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GETTING THE BUGS OUT OF YOUR MARRIAGE

(A list of known symptoms and secret cures from the Divorce Bug himself)

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIVORCE BUG:

Hello,

I'm the Divorce Bug. I'm highly contagious and terribly overworked. It seems that no marriage is completely immune from me...so in an attempt to reduce my work load, I've developed this brochure on divorce. Contained herein are descriptions of my most potent viruses and divorce-fluenzas, which have successfully started thousands of unsuspecting married couples on the road to divorce. I've also included **top secret treatments** which have been developed by our cure prevention research lab. Although the release of these findings is unprecedented, I believe the general public should be educated. . . if not for their sake, then for my own sanity. So please study this information carefully and try some of the treatments. Then maybe my wife and I will be able to take that Caribbean cruise we've been planning for the past five years.

Thanks,

The Divorce Bug

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- INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Write a definition next to the name of each bug.
 2. List at least three treatments for correcting each problem.

VERBAL TERMINOSIS:

SYMPTOMS:

- * Tendency to watch for double meanings in our spouse's statements.
- * You and your spouse both complain of being misunderstood.
- * Increasing difficulty in verbally expressing your feelings.
- * Loss of intimate gestures, eye contact and private jokes only the two of you can understand.
- * Increasing difficulty in finding something to discuss with your spouse.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * Difficulty in having a conversation which doesn't end in an argument.
- * Long silences.
- * Cannot relax with your spouse...conversation is stilted and repetitive.

TREATMENT:

LACKCO AFFECTIONITIS:**SYMPTOMS:**

- * You must always have a special occasion to give your spouse a gift.
- * You have not sincerely said, "I Love You" in at least 24 hours.
- * You seldom kiss your spouse hello or goodbye in public or private.
- * There is a decreasing use of verbal endearments between you and your spouse.
- * You seldom hold your spouse's hand or display any similar physical affection in public.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * You have never been caught kissing your spouse by your children.
- * You consider romance unrealistic.

TREATMENT:**PERFECTOMANIA:****SYMPTOMS:**

- * You or your spouse have a tendency to ignore problems affecting your marriage.
- * You expect your spouse to look perfect at all times.
- * You or your spouse expect every moment to be romantic.
- * You expect your spouse to always be in a good mood.
- * You have a feeling your spouse is not giving enough.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * You cannot cope with misunderstandings or disagreements with your spouse.
- * You experience increasing disenchantment with your spouse and your marriage.

TREATMENT:**COMPANION MINUSIS:****SYMPTOMS:**

- * You are usually too busy to sit down and talk with your spouse.
- * You are not aware of the current interests of your spouse.
- * The two of you have not gone on a date in at least a month.
- * You are only together when you are with children, family or friends.
- * You only participate together in activities which involve family management and/or problems.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * You and your spouse have not had a half-hour of uninterrupted companionship in two weeks.
- * You have not seen your spouse during waking hours in over a week.

TREATMENT:**SPOUSE MODIFICOSIS:****SYMPTOMS:**

- * You feel uncomfortable with your spouse's appearance, habits or personality.
- * You have a tendency to point out your spouse's faults.
- * You have not sincerely complimented your spouse recently (24-48 hours).

- * You tend to avoid introducing your spouse to friends.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * Increasing desire to make biting comments to and about your spouse.
- * As a result of your discomfort with your spouse, you spend less time together.

TREATMENT:**NON DIRECTIONALICOSIS:****SYMPTOMS:**

- * Lack of direction in daily activities...your marriage seems to be going nowhere.
- * An increasing restless feeling between you and your spouse.
- * You have not discussed the future with your spouse in two months.
- * You experience an increasing desire to turn back the clock and have things as they were.
- * You sense a realization that you have not accomplished the goals you set when first married.
- * You and your spouse have not jointly set goals for your marriage.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * You feel a sense of fear when you think about your children going out on their own and leaving you alone with your spouse.
- * There is a feeling of failure and despondency between you and your spouse.

TREATMENT:**BUDGETITIS:****SYMPTOMS:**

- * Finances are the primary topic of arguments.
- * A feeling your spouse is spending you into financial ruin.
- * Tendency to surprise spouse with items such as a new car, boat, etc.

ADVANCED STAGES:

- * Tendency to spend money to get back at your spouse.
- * One spouse has complete control of the budget, forcing the other spouse to account for all money spent.

TREATMENT: