

AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT
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CAST

MANDY - a wife, 30s
DEREK - a husband, 30s

(The front pew of a church. Mandy and Derek are standing, facing forward.)

DEREK

You were acting weird last night.

MANDY

Can we not do this now?

DEREK

If we don't do this now, when are we going to do this?

MANDY

When we go home. Where we can speak privately.

DEREK

How are we going to possibly speak privately, Mandy, your mom's been living with us for the past three months.

MANDY

Oh, God, this again?

DEREK

Yes, this again! It's like everywhere I turn she's there! I go to get milk, she's there. I want to watch TV. She's there. I'm taking a shower, she's there.

MANDY

She needs to be taken care of!

DEREK

What about me? You don't take care of me! We don't even sleep in the same bed anymore!

MANDY

My mom isn't the reason that I'm not sleeping with you anymore, Derek.

DEREK

Then what is?

MANDY

I saw your browser history!

(The two look ahead and quickly do
the sign of the cross.)

MANDY and DEREK
(Praying)

And with your spirit.

(A brief pause.)

MANDY and DEREK
(Praying)

We lift them up to the Lord.

(A brief pause.)

MANDY and DEREK
(Praying)

It is right and just.

DEREK

You were looking through my browser history?

MANDY

Yeah, Derek, and I didn't like what I saw.

DEREK

What, the pornography?

MANDY

Do not yell that, we are in Church. And no, that I can live
with. I'm talking about the 50 different tabs open to
Fanfiction.net, Derek.

DEREK

What's wrong with that?

MANDY

They were all Sherlock fanfiction!

(The two look ahead.)

MANDY and DEREK
(Praying)

Thanks be to God.

MANDY

Is that what you want? Every time we have sex, do you want to have sex with me? Or is it Benedict Cumberbatch that you're picturing?

DEREK

I-

MANDY

Answer quickly, Derek. Are you sleeping with me, or are you sleeping with Benedict Cumberbatch?

DEREK

We haven't had sex since our wedding night, how could I possibly be envisioning Benedict Cumberbatch?

MANDY

I want a-

(The two look ahead.)

MANDY and DEREK
(Singing)

A-men.

MANDY

I want a divorce, Derek.

DEREK

I've been wanting one since the day we got married!

MANDY

Oh, three months, okay, real impressive, Derek!

(The two kneel.)

DEREK

Yeah? Yeah? It is impressive, Mandy, okay. Because I could tell from the moment I met you that all you would do is suck the life out of me!

MANDY

Then why did you marry me?

DEREK

Because I thought I could change you!

(The two look ahead.)

MANDY and DEREK

(Together, praying)

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

MANDY

You're pathetic.

DEREK

I thought you liked that about me.

(A brief pause as the two look at each other. They look ahead.)

MANDY and DEREK

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(They stand up.)

MANDY

I pitied you. The only thing I liked about you is that you were worse than me. I look at you and I know I'm superior to you. There is nothing about you or this relationship that makes me feel good. Every night I pray that you'll get hit by a car the next day and die. I can't be in this relationship anymore, Derek. And my biggest regret in life will always be saying yes when you asked me to marry you.

DEREK

Okay, that's so crazy you said that, though, because in the fanfiction I just read-

(Blackout.)