



**Articles of Marriage Agreement Between**  
**Jason Titus Marianus and Penelope Anne Katullin**

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This agreement is entered into on this **7th** day of **March**, in the year **1604** within the town of **Maplewood**, between the following noble parties:

**I. The Contracting Parties**

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**Jason Titus Marianus**, son of the honorable Avitus Julian Marianus and Atropus Helena Marianus, of the noble Marianus family, whose considerable political affluence is matched by his own esteemed office of Consul to the Freelands, a position granting significant sway in Civen's trade policies and diplomatic relations, residing in Civenopolis, hereinafter referred to as *'the Groom.'*

**Penelope Anne Katullin**, daughter of the esteemed Aurelia Hermena Katullin and Marcus Lucius Katullin, and granddaughter of Silius Abraxus Katullin, Paterfamilias of the distinguished Katullin family, Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Steamy Ink Publishing and its subsidiaries, member of the Breaking Bulletin Consortium of Civen, residing in Vecia Sol, hereinafter referred to as *'the Bride.'*

**II. Purpose of the Agreement**

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The purpose of this contract is to formally establish the terms and conditions under which the Groom and the Bride shall enter into a legal and binding marriage, uniting their noble houses and ensuring the prosperity and continuation of their respective lineages within the society of Civen, and to strengthen their combined influence within Civen's political and economic spheres. The parties acknowledge that the strength of this union lies in the unwavering loyalty to their respective houses, and that any actions that may compromise this loyalty will be considered a breach of contract.

**III. Dowry**

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In consideration of this marriage, the Bride, through her family, shall bestow upon the Groom a dowry consisting of the following:

***Land and Property:***

The villa referred to as "The Scarlet Quill", belonging to the Bride, located in Paragon, and its contents. The Katullin family retains the right to remove and retain ownership of specified antiquities, furnishings, or heirlooms. A detailed list of any items to be excluded will be provided no more than three days before the signing of this contract.

***Moveable Goods:***

Household furnishings and appointments suitable for a patrician household, as detailed in the inventory to be filed as an addendum after joint review by the Marianus and Katullin households. Five (5) able-bodied and skilled servants, listed in the attached register ('Appendix A').

***Financial Assets:***

An initial cash sum of 10,000 coin, to be used for the establishment of the marital household, and access to the Katullin family's established trade routes and merchant connections for a period of ten (10) years.

The Groom acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned dowry upon the solemnization of the marriage and agrees to administer it responsibly for the duration of the marriage.

#### **IV. Bride's Personal Possessions**

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The Bride shall retain exclusive ownership and control over her personal belongings, including her personal library, all jewelry, and any attuned magical items. These shall not form part of the dowry and remain her sole property in the event of dissolution.

#### **V. Independent Enterprises and Publishing Rights**

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The Bride retains complete ownership and explicit autonomy over Steamy Ink Publishing, its subsidiaries, and all associated presses. It is agreed that no state or personal information obtained explicitly through official Marianus or Katullin family channels shall be published by the Bride's enterprises without the mutual consent of both families.

#### **VI. Marriage Arrangements**

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The marriage ceremony shall be conducted according to the customs and laws of Civen between August 1st, 1603 and September 7th, 1604. The specific location and date may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, and changes shall be agreed upon by both families.

#### **VII. Dispute Resolution and Dissolution of Marriage**

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Any disputes arising from this marriage contract or from the marriage itself shall be resolved through amicable discussion between the families. If a resolution cannot be reached, the matter shall be submitted to a mutually agreed-upon arbiter, or the established legal courts of Civen.

In the event of a formal dissolution of the marriage according to the laws and customs of Civen, the following shall apply regarding the dowry:

- If the Groom initiates the dissolution without due cause as recognized by Civen law, the full dowry shall be returned to the Bride or her family.
- If the Bride initiates the dissolution, the return of the dowry shall be subject to the laws of Civen and any specific agreements made herein or determined by a legal authority.
- In cases of dissolution by mutual consent or for reasons recognized as valid under Civen law, the disposition of the dowry shall be determined in accordance with those laws and any equitable settlement reached between the families.

#### **VIII. Inheritance and Succession**

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Any children born of this marriage shall be recognized as legitimate heirs of both the Marianus and Katullin families, entitled to the privileges and inheritance thereof according to the laws and customs of Civen.

