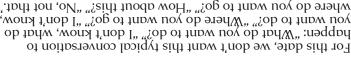
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teel tree to customize it to make it work for your unique  $\cup S$ . up to the luck of the draw. Take this date step-by-step, but away the challenge of making a decision, and leaving it all We're going to make this time together very CLEAR by taking

where do you want to go?" "How about this?" "No, not that." you want to do?" "Where do you want to go?" "I don't know, happen: "What do you want to do?" "I don't know, what do For this date, we don't want this typical conversation to



response into action this week, week?" Make a plan to put his/her CLEAR way I can serve you this Ask your spouse, "What is one, small,

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has to do. and that's what one (or both of you) Have your waiter/waitress draw one

- act like a robot
- dance in the parking lot
- go outside and sing in the parking lot Write down these three things:

DARE ME? (OPTIONAL)

### **GROUND RULES**

- Take a break from talking about the usual suspects—money, kids, in-laws. This is not a time to take care of checklists, this is time for your us.
- Flirt. Be considerate, kind, relaxed, and a great listener. Act as if you are still trying to win him/her over.
- As much as humanly possible, stay off of technology. Only text or take a call if it is an emergency. Everyone and everything will be okay. (People use to leave their homes all the time without phones, and they lived to tell about it.)
- In many relationships, there is a talker and a non-talker. If you are married to a non-talker, when he/she talks tonight, they might not do it as well as you. So believe the best in them as they find the words.

#### **GFT RFADY**

For this date, you will need a pad of paper and two pens.

Take away the endless guessing about a restaurant. Write down two restaurants—each in your price range. Throw them in a cup. Have a neighbor, a friend, one of your children, or a complete stranger draw the slip of paper. That's the restaurant you are going to.

#### GOOUT

Here's how you will decide what to order—write down three options. Have the cashier/waiter/waitress draw a slip of paper from your pile and one from your spouse's. That's what you will order. (You may want to verify what's being ordered if you have really bad handwriting).

While waiting on your food, go through the following list, and ask each other if you would choose either this or that:

- sunrise or sunset?
- camping or cruise?
- hot or cold?
- watch or play?
- glasses or contacts?

- beach or mountains?
- Mac or PC?
- read or write?
- outdoors or indoors?
- filthy rich or dirt poor?

Now, write down three options for how the two of you would like to spend the rest of the night. Draw one.