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# 'Package Deal *na kami*

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Daniel Padilla and Kathryn Bernardo, for the first time, are speaking up about the real score on their relationship

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Six fruitful years have passed since their tandem had come to be christened as “KathNiel”, but more than the professional relationship that Daniel and Kathryn have been nurturing is a deeper personal connection that they share—the kind of connection that is not easy to come by, especially in the chaotic world of showbiz. In fact, their connection is so special that even their petname for each other, “Bal” (short for *kambal*), can even attest to this fact.

The irony here, however, is that if you asked them six years ago—right around the time when they first met, and sparks weren’t flying left and right—if they saw themselves developing a special relationship someday, they would have answered you with blank faces.

But now, if you ask them to define what “KathNiel” is all about, the two will tell you that their relationship is characterized by the most powerful thing in the world:

# love.

## A story of serendipity

As far as first impressions go, Daniel and Kathryn initially didn’t find each other so interesting when they met for the first time on *It’s Showtime* back in 2010. The two teen stars were on the show for a guesting but were never formally introduced.

Kathryn recalls that during that time, she and Daniel never uttered a single word to each other—not even so much as a “Hi!”

But the young actress chalks this up to so much shyness getting the better of them.

“*Siyempre ako, alam ko namang artista na sila ni Julia [Montes] noon, ‘di ba? Pero hindi lang siguro ako nakapag-‘Hi’ noon, dahil hiyang hiya ako,*” Daniel explains. “*Ako lang din kasi ‘yung hindi*

*pa talaga kilala noon, kaya ayoko rin naman magmukhang presko. Pero na-realize kong mali pala ‘yung iisipin mong nahihiya ka. Dapat talagang babati ka.*”

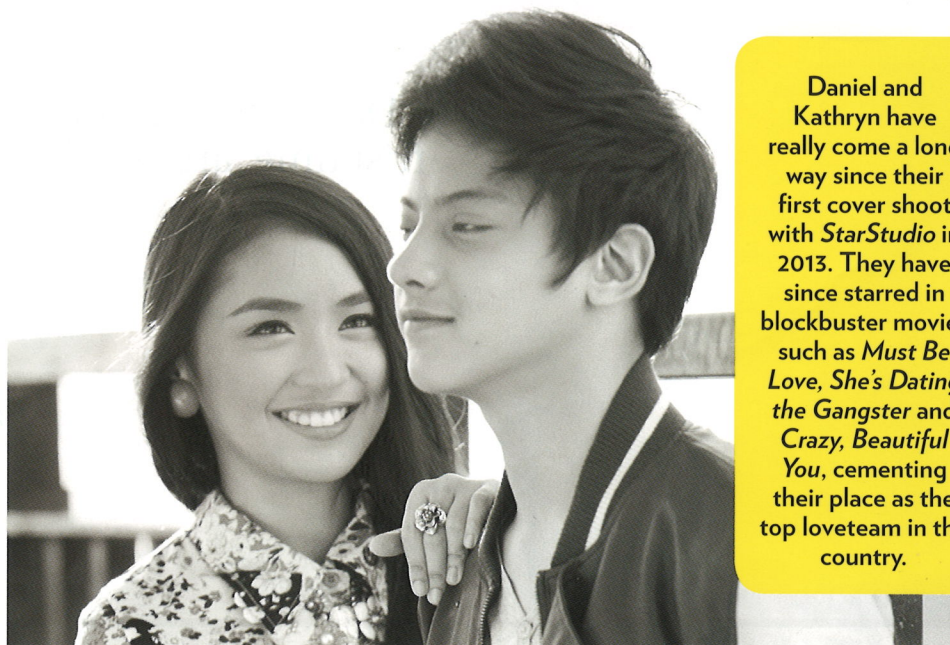
A year later, their paths crossed once again when they got paired on *Growing Up*—the show which was slated to be Kathryn’s reunion with Albie Casiño, her leading man in the *Mara Clara* remake. However, because of issues that hounded Albie that time, last minute changes were made and Daniel had taken on Albie’s role instead.

Despite being packaged together as a loveteam, Daniel and Kathryn chose to stay out of each other’s way, primarily because they mistook the other as being too snooty to even talk to. As a result, the awkwardness between the two reverberated so much in every scene they filmed together.

