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Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) reported that the Messenger of Allah (may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him) said: "No woman should perform the marriage of another woman, and no woman should perform her own marriage. It is an adulteress who performs her own marriage."

[Authentic hadith] [Narrated by Ibn Majah]

This Hadīth proves that a woman does not have the authority to perform her own marriage, let alone someone else's marriage. Any marriage performed by a woman is void. As for the sentence: "It is an adulteress who performs her own marriage", these are Abu Hurayrah's words. By this he meant that only adulteresses perform their own marriages, so a chaste woman must not marry without a guardian.

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