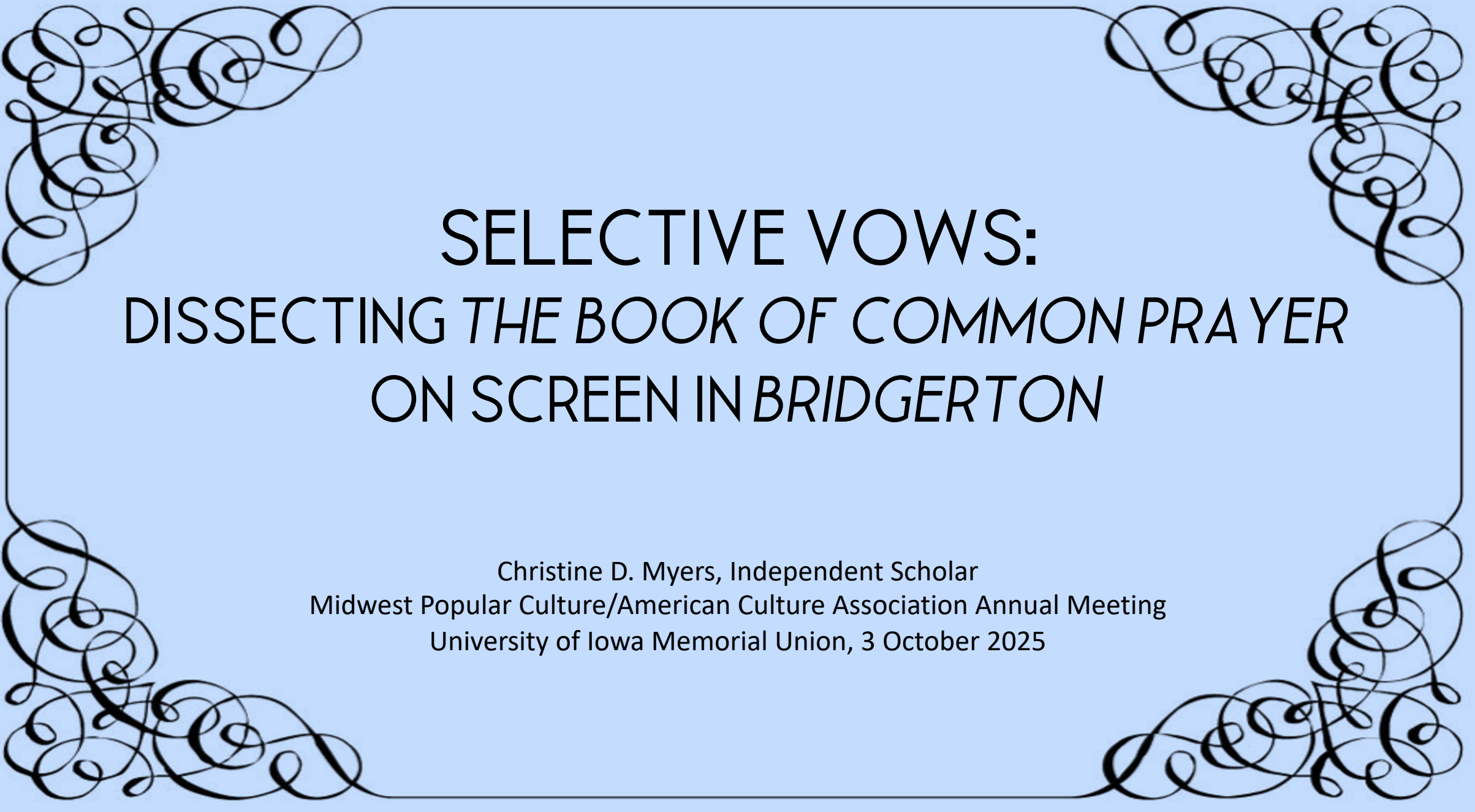




SELECTIVE VOWS: DISSECTING *THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER* ON SCREEN IN *BRIDGERTON*

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SEASON 1: DAPHNE & SIMON

THE ELDEST BRIDGERTON DAUGHTER
&
THE DUKE OF HASTINGS



Dearly beloved,

28:02



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





we are gathered to join together



27:59



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





this man and this woman in holy matrimony.