But even if such were the case, their tandem had still managed to pique the interest of the viewing public. And for Kathryn, the awkwardness between them may have been part of the secret ingredient that helped them gain followers (“*Kapag nasa TV kasi, kapag nakikita ko na kapag very innocent and natural ‘yung awkwardness, parang I find it cute,*” Kathryn explains with a smile).

But eventually, Daniel decided to make the bold decision of making the first move and reaching out to his co-star. “*Sinabi ko sa sarili ko, ‘Bahala na!’ Tinanggal*

Daniel and Kathryn have really come a long way since their first cover shoot with *StarStudio* in 2013. They have since starred in blockbuster movies such as *Must Be Love*, *She’s Dating the Gangster* and *Crazy, Beautiful You*, cementing their place as the top loveteam in the country.











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ko na lang 'yung hiya ko sa kanya, kasi siyempre ako 'yung lalaki," Daniel shares. "Pangit naman kung siya pa 'yung unang lalapit. Hindi ko na rin kasi pinabayaan na magkaroon pa ng awkwardness kasi wala namang mangyayari. So eventually, hindi ko na pinapakitang nahihiya ako. Parang normal lang."

Kathryn remembers one of the moments they shared that helped them start getting close. It was during one of their taping days for *Growing Up*. They were sitting side-by-side in one corner and as they were waiting to be called to start filming for one of their scenes, they started talking about themselves and discovered that they had some things in common.

"After ng usap na 'yun, naging okay na. Nakatulong din 'yung mga kasama namin sa show, kasi parang naging barkada rin kami," she says.

A couple of months later, something happened that is always a big thing between boy and girl—they finally exchanged mobile phone numbers.

After *Growing Up* concluded, Daniel and Kathryn found themselves being paired once again in the top-rating primetime soap *Princess and I*. From there, the rest, as they say, is history.

### When change happens for the better

Since the onset of their career as one of the country's most sought-after lovetteams, Kathryn notes that significant changes have definitely taken place, especially in terms of their relationship with each other—both professionally and personally. She says, "Ngayon, especially last year during our *Pangako Sa'Yo* days, doon talaga kami nag-grow together kasi ang daming nangyari. 'Yung phase na 'yun hanggang ngayon, ito 'yung sabi nga namin na the best stage namin, kasi sobrang kilala na namin 'yung isa't isa. Ang sarap sa pakiramdam na kapag nasa trabaho, may nasasabihan ako ng problema ko, tapos nasasabihan niya rin ako."

On top of that, perhaps one of the things that Kathryn loves about being with Daniel is how he never fails to make her feel secure, especially when they're together. "Feeling ko, basta

kasama ko siya, I'm very protected, na parang walang makakabastos sa'kin. Naging dependent na rin kami sa isa't isa, pero hindi naman to the point na dina-drag down 'yung isa't isa. Ang sarap ng ganoong feeling na, 'Ah, nagawa na natin 'to. Dati, ganyan lang tayo."

Daniel attests to this but more than the changes, the young actor confesses

that there are still things he wishes that he could have done for her—and as for what these are, he prefers to keep them a secret instead.

"Ang masasabi ko lang is kaya na naming mabuhay," he muses. "Si Kathryn, guide ko siya, eh. May mga bagay na hindi ko kayang gawin na siya 'yung gagawa; at may mga bagay rin naman ako ginagawa para sa kanya."

This isn't to say that Daniel is the perfect partner, but he still strives to do his best for Kathryn all the time. While he's had his share of shortcomings just like the next person, he does learn from his mistakes and uses them as a learning experience.

"Akala lang kasi nila na para akong perpektong lalaki. Pero hindi, hindi ako ganoon," he adds. "Pero okay lang 'yun, kasi at least natututo ako. Okay rin na sinasabi sa'kin ni Kathryn 'yung mga problema, so I can work on them."

### Little Unforgettable Moments

Kathryn echoes this sentiment, saying that while Daniel may have his crazy days sometimes, she herself isn't exempted from having off moments, too. But what matters to them is that at the end of the day, they are still matured enough to help each other in realizing their respective issues and find ways to resolve them—like that one time when Valentine's Day almost got spoiled because Daniel didn't bring her flowers.

