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Murphy and Monjack
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Brittany Murphy's new husband, British writer-director Simon Monjack, says he has uncovered the secret to a happy marriage: Listen to his wife.

"I've learned one thing in life: A man can only say two things - yes or no. Everything else is up to a woman," Monjack told PEOPLE Saturday at the City of Hope gala honoring Rock & Republic's founder and CEO Michael Ball in Beverly Hills.

"It's the only way for a happy marriage. That's why I leave everything up to the boss," he said, indicating his bride. "I simply limit it to yes or no."

The couple, who pulled off a top-secret wedding last spring and a hush-hush honeymoon, are also collaborating on another project: Murphy's new film, *The Painting*, in which she plays a spy.

"It's a very exciting European heist film with a British accent. I get to be British which I'm proud so I want to make sure it's important to me. At least one Brit who is impressed by my British accent than I do!"

As for working together, the couple says it's fantastic. "Simon Monjack, who has photographed me together is 'fantastic.' Murphy and I didn't even have to say anything to each other."

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