27:58



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





less of beauty
but more of safety than the single life.

27:48



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





27:18



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





**...in the name of the Father,
of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.**



27:09



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





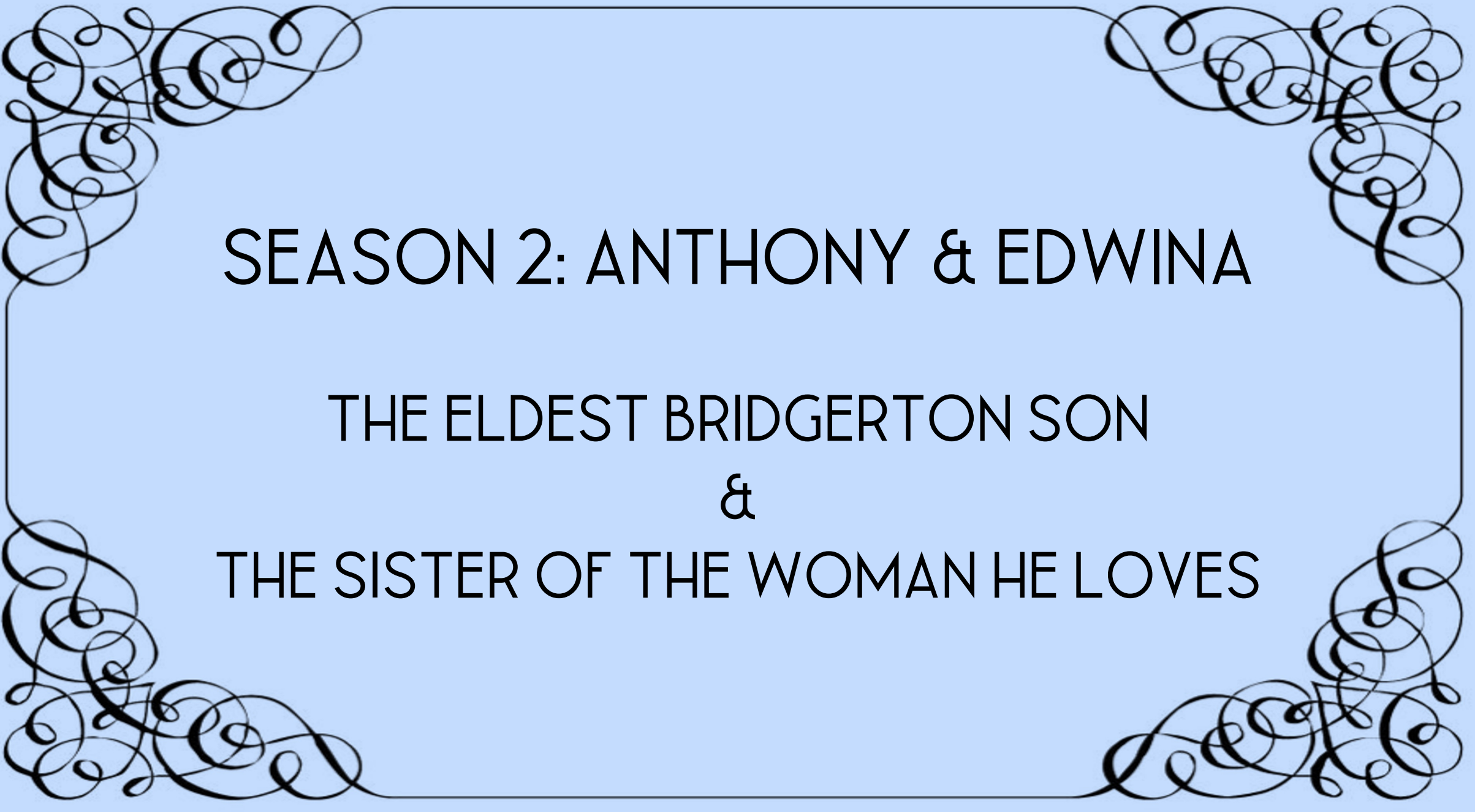
I now pronounce you man and wife.