That day, Daniel was set to visit Kathryn at her house. When he arrived, he asked Kathryn to come out of the house, and meet him outside. Thinking that he had brought her flowers, Kathryn excitedly opened the gates for him, only to find that Daniel wasn't able to bring her anything.

"Kasi 'di ba pagbukas mo ng Instagram on Valentine's Day, lahat nagpo-post? Tapos parang ako, 'Bakit ako walang flowers?' Na-feel bad talaga ako," Kathryn reveals. "So naisip ko, 'Pangit ba ako? Hindi ko ba deserve kahit



Kathryn and Daniel during their earlier projects. The two were first paired in the teen show *Growing Up* and, from there, the *Teen King* and *Queen* were born.





# King of Hearts

Daniel Padilla is more than just his “bad boy” image

BY MICHELLE ANGELA OROSA CARAG

It has always been in his blood. After all, Daniel John Ford Padilla belongs to one of the most notable showbiz clans in the country. For starters, his father Rommel Padilla is an actor, film producer and politician. His mother Karla Estrada, on the other hand, is an actress, singer and now-toprating morning show host. On top of that, his uncle is iconic action star Robin Padilla.

Given all this, it really is inevitable for the dashing young man to work his magic in the industry.

But in the beginning it is worth noting that Daniel originally wasn't keen on entering showbiz, because he wanted to focus on finishing his studies instead. But as fate would have it, the late manager/discoverer Douglas Quijano discovered him, and brought him to ABS-CBN for a VTR. That led to him being cast on *Gimik* 2010, a remake of the hit 90s Filipino youth-oriented show. There, he was paired with Julia Montes, but when he scored another role in *Growing Up* the following year, he got the chance to work with Kathryn Bernardo, and that paved the way for the pair's journey to stardom.

Over the years, Daniel has also proven to everyone that he is more than just an actor, for he can also carry a tune, too. In 2012, he released his self-titled debut album, Daniel Padilla, which carried six tracks including the carrier single, “Hinahanap-hanap Kita”. Selling more than 10,000 copies in just less than a week, it didn't take long for the album to earn a Gold Record Award and then eventually a Double Platinum Award for its outstanding sales performance.

During that time, industry mover Boy Abunda had made a fearless forecast that in five years, Daniel is going to be one of the biggest stars in Philippine showbiz. Needless to say that the King of Talk has been right in his prediction and it's not difficult to see why. Daniel's unique appeal is so contagious that he never fails to attract hordes of fangirls wherever he stages his shows. Because of his irresistible bad boy charm and also due to the fact that he's a Padilla, he always gets mistakenly tagged as a “babaero”. This, as Daniel once revealed in an interview with the *Philippine Star*, is a stereotype that doesn't sit well with him at all, especially





because it was only Kathryn who was ever linked to him since he started his career.

In 2014, he had the chance of realizing his childhood dream of playing basketball professionally when the PBA D-League squad AMA Titans drafted him in their first ever Rookie Draft. However, Daniel displayed maturity when he begged off from the opportunity to make way for more deserving players because as he said, aside from the fact that he isn't equipped enough to make it to the league, his hectic schedule would not also allow him to train very well.

At present, while he is tending on his thriving career, Daniel is also giving his utmost support to his younger brother JC's move to penetrate the music industry. But at the same time, he still doesn't forget that he has another role to play—and that is the defender to all his loved ones. He assumes this role not only around his mother and Kathryn, but also to his baby sister Carmela, as shown when he told Push that he didn't want her to join showbiz just yet, saying, "*Hindi pa puwede. Gusto ko kapag matured na si Carmela tapos saka na siya papasok sa industriya.*" ☆

## DANIEL BY THE NUMBERS



# 1000

The size of Daniel's new Modern-Mediterranean home that he shares with his Mommy Karla and his younger siblings sits. It's located in an exclusive subdivision in Quezon City.

# 7000



In July last year, Daniel had a major fanboy moment when his basketball hero Stephen Curry followed him on Twitter. Daniel made a Twitter post about it and the said tweet had since been retweeted more than 7,000 times and has had more than 11,000 favorites.



