

DAMIEN AND CATHERINE

Our Story

A SECOND CHANCE

*"What if you and I are meant to part ways, so that we
could find each other again?"*



Catherine + Damien

FROM STRANGERS, FRIENDS, LOVERS AND NOW, FOREVER

They first met online back in 2013. Catherine was looking for recommendations on schools to enroll for advance diploma. Damien was able to help her, and since then, they've become friends. They had a falling short after and rekindled in 2015. They became friends again, started dating and the rest is history.

THE BRIDE



Catherine Pan

**"SOMETIMES LIFE GIVES
YOU A SECOND CHANCE.
IT'S WHAT YOU DO WITH
THOSE SECOND CHANCES
THAT COUNTS."**

*He asked me out for a movie a
year after we stopped
communicating.
I was hesitant, thinking
maybe I will just be a rebound
for him. But I gave him a
chance anyway. We rekindled
our friendship, dated, got
serious and now we are
getting married.
It was a good decision
after all.*

THE GROOM

A portrait of a man with short, dark hair, wearing a light-colored suit jacket over a white shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage.

Damien Tan

I feel like fate has brought us together again. There is a Chinese saying, "A Good Horse Will Never Return to Graze on Grass that It Has Already Passed by." I must confess I am eating my words now.



FLOWERS, CHOCOLATES AND LOVE SONGS

"Cause we're getting to know each other a little too well"



WE FIRST DATED OCT 2015
THEN WENT EXCLUSIVE ON FEB 24, 2016.

