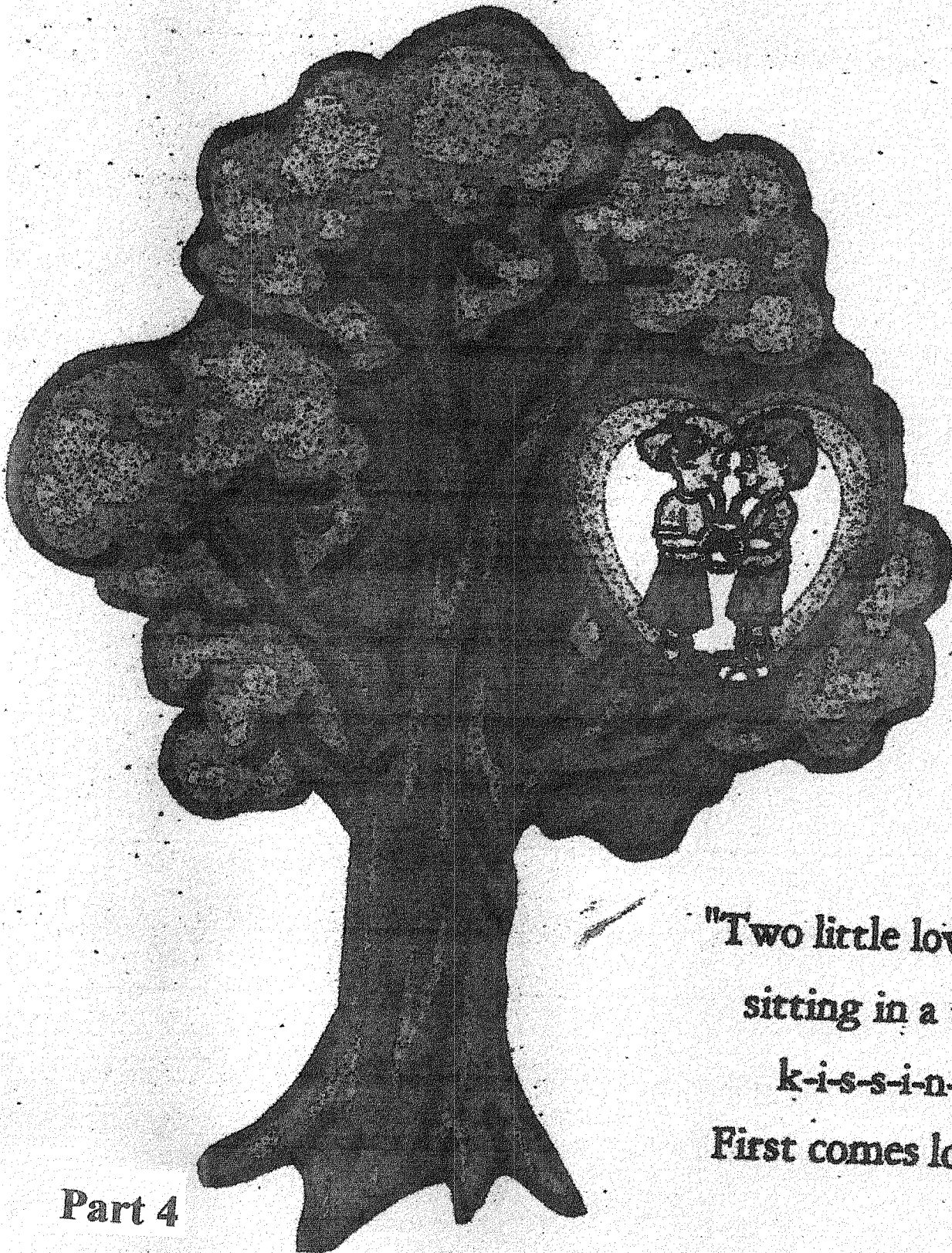


Love, Marriage and a Baby Carriage

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"Two little love birds
sitting in a tree,
k-i-s-s-i-n-g,
First comes love..."

Part 4

"Then Comes Marriage"

Study Notes

Getting "C's" in Marriage

Cherishment

I. Cherishment

A. The Root of the word

1. Webster: *"To Hold Dear; To cling to the idea or feeling of that which is dear."*
2. Hedy and Yumi Schleifer, Therapist and singles and couples workshop leaders. *"Cherishment is defined as 'the warm, tender, affectionate, indulgent, adoring love that babies expect before they can speak of it and that we all desire our whole life long. Cherishment is fundamentally about safety. It is telepathic, paralinguistic and does not need the medium of language. It is communicate directly to the heart."*
2. Lisa Kramer, President of Living with Intention, LLC. *Cherishment suggests appreciation for each other and for the relationship that each couple had co-created.*

B. God's Word

1. Cherish- (Sapan) Psalm 17:14, 83:3; *"To keep safe, stored up like a treasure, that which is the treasure."*

14 O LORD, by your hand save me from such men,
from men of this world whose reward is in this life.
You still the hunger of those you cherish; their sons have plenty,
and they store up wealth for their children.

3 With cunning they conspire against your people;
they plot against those you cherish.

C. Cherished (Mahmad) Hosea 9:16; "Thing of value, something of a delight, a treasure, lovely, pleasing, valued, delight of the eyes, encouragement, comfort."

1. Hosea 9:16; 16 Ephraim is blighted,
their root is withered,
they yield no fruit.
Even if they bear children,
I will slay their cherished offspring."

D. Cherishes- (SAMAR)- Pr. 19:8; "To keep watch or observe to be secured, watched like you would a treasure."

1. Proverbs 19:8; 8 He who gets wisdom loves his own soul;
he who cherishes understanding prospers

E. Your Definition

II. The Call, I Peter 3:7

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Our relationships need be based on commitment from which we derive our feelings. However, we must be aware that feelings are an important and necessary part of our Love relationship.