27:03



Bridgerton E5 The Duke and I





SEASON 2: ANTHONY & EDWINA

THE ELDEST BRIDGERTON SON

&

THE SISTER OF THE WOMAN HE LOVES



Dearly beloved,

49:09



Bridgerton E6 The Choice



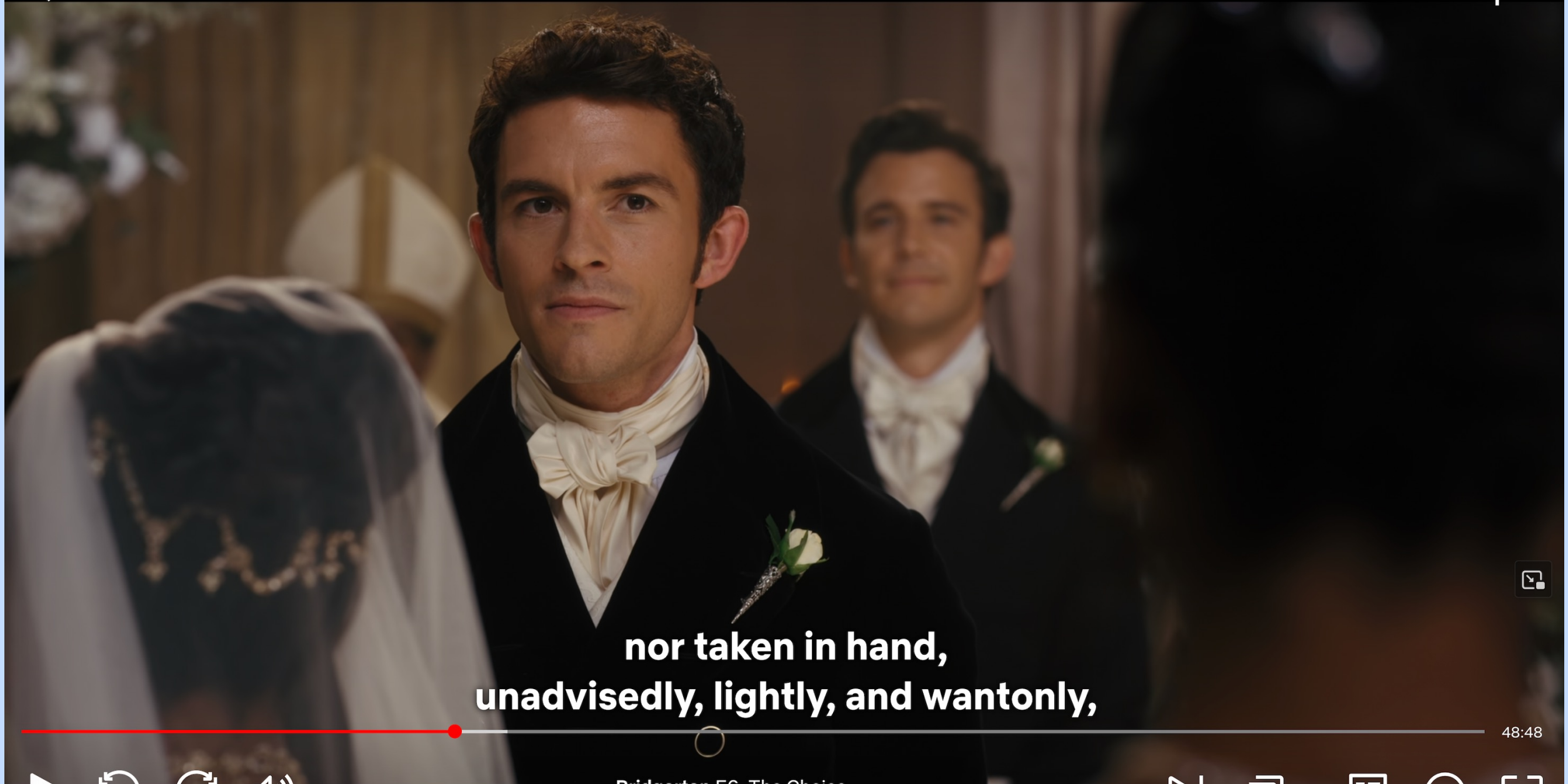


49:06



Bridgerton E6 The Choice





**nor taken in hand,
unadvisedly, lightly, and wantonly,**



48:48



Bridgerton E6 The Choice





**to satisfy men's
carnal lusts and appetites,**



48:45



Bridgerton E6 The Choice





**like brute beasts
that have no understanding...**



48:42



Bridgerton E6 The Choice





**[Archbishop fading]
...but reverently, discreetly, advisedly...**



48:36



Bridgerton E6 The Choice





I, Lord Anthony Bridgerton...

47:36



Bridgerton E6 The Choice





SEASON 3: COLIN & PENELOPE

THE THIRD BRIDGERTON SON

&

HIS BEST FRIEND/LADY WHISTLEDOWN



I publish the banns of marriage

40:16



Bridgerton E6 Romancing Mister Bridgerton





between Mr. Colin Bridgerton



40:11



Bridgerton E6 Romancing Mister Bridgerton





and Miss Penelope Featherington.

40:10



Bridgerton E6 Romancing Mister Bridgerton





why these two persons should not
be joined together in Holy Matrimony...

39:55



Bridgerton E6 Romancing Mister Bridgerton





ye are to declare it.



39:50



Bridgerton E6 Romancing Mister Bridgerton





[minister] Dearly beloved,



23:04



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





