

**JOINT PETITION
by Ginger Lazarus**

A courtroom. All face front. TAYLOR and FENWICK go through the motions of the hearing while carrying on their conversation.

OFFICER

All rise. Taylor and Fenwick, uncontested divorce hearing, docket number 782014.

JUDGE

State your names, date of marriage, and the names and birth dates of your children.

TAYLOR

She was a nightmare this morning is what I'm saying.

FENWICK

I didn't think it was a big deal. One time.

TAYLOR

No TV after dinner on school days. We agreed.

JUDGE

Do you both attest to continuing, irretrievable breakdown of marriage?

FENWICK

Did you call about the energy audit?

TAYLOR

We have blankets.

FENWICK

Your room is on the south side. You never feel it.

TAYLOR

I pay the heating bill. I feel it.

JUDGE

Date of separation? Last address at which you resided together?

T and F exchange a look, then face front.

JUDGE

This court finds the Separation Agreement fair and reasonable and the financial statements in good order. Final judgment will be issued in ninety days. Good luck.

TAYLOR

Will we see you for dinner?

FENWICK

I have that. Date.

TAYLOR

Don't stay out all night. They both have soccer tomorrow.

FENWICK

See you at home.

TAYLOR

See you at home.