LA VIE EN ROSE

stories of life in pink!

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SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE SEA







‘Quand il me prend dans ses bras
Il me parle tout bas
Je vois la vie en rose’

Edith Piaf - La Vie En Rose

rose-tinted glasses *pl (plural only)*

An optimistic perception of something;
a positive opinion; seeing something in a positive way,
often thinking of it as better than it actually is.



BEHIND THE ROSE-TINTED GLASS

Here in Kairos Works, all of us love stories. Love stories in particular. The ones that will put a smile on our faces.

Why?

Well, we'll always remember the first time we fell in love. The butterflies in our belly, the warm blush on our cheeks, the loud beating of our heart. Those were the times when everything seemed beautiful, seeing the world through rose-colored glasses.

We always feel that we are the luckiest team in the world for having this job, helping couples in love preparing for their wedding day, and listening to the happy stories of their relationships is one of the best parts of it.

So here we would like to share with you their happy stories through this magazine. Stories about life behind the rose-colored glasses. We hope that their stories will have the same effect on you as they did to us.

lots of love,
Elvin - Editor In Chief

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story of Eko & Medi

NUMEROUS POSSIBILITIES TO TASTE LOVE

words by Amel Leo

photos by Amel Leo







God is great in anything, including planning small surprises in our lives and providing us with a true blessing called love. We may easily think that it is not a good time, or even a good place to fall in love, but if He provided it for us, it means that everything is and will be good.

For Eko & Medi, maybe they thought that their first meeting was in a condition that they've never expected before. Maybe the timing was not perfect, or maybe it was just not the place where you would expect love. But from the beginning Eko knew very well that Medi is the answer from heaven for each of his prayer. They let their hearts stand before their minds, and the spark they felt at first sight led them to the taste love.

Love is everywhere. We may just find it right in a corner or in a place that we've never thought of before. Just follow the gentle voice that speaks to our heart, because if we open our eyes and heart, we will find numerous possibilities to taste love.



















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Eko & Medi



Engagement Session

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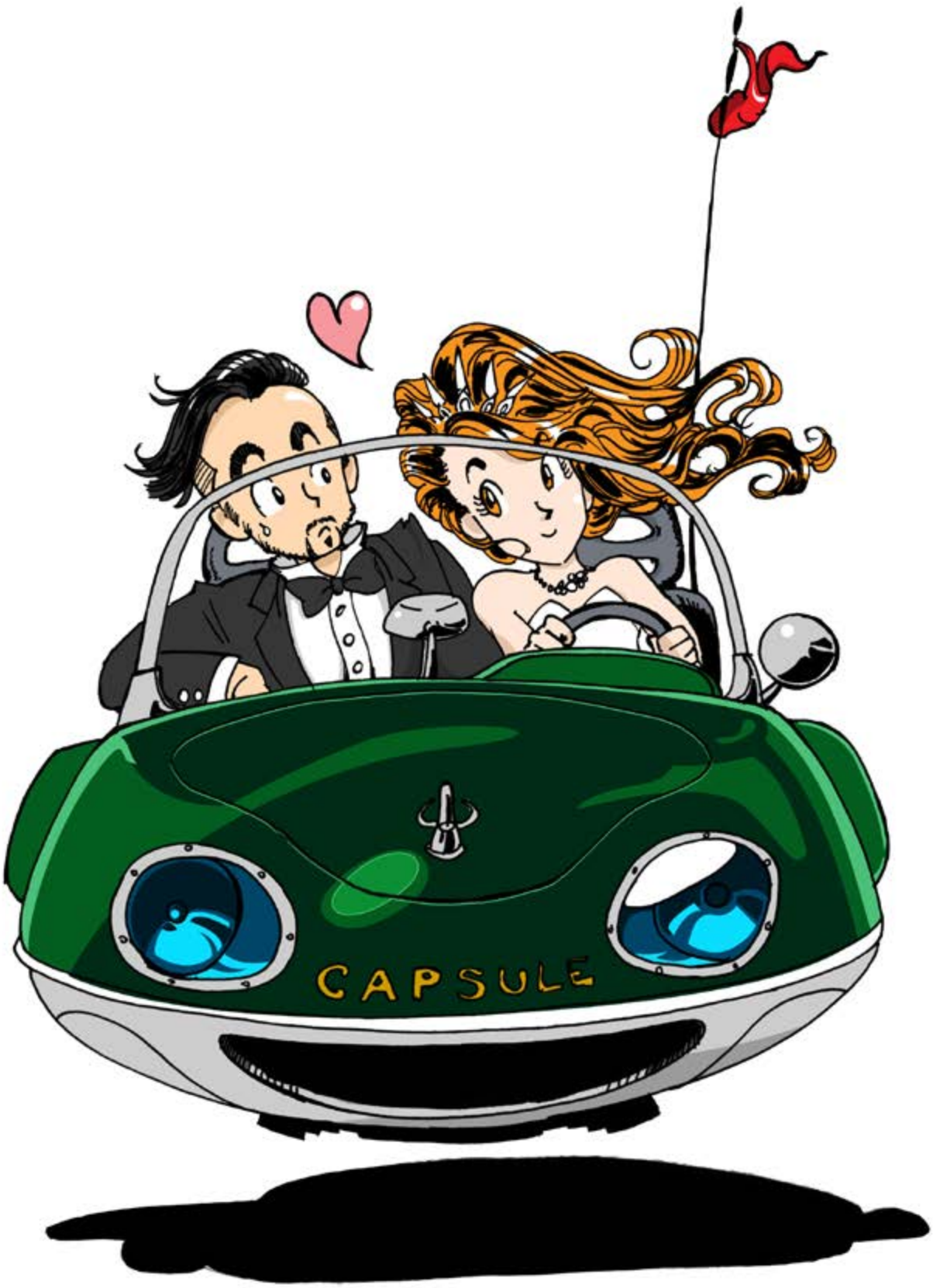








