
Complicated Business

“Roy, it infuriates me to think that this woman I agreed before the heavens to have and to hold for the rest of my life would deny us the chance of making something work!” Campbell paced about the room, his gaze fixed on the floor before him as he contemplated his annoyance. It was Sunday but that did not deter him from wrecking his mind over this feud he raged with his wife. Even before he had vocalized his woes, having his chart before me was enough to know what had ailed him so.



Having the 4th House Lord (home, family and close relations) coupled with the 10th House Lord (business, future and ambition) occupying the 12th House (losses, endings and isolation), Campbell certainly had much to ponder. Watching him furiously thinking but seemingly getting to reasonable solution to his issue, I decided to intervene before his anger got the better of him. “A piece of advice I think would help you during this present time is this: it might be wise not to mix business with personal life. In your case, this is especially true.”

My words literally froze him. Stunned, he took a moment to consider before finally taking a seat across from me. “My friends were right about you. Could I request that before you continue, to just hear me out for awhile?”

The war between the spouses began shortly after Campbell’s business started booming. It was an industry he delved into after much discussion and planning with his mates. Not surprisingly, considering Campbell’s determined nature, shortly after gathering all the necessary research and finalizing all the paperwork, his trader business profited from nothing into an impressive shop of goods customers swear by. Naturally, Campbell had anticipated the demand swarming for his business, for he had gone the extra mile to secure goods he knew were “hotcakes” and localized his business in areas he knew people would flock towards in order to obtain goods he peddled.

What he had yet to factor in was the increasing need for manpower, and he very much wanted his wife to get involved. This plan of Campbell’s, however, met with much disapproval from his wife. She insisted that his business was his, and not something she wanted to be a part of. Being at home and taking care of the domestics was what she felt comfortable with (not business issues), and having to work with him might compromise the happiness she received from this facet of her life. “It isn’t like as if you cannot afford to hire competent manpower,” she would retort. Yet, Campbell disagreed with her. He wanted his wife to reap the benefits of this business together with him by working along his side.

As both did not see eye to eye on the matter, the tension between them got so thick that Campbell and his wife could barely be in the same room without wanting to claw at each other's throats (of course, civility barred them from exercising such brutal force). His wife's rejection bruised him emotionally and he started to distance himself from her to try avoiding the recurring pain he felt from her refusal.

"As time passed, I even started to imagine what life would be like if I could find a woman who could see my side and support me as I would like. That's what fears me, as I still love my wife very much. So Roy, guide me as to what I should do! Please?"

I took a moment to judge his situation before turning to his chart before me and mulling over his personality. Campbell was a person who had Sun (life, independence and openness) with Mercury (intelligence, ideas and wits) lingering in his 5th House (thoughts, loved ones and heart). From this amalgamation of stars, I smiled before dishing out my thoughts. "Take a step back from your business and spend some time with your wife." I could see that he was ready to argue with me so I raised my hand to deny him the opportunity to bargain with me. "You have asked for my advice, and I have duly given it. You are a smart man, and I am positive that you will find the answer to your current problem through this method." Hesitant, he shook his head but I knew he would follow through with my advice.

A week later, he rang me, sounding more pleased than he had been trampling my floor with his troubled mind. "I realized that I let the business get between my love for my wife and it got the better out of me. I could even see logic with what my wife said. Heck, she really is great at handling the home, and I am so grateful that she is! I can't be selfish and take away what she truly loves doing, and that is taking care of our family home and making sure I am well taken care of when I am back from the rigors of the business world. By looking at it from this perspective, my wife is truly a wonderful woman." I was glad to hear how he had reprioritized his life and seen logic without letting his emotions get the better of him. I knew that during their short vacation, his intelligence was enough to understand his wife better and appreciate her stance enough to back it whole-heartedly. He just needed to listen instead of demanding her to accommodate to his whim.

The biggest take home message that couples should consider is this: true, there are some couples that have allied themselves and succeeded. Yet, there are as many whom have suffered in the corporate world and crashed together. In a relationship, both need to sit down and really analyse if they can truly make success working together. In this case, if he had further forced his stance on their relationship, it could have even lead to an undesirable split!

I reckon that the stars just did not prove favourable for Campbell and his wife, and they are best working in their own element if they truly want to stay together. For that, I am happy for Campbell in deriving this decision on his own without allowing his pride to be wounded, and seeing the bigger picture.

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