# 71

Daniel has received a total of 71 recognitions from various award-giving bodies in and out of the country.

# 90%

Daniel dedicates 90% of his songs in his albums to Kathryn.



Stephen Curry  
Believer. Husband to @ayeshacurry, father to Riley and Ryan, son, brother. Golden State Warriors guard. Davidson Wildcats. Philippines 4-13 IRVALL.



# 5

He used to be the bassist for the band he formed with his brother and his friends, Parking 5.



# 17

Daniel was 17 years old when he bought his first car.





# the Royal

Kathryn Bernardo's journey to becoming one of showbiz's youngest queens

BY MICHELLE ANGELA OROSA CARAG

Prior to her foray into showbiz back in 2003, Kathryn Chandria Manuel Bernardo had first been a diligent student at the OB Montessori. But because her interest in showbiz had peaked when she turned six, her parents decided to have her homeschooled instead, so she could chase her dream in the industry.

Kathryn's acting debut was marked when she had taken on the role of the young Cielo on ABS-CBN's *It Might Be You*. From there, she was able to land her first major role as Maya on *Super Inngo*. It had served as the springboard for her to book more roles until she landed a permanent spot on the hit kiddie show *Goin' Bulilit*.

But her portrayal of Mara in the revival of the iconic 90s TV drama *Mara Clara* had given way to her rapid rise to overwhelming popularity. Since its premiere, the show had remained a tough contender in primetime ratings. As a testament to its success, the show was even nominated in the 2011 *Banff World Media Festival* under the "Telenovelas and Soap Operas" category, which in turn had determined Kathryn's future as a distinguished actress.

Right after *Mara Clara* had wrapped up, Kathryn's showbiz career had taken off to greater heights. After 13 years packed with more than 11 movies, lots of TV shows, a long list of awards and various endorsements, Kathryn remains to be one of the most bankable young actresses in the industry today. She has become so influential that she has also been regarded as the "Teen Queen" of Philippine showbiz.

She may seem to have everything in her life right now but it doesn't mean that she will be one to rest on her laurels just yet.

On top of her showbiz commitments, Kathryn is also attending Enderun Colleges, where she is taking up Marketing. "*Kino-continue ko talaga siya*," she said in an interview. "*Mahirap, pero nandiyan 'yung mama ko, para siya magpu-push talaga sa akin, and (yung) Enderun naman—supportive sila. It's team work between me and Enderun, para matapos ng school.*"

Kathryn may be just 20, but her 13 years' worth of rich showbiz credentials have definitely turned her into a veteran in her own right. ☆





# WOW!

Kathryn Bernardo's hot moments on the red carpet and on magazine covers, according to style editors

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## STAR MAGIC BALL 2014 IN ALBERT ANDRADA

"I love how a 1920s-inspired ensemble can look very fresh and current. Not costume-y at all." —*Kate*

"Not all celebrities can pull off a couture gown—but she did it with ease and confidence." —*Geolette*

"Stunning from head to toe, Kathryn managed to balance classic elegance and refreshing youthfulness." —*Grace*

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## BEST FOREIGN ACTRESS AWARD AT THE "FACE OF THE YEAR AWARDS" IN VIETNAM IN MARTIN BAUTISTA

"Sleek and chic, just the way it should be done." —*Kate*

"Sleek and modern. Simplicity requires more confidence than complex gowns, so this signaled a certain maturity for this style star." —*Geolette*

"This look is simplicity at its finest. Kathryn's confidence shone in this clean design and silhouette." —*Grace*

## RUNNERS-UP



## CHALK - AUGUST 2012

"This was when she was on her way to the top. This Chalk anniversary issue was just right on time. It's always nice to see Kathryn in a more casual and younger vibe." —*Eldzs*



## STARSTUDIO - MAY 2014

"Her face radiated youthful exuberance. I especially love her makeup here, which emphasized her beautiful tone and matched it with the right smoky eye and peach lip." —*Geolette*

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## STAR MAGIC BALL 2015 IN MICHAEL CINCO

"She somehow looked more mature here, but still looked like a pretty young thing. This gown made her a vision in white!" —*Kate*