Jake & Jackie


CAPSULE

the story of

DANNY ★ TAMARA

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words by Danny & Tamara

photos by Irene Limanto

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DANNY **DISPOTO**

It's funny looking back at how we started since we almost seemed completely opposite. The best part of this journey is always learning new things about you.

You've made me the best man I can be today and I'm so grateful to have you in my life. I couldn't see myself without you and I'm excited to continue our journey together in creating and amazing life.







TAMARA **DIAZ**

here we are!

About to embark on the most amazing adventure of our lives. I can't wait to do life with you, to make memories, to build dreams....to grow together creating a future and leaving a legacy....






















BACON

















Danny & Tamara



Kyle & Irene Honeymoon Session

COLD AS HECK

words by Irene Limanto

photos by Artha The











In the end of 2018, Kyle and I visited Canada for the very first time. Quebec, to be more precise. It happened, honestly, out of impulse. You see, two years ago, when we were planning our wedding, we added an extra day for a post-wedding photo shoot, so confident that we would have the energy to do a full day photo shoot right after our wedding day. Nope! All of us, I mean ALL, Kyle, Artha, Steve, and I were pretty much dead haha! So, we decided to postpone that shoot.

In the end of 2018, Kyle and I visited Two years later, at around summer time, Artha asked if we wanted to go to Quebec, stroll around the Christmas market. Well, being the elf that I am (hence what people say), the word "Christmas" got me. Adding the fact that neither of us has ever been to Canada. In probably less than 3 minutes, I gave him a yes. Not thinking that it was Canada... In winter! And I, coming from a tropical land, would probably not be able to handle temperatures that hurt your face and freeze your snot!

A couple of weeks before our trip, I kept on checking the weather in Quebec. Trying to decide whether we had to buy new winter wears. Just for Canada. I saw and I panicked! I told my friends, "If you don't hear from me, I've turned into an ice sculpture somewhere in the middle of Quebec."

We went anyway! And yup. Cold.as.heck! Every muscle fiber in my body felt like they were about to turn into icicles. But it was worth it! Quebec was beautiful! A winter wonderland. We laughed a lot! We ate a lot! We slipped on sheets of ice, a lot!

