

From *THE PING AND THE PONG OF IT* by Nina Mansfield

GAVIN (early to late 20s)

*Gavin explain to Tina, his new wife, why their marriage probably won't last.*

GAVIN

You know, a marriage is a two way street.

It means that you are supposed to be honest with me. Don't bottle things up. You could've told me it was tacky. I would've understood. That's how things get ugly, you know. Bottling things up. Not being honest. That's why couples split up.

Look, your parents are divorced. My parents are divorce. My Uncle Harry is divorced. Your Aunt Sue has been divorced twice.

Our chances of survival are practically non-existent. I read on the internet that children of divorce don't have an expectation of stability in their lives. As much as they might want to spend their lives with one person, their environment, and possibly their genetic makeup are fighting against it. It's not a question of nature versus nurture, but both forces working against our probability of happiness.

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