

“Good” friendship

Whom

Whom I set a stone.
Whom I built a city.
Whom I built a world.
Good: who has someone.

Whom I lend my ear.
Whom I give my hand
Whom I give all my heart.
Good: who found someone.

Whom I protect
Whom I let do what he is up to
Whom I open the door.
Good: who will be there.

Peter Maiwald

“We are doomed for rumors”, Lauren said in June on Conan O’Brien, referring to the movie “Birds of America”. She will play Matthew Perry’s wife.

And spark again, they did, the rumors about a possible relationship between these two actors.

Lauren tried to invalidate those rumors beforehand, said her relationship was “kind of, like the opposite, in fact” the opposite of romantic”.

On Conan O’Brien’s Late Night Show she left no doubt there might be some feelings beyond their devotion for each other as friends.

On Ellen DeGeneres’ show she vehemently fended off Ellen’s attempts to set her up.

And yet, rumors remained and the gossip mill worked, sometimes more, sometimes less hard. Every paparazzi photo we see is eyed very closely and supporters who would like to see them as a couple are swooning over the look of possible future children if they would procreate. Good looking, funny, quick-witted, just the perfect mix of Graham and Perry.

The wish was father to the thought!

Nothing seems to be as easy as having an affair for any good-looking actors or actresses.

More than enough female colleagues take advantage of that. With a successfully staged little love affair one has killed two birds with one stone: Attention, being in the news and on people’s minds and in addition a legitimate reason to misbehave. If it doesn’t work like intended, you break up and there – oh, who is this new love now?

The thing you really have to work hard for in Hollywood is genuine friendship. Honest friendships, far away from “I’m great, you’re great, together I am even better than you.”

A friend who you can call and talk to because your show got canceled, because the self-centered colleague is so annoying, because you just want to talk and hang out without explaining the rules and values of Hollywood to others.

Maybe share the same worries and fears (the ones all actors carry around: Am I good? Am I beautiful? Am I funny? Do people still want to see me?). Or just backbite about the one who scored the part you wanted so badly.

We don’t know why Lauren is such good friends with Matthew. We don’t know whether it once had started with love and they remained good friends. But we **do** know that they both heart each other like you should a person you call ‘friend’.

Matthew Perry, born in 1969 in Williamstown, Massachusetts, grew up in Canada, played tennis very successfully in his teens until he moved to Los Angeles to live with his father who also is an actor.

He became famous with his character Chandler on the show ‘Friends’. Perry was in the top of Hollywood’s TV-actors at that time. Never, or very rarely, a show triggered such hype like it happened with ‘Friends’ or caused love for a TV-character as it happened for Chandler.

But that’s life: A fairytale gone bad, horrible even, and so much quicker than you would think!

In 1997 Perry got injured during the shooting of the movie “Fools Rush In”. He went into complicated pancreatic surgery and had to take strong pain killers. Addiction unfortunately followed. Various detoxifications weren’t successful in the long run.

But Perry didn’t give in; went public one year later and presented himself as a man who despite adverse conditions and problems hasn’t lost his sense of humor and hasn’t let himself go.

This seems to be his life’s source: entertain people, give joy and happiness, like Jupiter, messenger of cheerfulness. The adorable guy from next door, slightly chaotic, that’s the kind of person he can portray authentically.

Despite millions of dollars and many elated fans, Perry never lost his ground. He knows, success is like a whore: it serves you for a short time and is gone within a blink of an eye. And you pay for it!

Whether in Hollywood or anywhere else – friends are true treasures. Therefore, nobody should be disappointed that Lauren and Matthew are ‘just’ friends. Together, in public they accomplish their mission to entertain; in private they certainly find support and comfort from a long and dear friendship.

We are looking forward to the movie "Birds of America" and hope to catch a bit of the chemistry which will be there for sure.

Who has someone, who found someone, who will be there; that is the summary of the poem in the beginning. Let the rumors go wild, the truth in this case must be known by only two persons.

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