

MARRIAGE QUADRANTS

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QUADRANT 1

1

No conflict. If this couple comes to therapy, it is usually because of issues with a child.

LITTLE GIRL

Fragility,
Unpredictability,
Impulsivity.

GOOD GIRL

Highly responsible
Service oriented

LITTLE BOY

Passivity, Addictions
Avoiding choice.

NICE BOY

Avoiding conflict, will do
things for others. Don't
ask to take risks.

ENTREPRENEURIAL BOY

Suave/Seductive. To achieve
the task, can threaten violence
- not primary tactic.

ABUSIVE BOY

Primary use of
violence. Predatory
narcissism. Love of bringing
others into addiction.
Not just money -
wants your soul.

TOUGH GIRL

Knows where to go and what to do.
Ambition, drive, risk. Had to
compete in a world primarily of men.

EMASCULATING GIRL

Takes great joy in
humiliating others,
especially men.

QUADRANT 3

3

Matriarchal home. Mother's presence always
moving the home forward. Ambitious home.
Father who has not succeeded, doesn't take risks,
or takes poor risks. More husband/wife conflict
pervasive. Father is not respected, but valued.
Mother's ambivalence to success.

QUADRANT 2

2

Middle to upperclass religious home. Mother is
kind but soul-less. Father is exciting but
frightening. Children compete. Highly
manipulative home. Highly patriarchal structure.
No competing stories allowed to exist. Profound
male sexual issues. Constrained contempt.

QUADRANT 4

4

Chaos, Chaos, Chaos.
Extreme humor and fun/violence.
Children need to be adaptable and
know how to handle the rage/tears of a
parent. Delight must be sabotaged.