We began our day strolling along the cobblestone streets of Quebec City, with unique little shops lined up along the sides. Every stone building displayed the spirit of Christmas.

We continued our journey to Montmorency Waterfall. What a magic! A giant blob of slushy falling down into a frozen lake, splattering a cold wintery mist revealing the magic of the rainbow.

Our day ended in a German Christmas Market. Boy, was it packed! It was worse than NYC Subway during rush hours. People strolled leisurely to window-shop every stall, stopping every now and then to take pictures, or to get in line waiting to get some warm food and drinks, or even just to enjoy the Christmas carolers.

That evening, the temperature dropped drastically. We put on layers of clothing, wool socks, hats, gloves, and scarves, yet we felt like our fingers and toes were still on the verge of falling off. Thank goodness we found a fireplace in the middle of the market. Perfect time to warm up a tad.

Quebec was the perfect way to end our 2018! A place of history, romance, and Christmas. I know it's quite late, but I hope you ended your 2018 as beautifully as ours, and began your 2019 surrounded by positivity.

Here's to a new year! Let's love and laugh more, create more memories, appreciate more moments!



























Kyle & Irene



Edward & Crystal Sydney Wedding

THE PROPER DATE



words & photos by Artha The





Edward & Crystal, like most of our clients, are so nice, friendly, full of excitement and super in love. But one thing that caught my attention is a story that they've shared to me about how they first met. I know it's a cliché but their story is interesting.

So, they met each other few years ago since they started being in the same church community, but only started dating like 2 years ago. Edward used to work near Crystal's office in the city. So most of their dates were during their lunch breaks. Edward would buy a doughnut for Crystal and they would talk about a lot of things during that limited time. When we hear a story like this, the first question that comes into our mind may be, "Why doughnut? You can take her to some nice restaurant to have a proper lunch there!"

But Edward had his own thought. Everyday Crystal would always bring a lunch box to the office. So during her lunch break, she would always have her lunch box. Edward noticed that, but he realized there was something that Crystal never brought along with her in her lunch box. A Dessert. That was why he would always buy her a doughnut with a sweet toping on it to complete Crystal's lunch. I think this kind of attention is sweeter than him treating her to a nice restaurant during their limited lunch break. And every time Edward gave her a doughnut, she would break it into two and gave him one of the halves so they could share it together.

I think it's sweet. I mean, since the beginning of their relationship, the little things that Edward does wins her heart, and as we can see, he's been on her mind constantly, sharing everything that she has, making their bond even stronger. Sometimes, it is not always about the big things, but the small things that matter more. But of course, their date wasn't always during lunch breaks with a doughnut split between each other, there was a time when Edward took Crystal to a nice restaurant or café which Crystal said was "The Proper Date."



























Edward & Crystal



Mike & Steffie Engagement Session

AGAINST ALL ODDS

words by Mei Ling

photos by Artha The



Where do I begin a love story more magical than moon dust? A tale brighter than the starlight that defeated the strong odds that tried to dim their shining fate. A story about a man's persistence that triumphed over a woman's game of chess. In this match Mike plays the tenacious King that won over the Queen's heart, Steffie.

Many love stories commonly start with man and woman spending their teens separately then encounter each other in their first college years in the spring of their twenties. Mike and Steffie's story is slightly different.

While they both pursued bachelor's degree overseas, their love stories started when their school years ended back at home in Indonesia. Mike attained his first degree in Seattle, while Steffie attained hers in Melbourne then Shanghai. According to the narrow human comprehension, the odds of their encounter are next to none. However impossible odds are the stage for remarkable miracles. And that's the story of Mike and Steffie.

It was a rather crowded high school reunion dinner; souls from several different schools got together for a fun night. Mike and Steffie were seated at the opposite ends of the table. Mike was initially matched up with a different girl, but Mike had Steffie's beautiful face photographed in his mind. Unable to veil his emotions, he immediately requested to follow Steffie on Instagram the next day.

