

BGU 4.1051

P.Berol. 13064 recto

Scan: Berliner Papyrusdatenbank

Other text on the verso: BGU 4.1171

Marriage contract (*synchoresis*)

Reign of Augustus (before April 26, 10 BC)

(a) *Addressee*

<sup>|1</sup> To Protarchos,

(b1) *Party 1*

<sup>|2</sup> from Lykaina, the daughter of Asklepiades, <sup>|3</sup> with as guardian her father Asklepiades, <sup>|4</sup> the son of Lykos,

(b2) *Party 2*

and from Hierax, the son of Apollonios, <sup>|5</sup> and his mother, who is serving as his guarantor for payment, <sup>|6</sup> Didyme, the daughter of Dionysios, <sup>|7</sup> with as guardian Hierax himself.

(c) *Joint agreement about the fact of marriage*

Lykaina <sup>|8</sup> and Hierax agree that they have come together with one another <sup>|9</sup> for a joint life,

(d) *Agreement about the receipt of the dowry by the husband*

and Hierax agrees that he has received <sup>|10</sup> from her with Didyme as his guarantor <sup>|11</sup> as a dowry in cash and not through a bank: <sup>|12</sup> 184 Ptolemaic silver drachmas <sup>|13</sup> including the value of a silver bracelet (BL 8.39) <sup>|14</sup> weighing eight drachmas,

(e1) *Agreement about marital duties 1: on the husband's part*

(and) he agrees from now on <sup>|15</sup> to provide Lykaina with all necessities <sup>|16</sup> and the clothing as is appropriate for a wedded <sup>|17</sup> wife in accordance with the means of his belongings <sup>|18</sup> and not to harm her <sup>|19</sup> nor to throw her out nor to abuse her <sup>|20</sup> nor to bring in another wife besides her, or else <sup>|21</sup> he and Didyme agree to pay back immediately <sup>|22</sup> the aforementioned dowry along with <sup>|23</sup> half as much again, while the right of execution (*of the claim*) belongs <sup>|24</sup> to Lykaina from Hierax himself and <sup>|25</sup> from his guarantor Didyme and from one (*of them*), whomever <sup>|26</sup> she chooses, and from all their belongings <sup>|27</sup> just as if by virtue a legal decision,

(e2) *Agreement about marital duties 2: on the wife's part*

<sup>|28</sup> and Lykaina agrees not to be absent for an entire day <sup>|29</sup> from the house without the <sup>|30</sup> permission of Hierax nor to destroy the <sup>|31</sup> property nor to have intercourse with another man <sup>|32</sup> or else, if she has done any of these things <sup>|33</sup> and been found guilty, herself to be deprived of the dowry,

(f) *Penalty clause*

apart<sup>|34</sup> from the fact that the transgressing party is liable to the<sup>|35</sup> statutory penalty (*to the state*),

(g) *Joint agreement about an additional marriage contract*  
and concerning (*the contract*)<sup>|36</sup> within five working days<sup>|37</sup> from the day they give each other  
advance notice ...<sup>|38-39</sup> ...