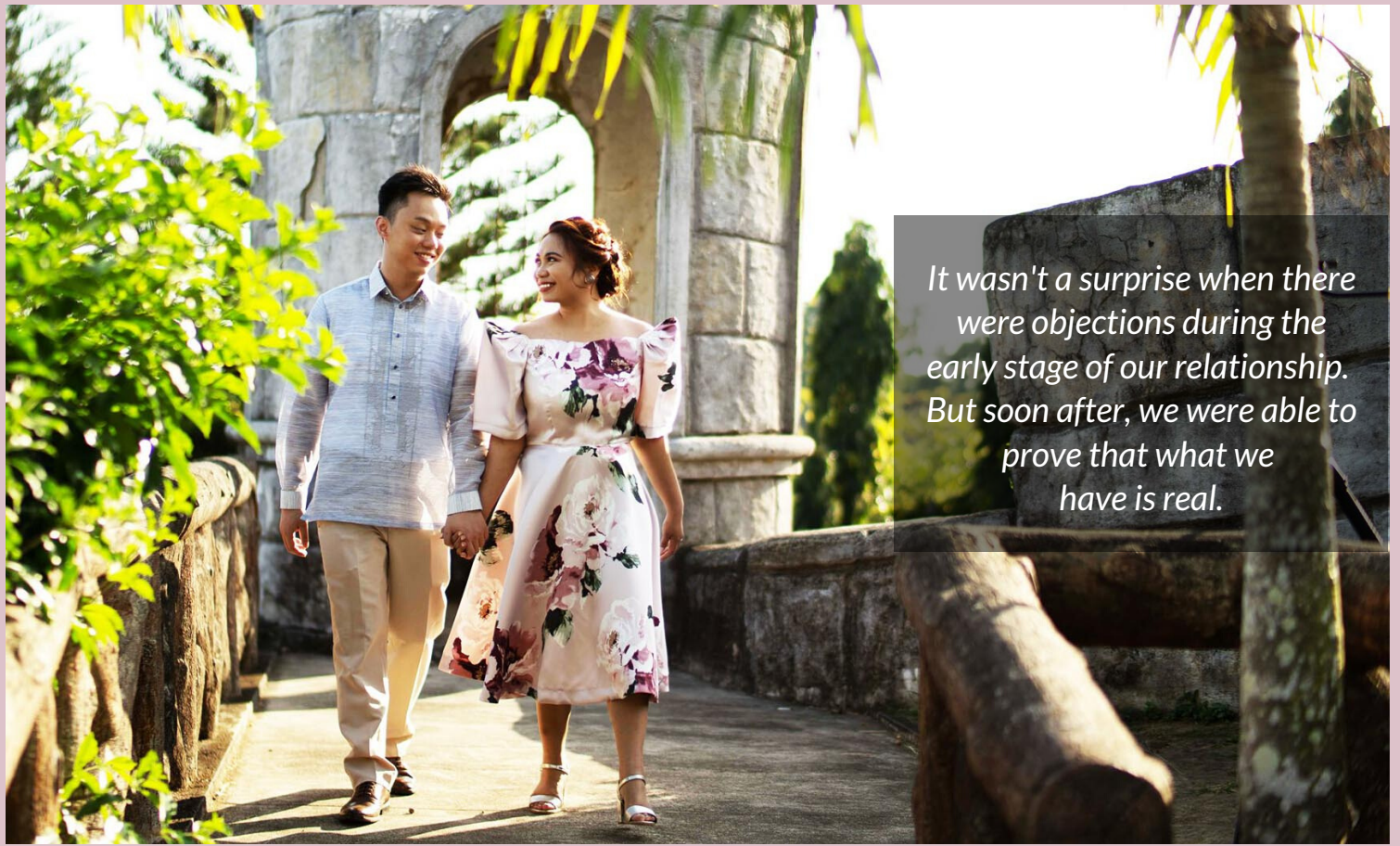


Culture

INTER RACIAL RELATIONSHIP

*If you've found the right person and you're ready to take the next step;
Love, Acceptance, Respect and Communication
are keys to a lasting relationship, regardless of the race and culture.*

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It wasn't a surprise when there were objections during the early stage of our relationship. But soon after, we were able to prove that what we have is real.



Even though we came from very different backgrounds, we try our best to understand, learn and if possible adapt to each other's culture.





*IF YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMEBODY BETTER,
TRAVEL TOGETHER*



*Travelling
revealed things
"we like" and "we
don't like" with
each other.*







DANANG, VIETNAM



PUERTO PRINCESA, PALAWAN



BATAM, INDONESIA



KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA



FUJI, JAPAN



BOHOL, PHILIPPINES



LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA



HO CHI MINH, VIETNAM



TOKYO, JAPAN



HUNTER VALLEY, AUSTRALIA



KUKUP, MALAYSIA



The Proposal

I SAID, "YES"!

HUNTER VALLEY, SYDNEY • MAY 15, 2019



I SAID, "YES"!

It was an unforgettable 32nd birthday for me. Damien proposed while we're up on a hot air balloon just in time for sunrise. He had it all planned together with the Balloon Aloft Australia team.

There were only 3 of us up there – me, him and the pilot. He started the proposal by asking me to look down for the banner the other team member laid on the ground; but we were far way up, so the banner was too small. Damien didn't have a choice but to start his cheesy speech. It was quite embarrassing that I kept interrupting him.



All the while, I thought everything is just for my birthday celebration. Even up to the point that Damien took out the jewelry box, I thought it was another Pandora charm. I only realized that he is proposing when he knelt down and noticed the box is not Pandora. He went on and asked me "Will you be my husband?". That's when it dawned on me that it is finally happening. HE IS PROPOSING! In between laughs, I obviously said "Yes!"



After the trip, the team dropped us off at a restaurant for a nice brunch and champagne. We continued the rest of the day by having a side trip to the Alpaca farm where we had a lot of fun feeding the alpacas followed by wine and cheese tasting at Hunter Valley Gardens. We ended the special day with superb steak and oyster dinner coupled with wine.



A Tale as Old as Time

"If he could learn to love another and earn her love in return..."

*"For the longest time after
the curse fell, I did not know
if I was a beast who
dreamed of being a man, or
a man who dreamed he was
a beast."*





*"For once it might be grand
to have someone
understand,
I want so much more than
they've got planned!"*





"Maybe she needed someone to show her how to live and he needed someone to show him how to love."



*"This is a tale of a beauty
much deeper than that.
It is the story of two people
drawn together under the
most interesting of
circumstances, two people who
learn to truly see what matters
only after they meet each other
and their tale—one both as old
as time and as fresh as a rose—
begins."*





and the story continues..

“How does a moment last forever? How can a story never die?

It is love we must hold on to, never easy, but we try.

Sometimes our happiness is captured, somehow a time and place stand still.

Love lives on inside our hearts, and always will.”