Mike's greatest make up is his persistence and tenacity. During another group dinner in the following week, Mike took charge and overcame the odds. He confidently sat across Steffie and engaged her in endless conversations. To their surprise, their family members are acquainted to each other. Steffie's uncle is Mike's Dad's best friend. Time flew by when you have an entire lifetime to catch up on. Mike intensely contacted Steffie and in a short timeline their conversation grew more intimate. Steffie tried to play hard-to-get but Mike's tenacity made her say, "I do" for the first time. Fifteen days were all it took for these two to officially become a couple.

They dated for over five years. Mike could not wait to make Steffie his bride on their wedding day. When proposing to Steffie, Mike saved the date of Steffie's friend's bachelorette trip to Japan as the big day. After four days of an exhilarating girls trip, Steffie unsuspectingly came back to their hotel in Tokyo with the sight of Mike presenting a gorgeous ring on bended knee to Steffie. With a gleeful heart Steffie accepted and said, "I do", for the second time to Mike.

The most romantic love stories share one thing in common: One must go against all odds to get there. The odds may be improbable, but all true love needs is a chance to show its power will overcome the impossible.





























Michael & Steffie


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Honeymoon Session

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story of Kyle & Irene

COOKING FOR TWO

recipes by Kyle & Irene



photos by Artha The

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RICE IS TRADITIONAL
but bubbles are more FUN
HELP US CHEER ON
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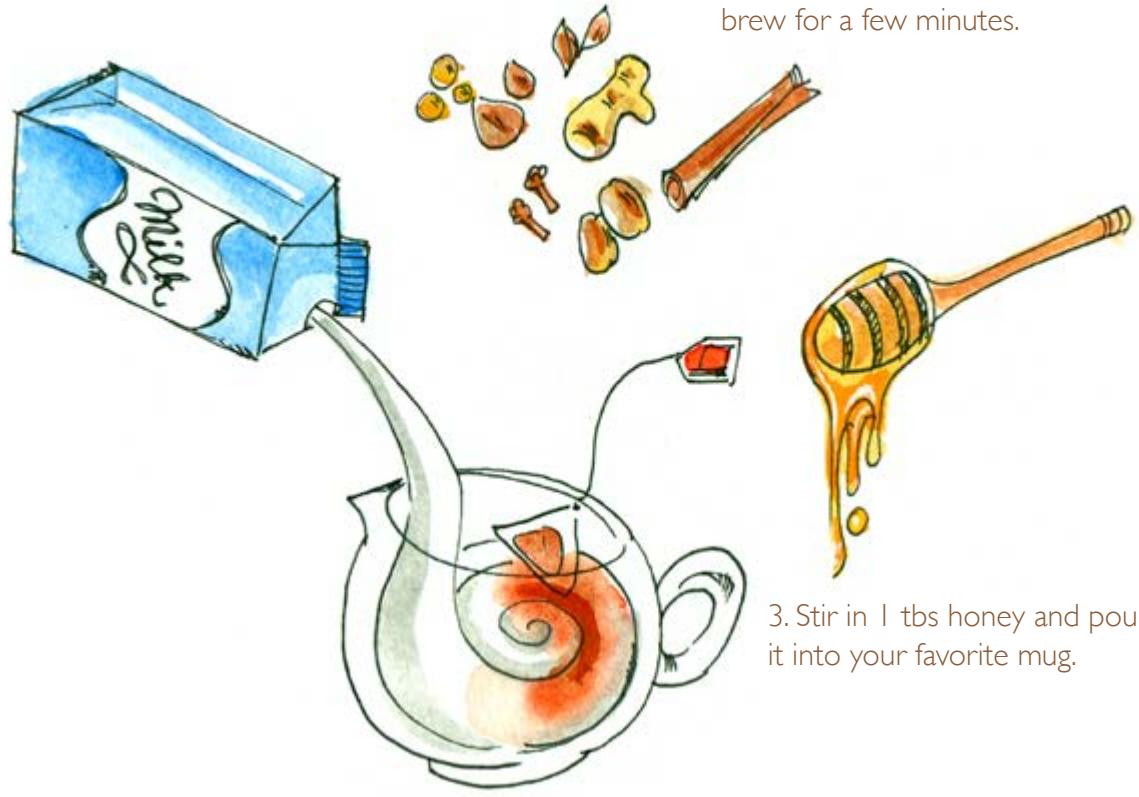
Homemade Chai Latte

