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Talking to a Drafter in Your Life

A gentle guide for those who are close

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Lead with warmth

People who draft unsolicited documents are, almost without exception, sincere. The conviction behind the document is real, even when the document itself was unnecessary. You are talking to someone you care about, not editing a manuscript.

Do not sign to keep the peace

Kindness and ratification are different things, and conflating them helps no one. Signing a document you do not believe in, simply to avoid an awkward afternoon, tends to prolong the episode rather than resolve it.

> ### Phrases that help
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> *"I love you, and I'm still not going to sign it."*
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> *"I don't need to agree with this to stay close to you."*
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> *"Have you considered simply telling people what you think?"*

What not to do

Avoid engaging the document article by article. A line-by-line rebuttal is, paradoxically, a form of ratification: it treats the document as the thing that matters, when the person is the thing that matters.

Remember the prognosis

It is good. Most episodes resolve naturally within 18 to 36 months, and the document is rarely revisited. Many drafters come to regard the whole affair with equanimity, and occasionally fondness.

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