

names: Rachel and John Eddey

ages: 27

hometowns: Stony Brook, N.Y., and Morristown, N.J.

occupations:

Writer/Researcher at Columbia University;

vice president of Steiner Studios

married since:

July 2008

How and when did you meet?

We met on a blind date in 2005. A mutual friend set us up based on one factor: We were each newly single. Our status changed by the end of that first date.

What was your first impression of him? I knew nothing about John before our first date except his name. Though the friend who set us up swore by the match, I had been out with enough questionable men to warrant skepticism. But when John walked into the restaurant, all I thought was, "Thank God!"

What was your first impression of her? My first impression of Rachel caught me off guard — she was so outgoing and friendly. Even though we had just met, she opened herself up to me and we talked and talked for hours. She was, and still is, my favorite person in the world to talk to. But my first impression of Rachel before we even said "Hello" was that this is the most beautiful girl in the world — why on earth is she spending time with me?

Favorite things to do together: On weekends, we often grab a coffee and take long walks

around Manhattan in no particular direction. We love exploring hidden neighborhoods and finding places we never knew existed — from hidden parks to run-down theaters to kitschy stores. We've also found some of our favorite restaurants just by sticking our heads in doorways.

How did he/she propose? John proposed in November 2007 on the set of the "Sex and the City" movie, which was shooting a scene at the production facility he helps run. I was sitting as one of 300 extras in a fashion show scene when John took the microphone and asked me to be his wife in front of everyone — including all four leading ladies. Lil Kim, who made a cameo in the film, was



the first person to congratulate us. I kept thinking, Lil Kim knows about my engagement before any of my friends and family!
His best quality: John has an amazing ability to stay level-headed. He can compartmentalize a problem and focus only on the immediate concern, whereas I panic and worry we're going to get killed/burn our apartment down/lose our savings account. If he does raise his voice, I know it's for a good reason — like the time I left the stove on and really did almost burn our apartment down.

Her best quality: Rachel's best quality is that she always thinks of other people. She never puts herself first. She refuses to throw anything away because she'd rather give it to a good cause. I'm not exaggerating when I say that our local Salvation Army knows us by name because we donate clothing and home goods so often. After our wedding, we had 65 pounds of leftover candy from our candy buffet. What did she do with it? She donated it to the Ronald McDonald House. I'm sure those kids are loving her right now just as much as I do.

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