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Yes, please. Another reminder of how single I am.

by Natalie Zisa.

I'm officially at that age when everyone in my life is either getting married or talking about getting married. Next year, I have two weddings in the same month. Both are two of my closest friends, which means two bachelorettes, two bridal showers, and two weekends away for the wedding. My brother recently got engaged and I was fully prepared to tell him he couldn't get married in 2022. I don't think I could handle more than two weddings in the same year for the people I'm closest to.

I also wasn't prepared for all of my conversations with my friends to be about their weddings, but here we are. I think it's something that naturally happens when planning such a big event. Honestly, I'm equally curious as they are excited to tell me about it.

A topic that always comes up is the guest list. The number of people present at the wedding is a big deal. And you know why? Because it's expensive. So, both of my friends have already informed me that as it stands, I'm not getting a plus-one to their weddings and neither are the rest of my single friends.

Ouch.

I get it, they don't want to waste a seat on a rando. But for what it's worth, I wasn't intending on filling my plus-one with a random date anyway.

My desire for having a plus one obviously stems from my desire to be in a relationship. Now, I can't speak for everyone. It's possible that my fellow single friends don't feel as passionately about this as I do. But being told you're not getting a plus one for an event a year from now feels like everyone is *assuming* you won't be in a relationship a year from now. And that, my friends, is discouraging.

I remember asking when the invitations were being sent out so I had an idea of what my timeline really was. Luckily, I was recently told by one of the brides that there is in fact room for things to change if I happen to find the man of my dreams by then.

I'm convinced that the plus-one conundrum has changed from years past. Most single people had to worry about finding someone to fill that spot. Would they take a friend? Someone they just met online? Call up an ex even? It's the plot of many early 2000's movies. Because of course showing up by yourself was the absolute worst thing that could happen. But now, with more couples paying for their own weddings, there aren't as many funds or seats to just give away. And I suppose I can be sympathetic to that. My hope is that the cards are in my favor and I find the right someone to attend these events and share these memories with. If all else fails, I know I'll have a table of friends ready to spend the night on the dance floor. But for now, it seems as if that coveted plus-one isn't mine to claim.

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