/are out on a date.

The One with the Background

If you still can't fit in between a couple, you could always try blending in instead. The goal is to be as inconspicuous as humanly possible while being ever-present. Aim for faded wallpaper. The key to succeeding in this is to always have the confused Bambi kind of look while trailing behind the couple. If ever questioned, say something along the lines of "A third wheel? What's that?" and blink innocently a few times.

There you have it. This comprehensive play-by-play guide, if observed properly, will aid you in comfortably (and hopefully, without arousing much suspicion) being a third wheel until your quest for the fourth wheel is fulfilled. May you be one with couples.

PROVERBS THAT CONTRADICT EACH OTHER

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There is a proverb for every occasion; that may be why proverbial wisdom is so contradictory itself. It seems so obvious to me now and I can hardly fathom how I didn't see it

before. So, I have lined up 11 contradictory proverbs and have put together an in-depth understanding of them in my utmost straight forward language.

1. Absence makes the heart grow fonder / Out of sight, out of mind:

Your ex-lover will pine, or play the field.

2. Good things come to those who wait / Time and tide wait for no man:

So hurry up and wait?

3. Love makes the world go around / When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out of the window:

Make the most out of life with your beloved but in case you're broke, dump 'em.

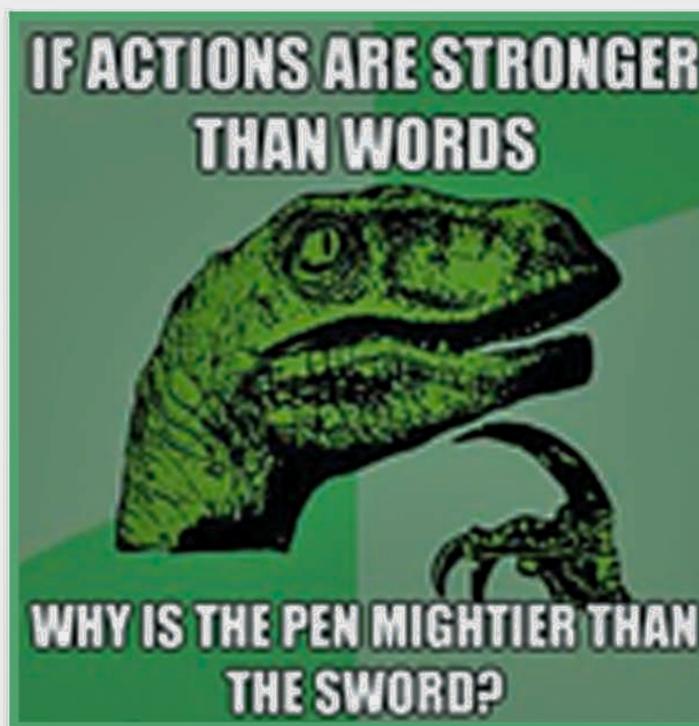
4. Morning shows the day / All's well that ends well:

When you think not being a morning person won't matter because the evening person is the only one people will notice. But then its evening and they complain about you being a bad morning person and it turns out you're just a horrible person in general.

5. The face is the mirror of the mind / Don't judge a book by its cover:

So, don't be quick to judge someone unless you've made sure they're pretty to look at.

6. A miss is as good as a mile / Something is better than nothing:



The only time I had a friend was Eugene the Rock; some would say he was a 'Kana Mama'/'Dushto Goru' but at least he was a mama/goru. I was confused whether I was supposed to keep him or get rid of him and these decisions are hard, you know.

7. Great minds think alike / Fools seldom differ: Agreeing with others is a sign of incredible intellect, or stupidity. Maybe both? I don't know.

8. Look before you leap / He who hesitates is lost: My friend once tried to ask out his crush. But he wasn't sure of the outcome. "Should I take a risk? Should I have some plan in action?" Basically, he was left hanging between two

cruelly supposed advisable jokes so he went back to admiring her from afar and reading manga.

9. Money is the root of all evil / Money makes the world go around:

Take note, kids: money is both very detrimental and constructive, which is why I am not going to pay you any allowance.

I have found a loop hole to escape my potential children's wrath.

10. Actions speak louder than words / The pen is mightier than the sword:

Well, writing is hard. So is stabbing people with it. Leave me alone.

11. Hold fast to the words of your ancestors / Wise men make proverbs but fools repeat them:

This article is a joke. My life is a joke. Your life is a joke. This world is a joke.

When a proverb is offered as an explanation, heads nod in acceptance without demanding any further discussion. However, when an exact opposite event occurs, a completely contradictory proverb resurfaces, heads nod in acceptance yet again without a second look into it. Seriously, classic sayings. Get it together.

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