"Though bolder and more daring for her age, this sure was a headturner. The form-fitting silhouette, the see-through details, and the backless design all on her slim frame just made for a recipe for glamour." —*Grace*

"This was when we saw that Kathryn is channeling her sexier side. It was a breakthrough because we're used to seeing her in pinks and frou-frou styles, but here she showed off skin and her figure." —*Eldzs*

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## PMPC STAR AWARDS FOR MOVIES

"Bravo! Kath rocked this Spring/Summer 2016 cold shoulder trend in formal wear. This look emphasized her sharp features and trains the eye toward her best feature—the face." —*Geolette*

"Age-appropriate, this shoulder-baring gown showed how to do just the right amount of sexy. Plus, she doesn't usually wear black on the red carpet so this was a good change." —*Grace*

"Black doesn't really stand out on red carpets and is not memorable for me, but when it's Kathryn, who cares what color she's wearing? She's the star whatever happens." —*Eldzs*

METRO Metro Magazine



*kate* There's a certain air of mystery about the whole look, which I love.

*geolette* "Here's a sizzling hot Kath 2.0 emerged, raring and ready to embrace this new stage in her life as she turns 20."

*grace* "Sensual yet sophisticated—this dark and romantic cover was a welcome surprise."

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isang stem ng rose?' Kasi 'di ba tayong mga babae, meron kasi tayong—hindi naman 'yung ini-imagine mo 'yung perfect fairy tale, pero parang automatic 'yun, kapag babae na gusto mo ma-feel na important ka, ganyan. Pero si Daniel kasi, hindi siya masyadong showy sa mga ganyan."

Sensing that something had put Kathryn in a sour mood, Daniel asked what was wrong. She explained to him the issue at hand. To make up for it, Daniel had gone over to their garden, plucked out some leaves, arranged them into a bouquet, and gave it to Kathryn. The gesture instantly cheered Kathryn up and made her laugh.

DJ, of course, has his trademark cute defense. "Ito lang 'yung side ko. Para sa'kin kasi noong Valentine's, basta magkasama kami, 'yun na 'yun," Daniel explains fervently. "Pero wala naman akong intensyon na pasamain 'yung loob niya."

And that's how they've always resolved their issues: through open communication. "Gusto ko kasi sinasabi ko talaga kung bakit ako naba-badtrip," Kathryn says. "Importante kasi na sabihin mo para hindi mo na dala hanggang matulog ka."

Nowadays, they don't get upset with each other as often as they did when they were younger, largely because they have learned to accept each other wholly—flaws and all.

"Wala naman talaga akong ayaw na ugali ni Kathryn. Wala naman siyang pangit na ugali. Ang ano niya lang, eh, masiyado siyang strikto sa akin. Ayoko lang na ayaw niya akong pinagmomotor. 'Yun lang," Daniel says with a smile.

As for Kathryn, she shares that the thing that draws her to Daniel the most is how different he is from other guys. "Ang dami ko nang na-meet na mga lalaki pero makikita mo—kaya rin siguro nagsta-stand out din si DJ sa lahat, kasi alam mo na iba siya," she can't help but gush. "Ganyan siya, eh—'yung personality niya. 'Yung pagkalalaking-lalaki niya.

Hindi ko alam kung anong specific thing 'yun, pero 'yung overall na DJ, 'yung pagkatotoo niya, may something sa kanya na iba."

### Young love

Now, probably the biggest question in the whole of showbiz has only been this: the real score between Daniel and Kathryn, that always been one of the sources of intense discussions in all things showbiz, especially when the two go on out-of-town trips with their families and friends. But for now, the two still prefer to keep everything about their special relationship to themselves. However, Daniel clarifies, it doesn't mean that they will keep it a secret forever.

"Parang kasing wala kaming kailangang sabihin or aminin sa mga tao," Daniel begins to explain. "It's something very sacred. Gusto kong panghawakan 'yun, dahil 'yun na lang 'yung bagay na pwedeng naming i-sarili. Dati kasi pinilit ko na hindi maglabas masyado about myself, but still binigay ko dahil mahal ko ang mga supporters namin, and gusto kong mas makilala nila ako and kami ni Kathryn. Pero 'yung tungkol dito, sasabihin din naman namin sa kanila kapag nasa tamang edad na kami—sa tamang oras. Mas masarap kasi kung nasa tama na ang lahat."