2 cups milk of choice
1 black teabag
1 tsp ginger
1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp sugar
1/8 tsp cardamom
1/8 tsp nutmeg
A dash allspice
A dash cloves
1 tbs honey (optional)



1. Heat milk and teabag in a pot.

2. When it comes to a simmer, add the rest of the ingredients (except honey), and let the tea brew for a few minutes.



3. Stir in 1 tbs honey and pour it into your favorite mug.





Pancakes

Ingredients
1 tbsp butter (softened)
3 tbsp sugar (preferably raw and or vanilla)
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
3/4 cup buttermilk
1/4 tsp salt
1 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
3/4 cup flour



1. Cream together butter and sugar. Add in vanilla extract, and salt.

2. Whisk in one egg until combined

3. Whisk in the buttermilk. Set aside.



4. Mix in flour, baking powder, and baking soda mix together in a separate bowl.



5. Add dry ingredients to the wet mix until combined and just smooth. Don't over mix.



6. Preheat griddle on medium heat. Pour about 1/4 cup of batter. Cook until bubbles form on the top of the dough, flip. Continue cooking for 1 - 2 minutes.





Sugar Cookies

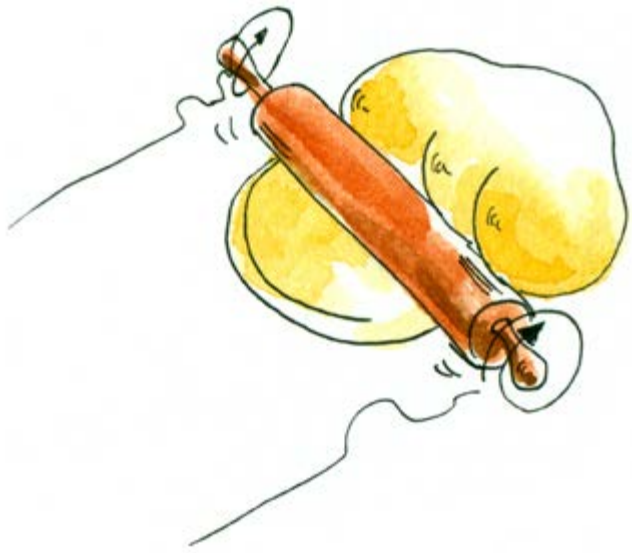
6 tablespoons soft unsalted butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 large egg
1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt



1. Preheat the oven to 350° F



2. Cream the butter and sugar together until pale, then beat in the egg and vanilla. In another bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, and salt. Add the dry ingredients to the butter and eggs, and mix gently but surely. Form into a fat disk, wrap in plastic wrap, and let rest in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour.





3. Sprinkle a suitable surface with flour, place disk of dough on it, and sprinkle a little more flour on top of that. Then roll it out to a thickness of about 1/4-inch. Place cookies on lined baking sheets.

4. Bake for 8 to 12 minutes. When they're ready expect them to be tinged a pronounced gold around the edges.











Self Saucing Chocolate Cake



1 cup all purpose flour
1 cup sugar
2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup butter, melted
1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 cup milk
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 1/2 cup hot water

1. Mix the flour, 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder, and salt



2. Mix 1/4 cup cocoa powder into the melted butter



3. Add the butter mix into the dry ingredients, along with milk and vanilla extract



4. Mix well with a fork



5. Pour batter into deep dish baking tray (pyrex does just fine)



6. Combine the remaning 1/2 cup sugar with 1/4 cup cocoa powder, and sprinkle over batter

7. Carefully pour the hot water all over the batter; DO NOT STIR

8. Bake in a preheated oven, 180°C for 40-45 mins










Kyle & Irene



Dear Newly-Wedded-Husband,

The last time I wrote to you, we were on opposite ends of the world, waiting for the news of when we would we see each other again. Today, I am writing to you, as you are standing right in front of me getting ready for work?

