

Matrimonial Resolution

Dear Tim:

My New Year's resolution this year is to get engaged. My boyfriend and I have been dating for three years now and things are great, but for some reason he just won't commit. He says we're too young to get married and he's not ready yet. I think it's just cold feet. How can I get him to make a commitment this year, because if he doesn't, I'm going to have to move on?

—Resolved on Reed



DEAR TIM

Dear Resolved:

I'm not so sure you can make a New Year's resolution that involves your boyfriend without his consent. Not that I'm taking his side, but this isn't the kind of decision anyone should make under duress. It takes commitment, as you said, and commitment isn't something you can force out of someone by setting a deadline. Despite countless Hollywood examples, marriage is not supposed to be a temporary thing. If you want it to last, you both have to go into it eagerly. Maybe he'll get there this

year and maybe he won't, but don't threaten it out of him. Just keep being a great girlfriend and eventually he'll realize what he's got. In the meantime, there's no harm in dreaming and planning. Pick up a copy of *Columbus Bride* from the magazine rack in aisle 6 and flip through it while enjoying a bowl of our homemade wedding soup. That way when he does come around, you'll be ready.

Dear Tim:

Any suggestions for someone who's looking to lose

weight but can't live without ice cream?

—Scoop on Sciotangy

Dear Scoop:

As a matter of fact, I do. We've got Breyer's Carb Smart Fudge Bars in the freezer case in aisle 6. They've only got 100 calories per serving and a rich, smooth chocolatey taste to boot. And if you're an ice cream lover like me, that's one thing you just can't compromise.

Dear Tim:

Have you seen this guy Greg Oden? He's huge. What do you think they're feeding him?

—B-Ball Fan on Bevis

Dear B-Ball Fan:

Whatever he wants. And if they know what's good for them, lots of post passes and a few alley-oops, too.

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