

SB 24.16072

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Marriage contract (draft of SB 24.16073; *synchorexis*)

April/May, 12 BC

(a) *Party 1*

|<sup>3</sup> From Thaubarion, the daughter of Dion, a citizen, with as guardian Euphron, the son of A...,

(b2) *Party 2*

|<sup>4</sup> and from her husband, Hermias, the son of Dionysios, of the deme of Philometor.

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

|<sup>5</sup> Since both Thaubarion and Hermias have been living together already for a long time, |<sup>6</sup> while their living arrangements were unwritten, through some other kind of arrangement – Hermias having made |<sup>7</sup> for Thaubarion the document they have apart from a court – and now |<sup>8</sup> wish that their present affairs be more secure ... in a legal document and Hermias has received |<sup>9</sup> from Thaubarion in cash and not through a bank a dowry consisting of 2,000 Ptolemaic silver |<sup>17</sup> drachmas,

(d1) *Agreement about marital duties 1: on the husband's part*

Hermias now agrees |<sup>10</sup> to feed and clothe Thaubarion as is appropriate for a wedded wife in accordance with the means of his belongings and not |<sup>11</sup> to do her harm nor to throw her out nor to abuse her nor to bring in another wife besides her |<sup>12</sup> or else to return immediately the dowry along with half as much again, while the right of execution (*of the claim*) belongs (*to Thaubarion*) from (*Hermias*) himself and from all his belongings |<sup>13</sup> just as if by virtue of a legal decision,

(d2) *Agreement about marital duties 2: on the wife's part*

and Thaubarion agrees to preserve the appropriate things for her husband and their |<sup>14</sup> joint life and not to be absent overnight or for an entire day from the house without |<sup>15</sup> his permission nor to destroy the shared property nor to have intercourse with another man or else, |<sup>16</sup> if she has done one of these things and been found guilty, to be deprived of the dowry, and Thaubarion agrees that if |<sup>17</sup> it happens that they are separated from the marriage, upon receipt |<sup>18</sup> of the 2,000 silver drachmas, to forfeit to Hermias all the things in the house, |<sup>19</sup> without any delay,

(e) *Cancelled central section*

... |<sup>20-30</sup> ...

(f) *Joint agreement about an additional marriage contract*

and within five working days <sup>|31</sup> from the day they give each other advance notice, they also agree to draw up the contract concerning cohabitation in the presence of the *hierothytai*, <sup>|32</sup> in which the dowry and the customary things will be included,

(g) *Joint agreement about inheritance*

<sup>|33</sup> and if Hermias suffers something before (*Thaubarion*), he agrees <sup>|34</sup> that all that will be left by him along with the dowry belongs to *Thaubarion* alone, and if <sup>|35</sup> *Thaubarion* herself ..., she agrees that the <sup>|36</sup> dowry and all the things that will be left by her belong to <sup>|37</sup> *Hermias* alone, while each of them has the power to lay claim concerning these things, as he or she wishes. <sup>|38-39</sup>

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