In the event of the Groom's death prior to the Bride within the next ten (10) years, the dowry shall be returned to the Bride or her family, with the exception of any portion explicitly designated as a gift in a separate testament. If any children are born of this marriage, the remaining dowry will be placed in trust for them instead. Provisions for the inheritance of jointly acquired property shall be governed by the laws of Civen.

Should the Bride predecease the Groom within the next ten (10) years, the dowry, save for The Scarlet Quill, shall revert to the Bride's family, as stipulated by the laws of Civen and any specific terms outlined in this contract or a separate testament.

##### ***VIII.a. Children from Previous Marriage***

It is acknowledged that the Groom has children from a previous marriage, namely Julia Raina Marianus and Livia Eliana Marianus. The children will be raised under the care of the Bride and Groom, and choice of residence and education will fall to them. To provide each child with a tailored education that maximizes their individual potential, vetted tutors may be

provided by both the Marianus and Katullin families. As eldest children, right of inheritance will fall to them before any additional offspring will be considered, unless the Bride or Groom provide additional legal documents regarding inheritance.

**VIII.b. Care of Offspring in Case of Death**

In the unfortunate event of the death of either the Groom or the Bride, any children born of this marriage shall remain under the care and guardianship of the Marianus household, as is traditional under Civen law.

**IX. Ceremonial Dowry Blade**

At the mutual discretion of both families and following Katullin family tradition, a distinctive blade may be presented to the Bride upon the solemnization of the marriage ceremony. In accordance with established Civen tradition, should the Groom subsequently meet his injury or demise through the use of said blade, no legal recourse or punitive measures shall be pursued against the Bride, as the employment of this weapon shall be interpreted as an act of self-inflicted fate.

**X. Name Change**

Upon the solemnization of this marriage, the Bride shall adopt the name Penelope Anne Marianus. This name change shall be recognized legally and socially within Civen. However, she retains the right to use her maiden name for professional use.

**XI. Marital Obligations**

Both the Groom and the Bride agree to uphold the duties and responsibilities expected of a married couple within the noble society of Civen, including mutual respect, fidelity, and the shared responsibility for the welfare of their household and any offspring. The parties agree that maintaining the integrity of this contract is of utmost importance, and that any actions contrary to its provisions shall constitute a material breach of this agreement, subject to penalty or immediate dissolution.

**XII. Witnesses and Authentication**

In witness whereof, the parties hereto, and their respective representatives, have affixed their signatures and seals on the date first above written.

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*C. Jason Titus Marianus, the Groom*

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*Penelope Anne Katullin, the Bride*

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*Avitus Julian Marianus*  
*Representing the Marianus Family*

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*p.p. Lucius Carvillus Katullin*  
*Representing Silius Abraxus Katullin for the Katullin Family*

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**Witnesses:**

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## Appendix A: Register of Servants

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The following servants are hereby registered as part of the dowry, as stipulated in Section III of this agreement. All servants are transferred in good standing.

### Ava

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**Approximate Age:** Approximately 40 years of age

**Description:** Slender female, exhibits fine motor control in hands, limited vocal range.

**Skills:** Proficient in languages, adept at household management, communicates in hand gestures.

**Background/Specialization:** Long-term household member, has been with the Bride for approximately 15 years. Mute.

### Alexander

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**Approximate Age:** Approximately 48 years of age

**Description:** Broad-shouldered male, prominent brow ridge, deep-set eyes.

**Skills:** Expert in logistics, skilled in security, familiar with mercenary company operations.

**Background/Specialization:** Former guard captain.

### Edward

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**Approximate Age:** Approximately 61 years of age

**Description:** Robust build, large finger joints.

**Skills:** Master chef, knowledgeable in herbalism.

**Background/Specialization:** Managed the Katullin household kitchens for many years, served Silius Abraxus Katullin directly in his youth.

### Lysandra

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**Approximate Age:** Approximately 23 years of age

**Description:** Petite female, high cheekbones, low resting pulse.

**Skills:** Master of accounts, adept at organization.

**Background/Specialization:** Trained scribe.

### Torvin

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**Approximate Age:** Approximately 54 years of age

**Description:** Wiry male, pronounced muscle definition in forearms, corneal arcus visible.

**Skills:** Proficient in craftsmanship, experienced in delicate repairs.

**Background/Specialization:** Skilled artisan.

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