It all started with a random chitchat and a soft-baked chocolate chip cookie. Which led to eight years of roller coaster rides. With tons of airport hello hugs and goodbye kisses.

Seconds before our first time being apart, which was kind of right after our first anniversary, with a river of tears streaming down my eyes, I asked you what would happen to our relationship. What would we do. You stared deep into my eyes. So very calmly you replied, "I will wait for you. For as long as I have to."

"Ha! Yea right!" a laughter from pessimistic voice inside my head. "That's what they all say."

Funny, how life works. I used to vow to myself that I would never get involved in a long-distance relationship. It's such a challenge, It's a ton of work. It'll never last. And so on and so on. I guess never say never, huh?

Two years went by. And we were still, miles apart. Everyday I tried to convince myself that it would all be over soon. It was one of the most heart crushing moments in my life to not know when I would be seeing you again. But you, so very bravely and selflessly, flew halfway around the world, not thinking about whether it was your first plane ride and the fact that you suffered from panic disorder

Though we haven't really seen each other that much, eight years' worth of story is a lot of story to tell. And I can't possibly retell it in a single letter. If I do, it'll be miles and miles of pages long. But I guess what I'm trying to say in this letter is thank you! Thank you for believing and trusting in me for all these years.

Thank you for accepting my odd self. I know that I can be a handful or two at times, but regardless, you're still there for me in my biggest laughter and my heaviest teardrops. Thank you for making me believe that love conquers all, even at times when it seemed like all odds were against us. Most of all, thank you for being who you are. You are still that sweet selfless man that I met eight years ago. All the little things you do just to crack a little smile on my face.

I thank God everyday for blessing me with a man like you. Thank you for waiting for me for YEARS, and making it possible!

Dear Newly-Wedded-Husband, I can't promise that things will get easier. But I can promise you that I'll be there by your side. I will love you when the goings get tough, hold you when you feel like you're not enough, and give you everything I have. I promise to be your travel companion, and your partner in the kitchen.

And now, we will have no more goodbyes. Just goodnights.

Love,
Your newly wedded wife


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Kyle & Irene



Albert & Cathline Wedding

WORDS THE HEART FAIL TO SAY

words by Mei Ling

photos by Steven Lee













At a glance Albert could fool strangers that he is a macho, friendly, reserved guy who does not embrace his emotions. But all those guard fell down the moment he laid his eyes on his beloved, Cathline. Even a blind man can see Albert is powerless to the beauty that is Cathline. It was beautiful to see that such a strong man was brave enough to release his inhibition in front of his chosen few on their special day.

Tears came streaming down his face when he realized he was about to hold a special woman's hands for the rest of their lives; and be husband and wife. Those tears cried out the uncontainable pride and honor he felt in his heart. Tears are the words the heart fail to say. After all, Cathline is a one-in-a-million type of woman who prance through life as if it was made out of cotton candy and butterflies.

Her poise and charisma draw people near to her. Her caring tenderness glues her tight to the people around her. Cathline's gracefulness to accept all of Albert's quirks and frugal ways made Albert pulled all the stops for her. At first Albert was intimidated by Cathline's spiritual maturity. This motivated Albert to join the bible study that Cathline went to because he knew that Cathline enjoyed spending time learning the Word. Over time, their relationship grew stronger because it is rooted in the Word of God. Their journey together made Albert realize that life is more than about achieving earthly success, it's about acknowledging God's grace that is shown through the presence of his loved ones.

Beyoncé once said in one of her songs, Upgrade U, "It's very seldom that you're blessed to find your equal." Truth be told: in life people have different starting point, but what matters is how we sail through life with the right partner that will not lead us astray. Albert may have had a later start in his
Christianity, but Cathline's nurturing nature guided him into being her equal on their wedding day. And on that wedding day the way Albert looked into Cathline's eyes showed how head over heels in love with her. And it was not only because of her breathtaking beauty, but because of the man she has made him to be. It is safe to say that they bring out the best in each other.





















