

The Unspoken Dialogue Between Men and Women

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Let's say a guy named _____Male's name_____ is attracted to a woman named _____Female's name_____. He asks her out to _____Event_____; she accepts and they have a/an _____Adjective_____ time. A few nights later he asks her out to _____Event_____ and again they enjoy themselves. They continue to see each other regularly, and after a while neither one of them is seeing anybody else.

One evening when they're driving home, a thought occurs to _____female's name_____; without really thinking, she says it aloud: "Do you realize that, as of tonight, we've been seeing each other for exactly _____Number_____ months?"

And then there is silence in the car. To _____female's name_____ it seems like a very _____Adjective_____ silence. She thinks to herself: _____Exclamation_____ I wonder if it bothers him that I said that. Maybe he's been feeling confined by our relationship; maybe he thinks I'm trying to push him into some kind of obligation that he doesn't want, or isn't sure of.

And _____male's name_____ is thinking: _____Exclamation_____. _____number_____ months.

And _____female's name_____ is thinking: But, hey, I'm not so sure I want this kind of _____Noun_____ either.

Sometimes I wish I had a little more _____Noun_____ so I'd have time to think about whether I really want us to keep going the way we are, moving _____Verb (ending in -ly)_____ toward . . . I mean, where are we going? Are we just going to keep seeing each other at this level of intimacy? Are we heading toward _____Event_____? Toward children? Toward a/an _____Noun_____ together? Am I ready for that level of commitment? Do I really even _____Verb_____ this person?

And _____male's name_____ is thinking: . . . So that means it was . . . Let's see . . . _____Month_____ when we started going out, which was right after I had the car at the _____Location_____ which means . . . Lemme check the _____Car part_____.

. . _____ Exclamation _____! I am way overdue for a/an _____ Noun _____ change here.

And _____ female's name _____ is thinking: He's _____ Feeling _____. I can see it on his _____ Body part _____. Maybe I'm reading this completely wrong. Maybe he wants more from our relationship, more more commitment; maybe he has sensed -- even before I did -- that I was feeling some reservations. Yes, I bet that's it. That's why he's so _____ Adjective _____ to say anything about his own feelings. He's afraid of being _____ Past tense verb _____.

And _____ male's name _____ is thinking: I'm gonna have them look at the _____ Car part _____ again. I don't care what those _____ Plural noun _____ say, it's still not _____ Verb ending in ing _____ right. And they better not try to blame it on the cold weather this time. What cold weather? It's _____ Number _____ degrees out, and this thing is _____ verb ending _____
_____ in ing _____ like a/an _____ Verb _____ _____ Noun _____ and I paid those _____ Adjective _____ thieves \$.

And _____ female's name _____ is thinking: He's _____ Feeling _____. And I don't blame him. I'd be _____ feeling _____ too.
God,

I feel so _____ Feeling _____ putting him through this, but I can't help the way I feel. I'm just not sure.

And _____ male's name _____ is thinking: They'll probably say it's only a -day warranty. That's exactly what they're gonna say, those _____ Plural noun _____.

And _____ female's name _____ is thinking: Maybe I'm just too idealistic, waiting for a knight to come riding up on his _____ Color _____ _____ Animal _____ when I'm sitting right next to a perfectly good person, a person I enjoy being with, a person I truly do care about, a person who seems to truly care about me; a person who is in pain because of my self-centered, _____ Noun _____ _____ Verb _____ fantasy.

And _____ male's name _____ is thinking: Warranty? They want a warranty? I'll give them a/an _____ Verb _____ warranty . I'll take their warranty and stick it right up their . . .

, " _____ female's name _____ says aloud.

"What?" says _____ male's name _____ startled.

"Please don't _____ Verb _____ yourself like this," she says, her eyes beginning to brim with tears. "Maybe I should never have . . . Oh God, I feel so . . . "

(She breaks down, sobbing.)

"I'm such a/an _____ Noun _____ " _____ female's name _____ sobs. "I mean, I know there's no knight. I really know that.

It's silly. There's no knight, and there's no _____ animal _____,

"There's no _____?" says _____.

"You think I'm a/an _____ don't you?" _____ says.

"No!" says _____ glad to finally know the correct answer.

"It's just that . . . It's that I . . . I need some _____ " _____ says.

(There is a -second pause while _____ male's name _____ thinking as fast as he can, tries to come up with a safe response; finally he comes up with one that he thinks might work.)

," he says.

(, deeply moved, touches his _____ Body part _____.)

"Oh, _____ male's name _____ do you really feel that way?" she says.

"What way?" says _____ male's name _____.

"That way about time," says _____ female's name _____

"Oh," says _____ male's name _____. "Yes."

(turns to face him and _____ Verb _____ Adverb _____ into his eyes, causing him to become very _____ Feeling _____

about what she might say next, especially if it involves a/an _____ animal _____. At last she speaks.)

"Thank you, _____ male's name _____ " she says.

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says _____ male's name _____.

Then he takes her home, and she _____ Present tense verb _____ on her _____ Noun _____ a conflicted, tortured soul, and _____ Present tense verb _____ until dawn, whereas when _____ male's name _____ gets back to his place, he opens a bag of _____ Packaged food _____ turns on the TV, and immediately becomes deeply involved in a rerun of a/an _____ Sport _____ game between two Czechoslovakians he never heard of. A _____ Verb _____ voice in the far recesses of his mind tells him that something major was going on back there in the _____ Noun _____ but he is pretty sure there is no way he would ever understand what, and so he figures it's better if he doesn't think about it. (This is also _____ male's name _____,s policy regarding [the] _____ Major current event _____.)

The next day _____ female's name _____ will call her closest friend, or perhaps _____ Number _____ of them, and they will talk about this situation for _____ Number _____ straight hours. In painstaking detail, they will analyze everything she said and everything he said, going over it time and time again, exploring every _____ Noun _____ expression, and gesture for nuances of meaning, considering every possible ramification. They will continue to _____ Noun _____ this subject, off and on, for weeks, maybe months, never reaching any definite conclusions, but never getting bored

with it, either.

Meanwhile, _____ male's name while playing _____ Sport one day with a mutual friend of his and

_____ female's name,s_ will pause just before _____ Verb ending in ing _____ Verb and say,

Bob , did _____ female's name ever own a/an _____ animal ?"