Wilt thou have this woman
to be thy wedded wife,

22:48



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





...take thee, Penelope Featherington,



22:30



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





With this ring, I thee wed.

22:07



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





With my body, I thee worship.

22:04



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





**[minister] And by the joining of hands,
I now pronounce**



22:01



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





21:50



Bridgerton E7 Joining of Hands





SEASON 3: FRANCESCA & JOHN

THE THIRD BRIDGERTON DAUGHTER

&

THE EARL OF KILMARTIN



I take thee to be my lawful wedded wife,



37:54



Bridgerton E8 Into the Light





I take thee to be my lawful husband,

37:38



Bridgerton E8 Into the Light





**for richer and for poorer,
in sickness and in health,**

37:33



Bridgerton E8 Into the Light





**May you now live together
in holy matrimony until your dying breath.**

37:25



Bridgerton E8 Into the Light





SEASON 4: BENEDICT & SOPHIE

THE SECOND BRIDGERTON SON

&

THE ILLEGITIMATE DAUGHTER OF AN EARL





“...IT WAS ORDAINED
FOR A REMEDY
AGAINST SIN, AND TO
AVOID FORNICATION;
THAT SUCH PERSONS
AS HAVE NOT THE GIFT
OF CONTINENCY
MIGHT MARRY, AND
KEEP THEMSELVES
UNDEFILED.....”



