

Contracts, Collars, and Protocols

Marilyn & Rio



Contracts

- Why have a contract
- What is included
- How to do it
- Making it official
- Maintenance





Why have a contract?



- Clarifying agreements
- Learning through the process
- Strengthening the relationship
- Removing guesswork



Who Does Contracts?



- D/s couples
- Master/slave couples
- Play Partners
- Non-kinky couples

(marriages, domestic partnerships, roommates, etc)

What is in a contract?



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- Roles

Master, slave, dominant, submissive, top, bottom, boy, daddy, etc. Intent.

Rio agrees to be Marilyn's slave, to serve and obey her in all things, and Marilyn agrees to be Rio's Mistress, caretaker, and owner.



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- Duration

1 year, 1 day, open-ended, etc.

This contract begins on August 14, 2019, and ends on February 14, 2019. At that point either the contract will be terminated, or will be renewed with a newly signed contract.

This contract begins on the date signed, and will continue unless and until either party wishes to terminate their Master/slave relationship.



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- Boundaries

What is controlled, what is not controlled

Rio acknowledges Marilyn's right to instruct and manage her in the areas of work, career, finances, home, where she lives, and her personal property, taking into account Rio's emotional, physical and financial limits and needs. Rio retains control over her friendships, her political activities, and her spiritual practices.

Marilyn accepts her right to instruct and manage Rio in the areas of work, career, finances, home, where she lives, and her personal property, taking into account Rio's emotional, physical and financial limits and needs. Marilyn agrees not to control Rio's friendships, her political activities, and her spiritual practices.



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- Actions

What each is expected to do, code of conduct



Actions

Rio agrees that her body and her service belong to Marilyn, and that Marilyn may use her body or her service in any manner she wishes.

Rio will actively seek to learn what behaviors, activities and attitudes are most pleasing to Marilyn. She will conduct herself in a manner calculated to bring honor and respect to them both. She will be transparent with Marilyn regarding her needs, as well as any threats to her physical or emotional well-being.

Rio will follow all protocols and perform any standing orders outlined in the Protocols and Standing Orders addendum to this contract.

Rio agrees to wear Marilyn's collar or other given token of ownership, at all times.

Marilyn agrees to accept the commitment and responsibility of Rio's body and service under the provisions determined in this contract. She will provide structure, control, and guidance. She will communicate her needs and desires clearly, and will actively seek out ways that Rio may serve her. She will provide honest, clear, and timely feedback. She will do everything within her power to support Rio's life, happiness, and growth.

Marilyn will provide rituals and activities for Rio to help maintain their M/s dynamic. She will maintain the Protocols and Standing Orders addendum to this contract, clearly defining what is expected of Rio, and providing guidance to ensure Rio's success.

Marilyn agrees to furnish Rio with a collar, or other symbolic token of ownership.

Protocols, Rituals, and Standing Orders... discuss soon



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- Logistics

Regular meeting, dealing with violations, how the relationship ends, how changes are made

*(not in our current contract)
Marilyn and Rio will meet
weekly to discuss any
issues with the
relationship.*





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- Permissions/Restrictions

What is allowed/not allowed: Activities, other relationships, etc.

Marilyn and Rio are fluid-bonded, and they agree not to have unsafe sex with anyone else.

Rio may play or have sex with other people only with Marilyn's knowledge and permission.

Marilyn may have other lovers or play partners, but must consider Rio's emotional response to such actions and act accordingly. Marilyn need not inform Rio of when she has scheduled play time with other people, unless Rio requests it, and Marilyn agrees. Marilyn has the right to "loan out" Rio to others, with prior negotiation.



How to do it

- **Collaboration**

Google Docs is your friend

- **Create as equals**

- **Discussion**

Developing the contract can lead to a deeper relationship





Making it official

- Signing
- Ceremonies
- Sharing





Now that you have a contract (Maintenance)

- Read it together regularly

Make ritual?

- Stick to it

Make it important

What happens if it's not being followed?

- Keep it fresh

Add/revise to make it work for you





Collars



Collars

- Why have a collar
- When is the collar worn
- Types and Styles of collars





Why

- Declare in public
- Symbol of the nature of the relationship
- Constant reminder

When

- 24/7
- In Community
- Whenever together
- Special occasions
- During play



Types and Styles

- 24/7: comfort and practicality
- Size, length, style
- Removeable?
- Different collars for different occasions
- Other tokens

Protocols and Standing Orders



Protocols, Standing Orders, Rituals

- **Protocol:** “a system of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations”
- **Standing Order:** “an order always in force; standard operating procedure”
- **Ritual:** “an act or series of acts regularly repeated in a set precise manner”



Protocols & Standing Orders & Rituals

- Behaviors
- Speech
- Rituals
- What to wear
- Meals
- Duties
- Handling money
- Communication
(regular texts/emails)
- Greetings
- Honorifics
- Services



Protocols and Standing Orders

Example behaviors and duties

Protocols

- At all times Rio will speak of Marilyn in terms of honor and respect, addressing her as "Mistress" unless given other instructions.
- When attending events in Marilyn's company, Rio will be available to serve her. When not physically with Marilyn at such events, Rio will check her phone regularly to see if Marilyn has texted or called with requests or instructions.
- When getting up in the morning, or arriving at a space or event separately, Rio will seek out Marilyn for an appropriate greeting, as slave to Mistress, unless other arrangements have been made.
- Rio will answer any questions put to her honestly and directly. Rio will volunteer information regarding any real or perceived dangers or safety concerns, and about her physical or emotional condition.
- If Rio has any disagreement with an instruction or plan, she may respectfully make alternative suggestions or requests, but any actual disagreements and detailed discussions must happen in private.

Standing Orders

- Rio will keep Marilyn apprised of her activities by putting her scheduled events on their shared calendar.
- When together, if someone introduces themselves to or greets Rio, after accepting the introduction/greeting Rio will introduce that person to Marilyn, as her Mistress.
- Rio will wear her "fetters" at all times, unless told otherwise.
- Rio will check her to-do list daily, and get Marilyn's approval for her priorities each day.
- Rio will always have tissues available when with Marilyn.
- Rio will follow Marilyn's direction as to what to wear.
- When naked, Rio will ask Marilyn's permission before putting any clothes on.
- When dining out with Marilyn, Rio will take care of settling the check. Marilyn will provide payment arrangements beforehand.
- When talking on the telephone, Marilyn will hang up first.
- When eating, Marilyn will take the first bite, at every course.



Considerations

- Easy to remember (limit the number)
- Applicable in many contexts
- Practical in your life
- Enforceable
- Flexible

Thank you!

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