Albert & Cathline



story of Yohan & Nelly

COMPROMISE

words by Nelly

photos by Amel Leo

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Being broken hearted by one love to another have taught me that there won't be anyone who will match with us 100%. Thinking back lately, there is nothing that I regret from every relationship that I have been through. I have been molded and I have learned about humility and duty with every relationship I've ever been through.

The first time I met Yohan, he was a new comer at the church. We exchanged hellos, introduced ourselves and became friends. I was in a relationship at that time, so there's no way that I would think towards the line of a serious relationship.

Looking from my relationship history, I won't fall in love with somebody that I just meet. Everything starts with years and years of friendship. And maybe you'll fall in love in the midst of your friendship journey and that takes years.

In the beginning of getting to know someone, I think everyone's packages appears to be good. It's always been a homework for me to search for flaws in someone who will be my partner. When I've decided to date someone, I've always wanted to know more about them. How terrible is it when you're in a bad mood and when you have a different opinion than me? That curiosity that I'm trying to look for is not to make fun of them, but to know how far can I accept their flaws.

To me, love is when i see their flaws and I still choose to love them. Of









course we will accept their strengths, even more, we're proud of them. But what happens when you discover their flaws? Furthermore, when they have different opinions, then what happens? Demanding changes will happen. The demander is stressed out, the demanded is stressed out as well. Fight after fight, nothing is resolved. Then… a breakup? Find another, a more perfect one? There will be none! So we learn to accept their strengths, flaws, everything. The whole package.

A lot of people say, after marriage, you'll be surprised that their flaws will only start emerging. Because a lot of people have warned us and told us their stories, of course we learn to be better and be prepared for the worse.

A moment that I'll never forget is when we just started dating







and I went to Yohan's house. After a while, Yohan offered me some food.

Y: Are you hungry? There are breads on the table. Just take them.

I immediately ran to the kitchen and looked for the bread.

Me: They're not here.

Y: Really? They're there between the plastic bags.

I told him once again that it wasn't there.

Hr came immediately and said while pointing towards the plastic bags, "What's this?"

Me: Well yeah bread.



Y: Alright then eat it.

Me: But it's not a whole bread (in my heart I was saying, "The breads have been torn and there are bite marks, and you offered them to me? When I said there aren't any breads it was because there are no whole ones that I can take to eat).

Y: Well it's ok. Just try all of them.

Me: That's ok. Thank you. Maybe later (I was talking with a smile, but in my heart I was saying, "OMG! What a disgusting boy! Unhygienic! Help!!)

Lately, I've been seeing the culture of his family. Sharing. What

they were trying to do tearing some pieces off the breads was so that the other family members have the opportunity to try them as well. For example, when buying bread, they'll buy 10 different types of bread and every family member can try everything. As for my family, we'll just buy enough for everyone. We can only choose one and you can't be greedy, give the remaining whole breads to the other family members.

It's still considered sharing. There's no right or wrong. We talked about this together and came up with a conclusion. We can still share. You can buy plenty if you want everyone to sample them all. But cut them first, ok? With a knife. So you can still share and you won't feel disgusted. And they can try them all together even at the same time.

That was one of our dating experiences. If there's something that you don't agree with, we'll find a win-win solution. We have to find a way to make it work.

A lot of the times, we are products of our own family with our own traditions. We learn to not blame and demand. We'll make a new tradition for the family that we'll build.

It's not an easy thing to do. But we're all humans who still have imperfections and flaws. Even until today, we are still learning. We depend on God, a lot.

When we were still dating, to us, it was the time to open our eyes wide to get to know our future partner. Don't only be engulfed by their strengths. Find out about their flaws. Are we ready to accept their flaws? Can we tolerate them forever?

When our vows have been said, it's time to close your eyes and accept them for who they are, completed by their strengths and flaws. Close our eyes from looking at their mistakes and flaws. Just remember their kindness and positive aspects

~Nelly


Together Forever


Saul



Yohan & Nelly

a good love story is inspiring...
a true to life one will make a difference...
& yours is absolutely worth sharing!



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