SEASON ? : ELOISE & PHILLIP

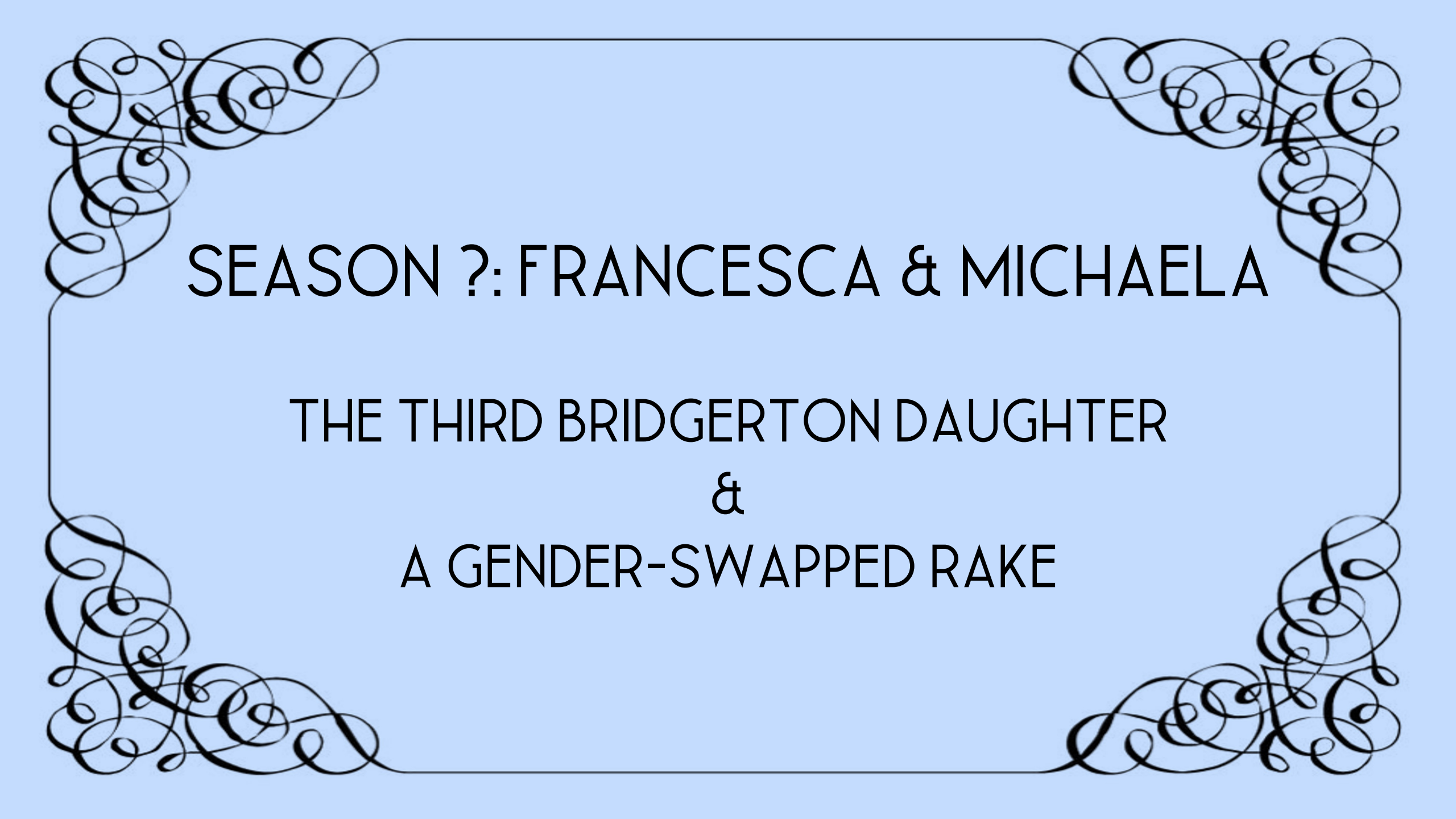
THE SECOND BRIDGERTON DAUGHTER
&
A WIDOWED BOTANIST



"WHO GIVETH THIS
WOMAN TO BE MARRIED
TO THIS MAN?"

"I can't wait to walk Eloise down the aisle for so many reasons... if there's ever going to be another character that has a bigger arc [*sic*] as Anthony, in terms of having to overcome psychological warfare, it's going to be Eloise."

