

‘The Proposal’ a Marriage of Talents From Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock

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CHICAGO – At some point in our lives, most of us have had to reach slightly above our job descriptions to appease a demanding boss. Common themes from making coffee to picking up dry cleaning are familiar and often tolerated as one strives to “get ahead”.



But what would happen if you arrived at work to find that your boss was requesting... marriage? What then?

Such a demand is placed on Andrew Paxton (Ryan Reynolds of “Definitely, Maybe” and “Van Wilder”) as his Canadian uber-boss Margaret Tate (Sandra Bullock of “Miss Congeniality” and “Speed”) is informed that she will be deported lest her status quickly changes.



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Though not without protest, Andrew agrees to her “proposal” of marriage and the two embark on the adventure of pulling off faux love and a sham engagement.

The film has an “uh-oh” start as Bullock plays a unidimensional, too-frigid and too-forced Margaret. Her supporting office workers scurry about Bullock in silly ways and overplay reactions to their mega-menacing boss.

However, an amusing and snarky chemistry begins to develop between the “happy couple”. One forgets Reynolds is acting as he creates the pressured yet charming Andrew. Bullock soon catches up with a multi-layered, all-too-relatable Margaret.

“The Proposal” from director Ann Fletcher stars Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds, Malin Akerman (of “Watchmen”), Craig T. Nelson, Betty White, Mary Steenburgen, Denis O’Hare, Oscar Nuñez and Aasif Mandvi. “The Proposal,” which opened on June 19, 2009 nationwide, is rated “PG-13” for sexual content, nudity and language.



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Ryan Reynolds (left) and Sandra Bullock in “The Proposal”.
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