- Jonathan Bailey to
E! News in 2022



SEASON ? : FRANCESCA & MICHAELA

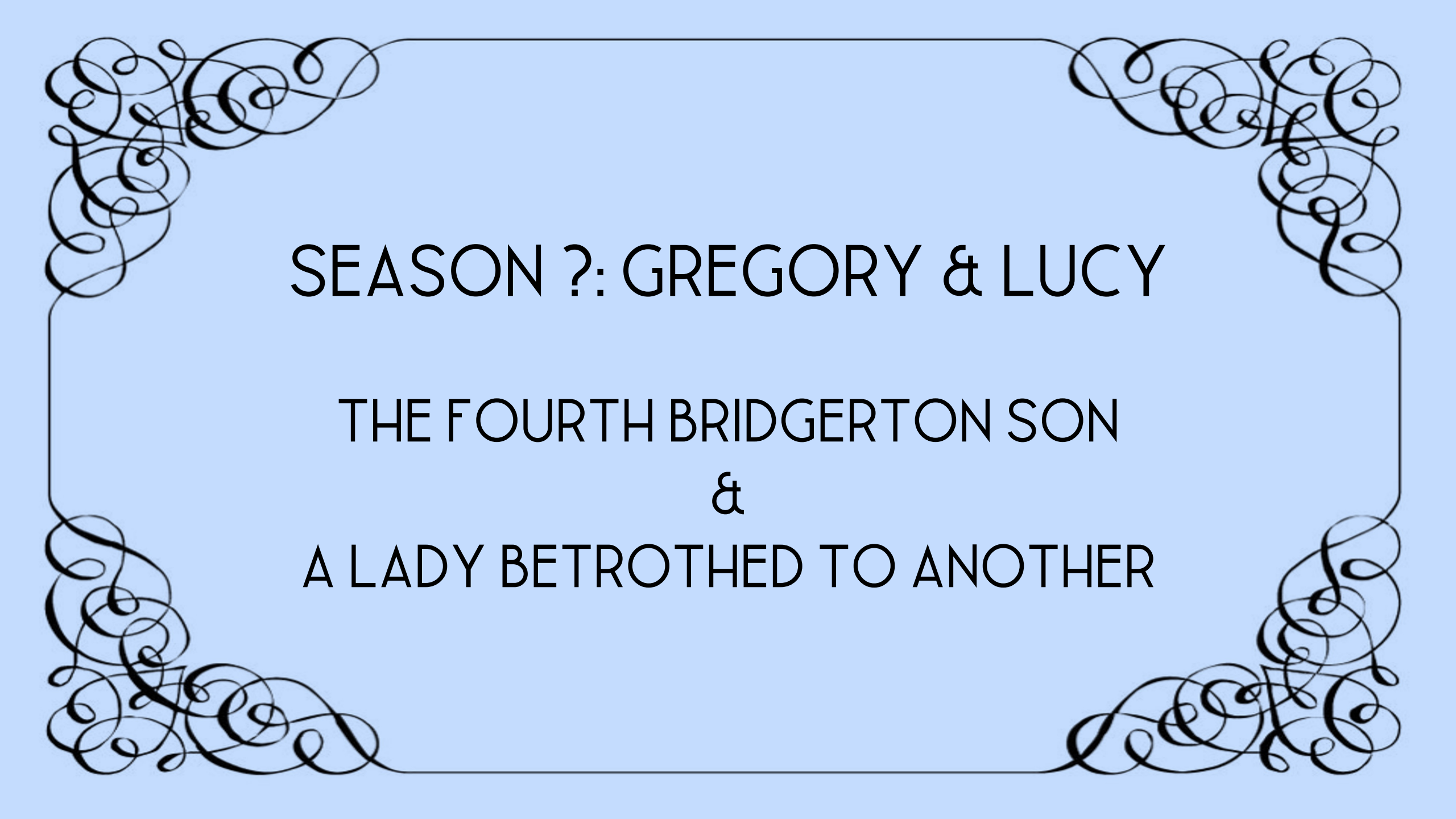
THE THIRD BRIDGERTON DAUGHTER

&

A GENDER-SWAPPED RAKE



“...IT WAS ORDAINED
FOR THE MUTUAL
SOCIETY, HELP, AND
COMFORT, THAT THE
ONE OUGHT TO HAVE
OF THE OTHER, BOTH
IN PROSPERITY AND
ADVERSITY. INTO
WHICH HOLY ESTATE
THESE TWO PERSONS
PRESENT COME NOW
TO BE JOINED.”



SEASON ? : GREGORY & LUCY

THE FOURTH BRIDGERTON SON

&

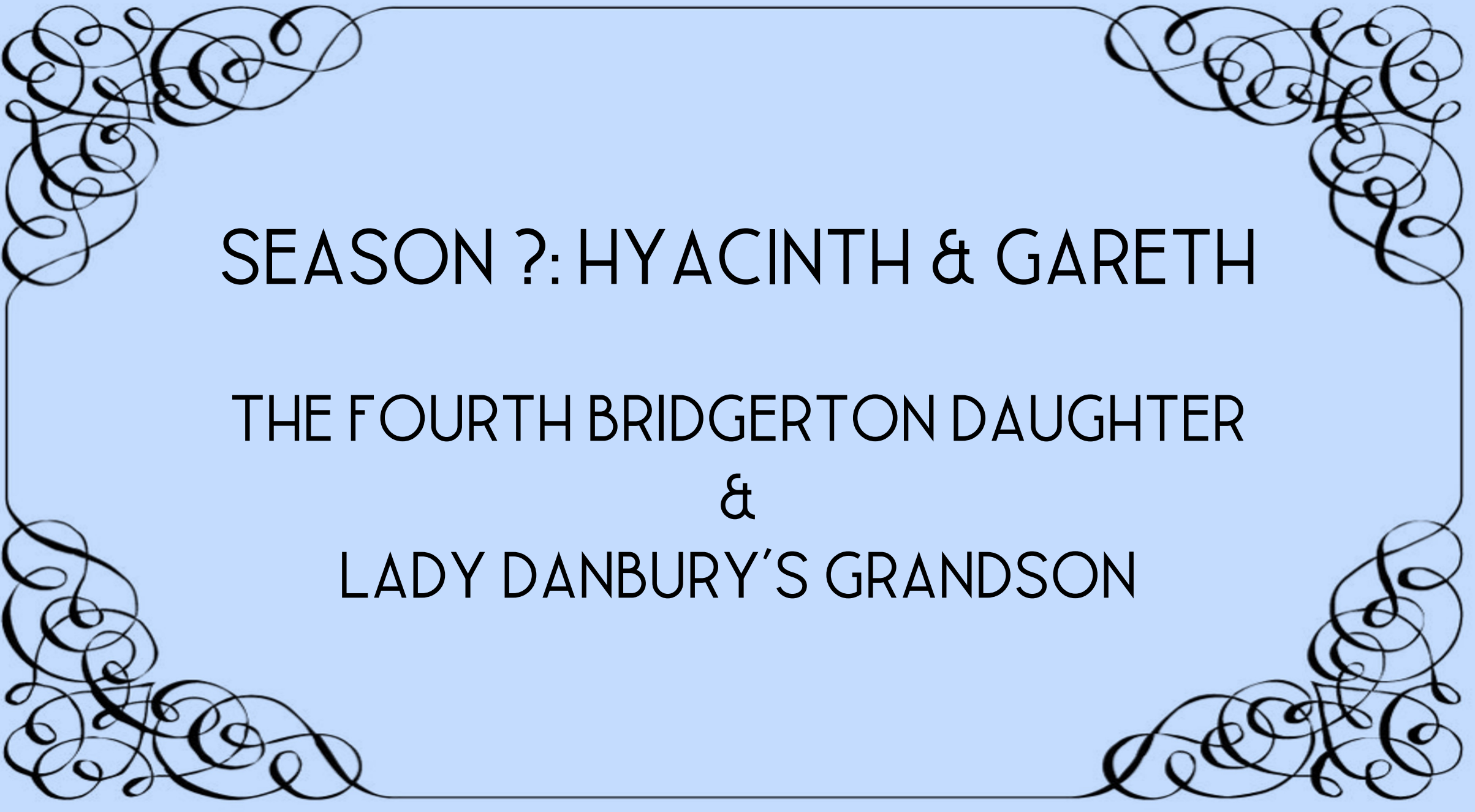
A LADY BETROTHED TO ANOTHER



“...DREADFUL DAY OF
JUDGMENT WHEN THE
SECRETS OF ALL HEARTS
SHALL BE DISCLOSED...”

“...FORSAKING ALL
OTHERS, KEEP THEE
ONLY UNTO HIM...”

“...THOSE WHOM GOD
HATH JOINED TOGETHER
LET NO MAN PUT
ASUNDER.”



SEASON ? : HYACINTH & GARETH

THE FOURTH BRIDGERTON DAUGHTER

&

LADY DANBURY'S GRANDSON



"...AND SO FILL YOU
WITH ALL SPIRITUAL
BENEDICTION AND
GRACE, THAT YE
MAY SO LIVE
TOGETHER IN THIS
LIFE, THAT IN THE
WORLD TO COME YE
MAY HAVE LIFE
EVERLASTING. AMEN."

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