Having said this, Daniel notes that he is well-aware that what the public sees when he and Kathryn are together off-cam paints an image in their heads, and that's why he expresses his hopes that this interview will help put things in perspective.

"Siguro sa interview na 'to, 'pag binasa nila 'yung mga sinabi ko, maiintindihan nila," he continues. "'Yun na 'yun—ayoko lang kasi maging showbiz 'yung relasyon namin ni Kathryn. Kumbaga, kami lang muna—sa amin lang itong usapan na ito. Kasi kapag may nasabi ka, 'yung mga tao, hindi nila sinasadya na nakikisali na sila sa relasyon. So ngayon, ano lang sila, support lang muna, and 'yun lang 'yung gusto muna namin."

And this is what Daniel and

## WRITTEN IN THE STARS

2016 has been proving to be a wonderful year for both Daniel and Kathryn. After the successful run of primetime serye *Pangako Sa'Yo*, the pair flew to Spain to shoot what is predicted to be another blockbuster hit. To say the least: luck is definitely on their side. To find out if the stars will continue to align for them, we asked international Feng Shui Master Marites Allen to make a fearless forecast on their fate for the rest of the year and beyond







## DANIEL: YIN FIRE BOAR

Birthdate: April 26, 1995  
Time of Birth: 11:00pm

Daniel's date and time of birth make him a Yin Fire person. Marites says: "Warm and attractive, Yin Fire individuals tend to bring out the best in other people. They are also generous with their time and energy when it comes to their family and friends. However, they can also be fickle-minded. When the Yin Fire personality type is too engrossed in igniting the proverbial fire in others, they can neglect their own well-being. As a result, they may end up being burnt out and de-motivated."

These may be overcome, though, as Marites reveals that this year is among the best years in Daniel's life. "A series of changes and a lot of movements are projected to take place in his life until he reaches the age of 25. These changes can range from traveling to moving to a new house."

**What the year of the Monkey has in store for him:** "Whatever he is doing right now, or wherever he goes, he can expect that support will always be given to him by his family, friends and fans. But at the same time, in the event that Daniel will be faced with some challenging scenarios, he has to keep his cool, as the year of the Monkey can also bring forth some damage (like cutting ties). If he wants his relationships with other people to last, he has to adapt the 'let it go and let it pass' attitude."

**Daniel's astrological allies:** Rabbit, Sheep, Boar and his secret friend, the Tiger

**Tip for DJ!** "He can keep images of his astrological allies at home. He can also bring them with him as lucky charms, to expand his networking luck."



## KATHRYN: YANG WATER RAT

Birthdate: March 26, 1996  
Time of Birth: 6:30pm

"Yang Water individuals are like the sea, ocean and river," says Marites of Kath's birth sign. "They are flamboyant freedom-lovers who do not like restriction. Easily adaptable to any situation, their intentions are good but sometimes, others might wrongly question their loyalty and integrity."

Kathryn's current luck period: "Kathryn will continue to enjoy her thriving showbiz career until the age of 32. If she plays her cards right, whatever it is that she has right now will be multiplied to greater lengths. It is just up to her how far she would like to go. Kathryn's wealth energy will be at its strongest when she reaches the age of 37, and will stay that way until she turns 41. But at the same time, these are also the years when she will be facing too much competition and other unfriendly scenarios."

**What the year of the Monkey has in store for her:** "As she is born in the year of the Rat, she should be doing well this year. However, because she was also born on the Day of the Dog, she has to take it easy, and avoid doing business with those who were born in the year of the Dragon (Dog and Dragon are enemies)."

**Kathryn's astrological allies:** Rat and Monkey

**Tip for Kath!** "She can consider wearing the lucky charms of her astrological allies, or use them as key chains. She can also use the Frigga icon on outfits, or even as a decorative display at home."

## ABOUT MARITES



Regarded as "The Philippines' Feng Shui Queen", British-Filipina Marites Allen spearheaded feng shui in the country. She was also awarded the prestigious title of "Master in Feng Shui" by the world-renowned International Feng Shui Association. She recently completed her studies in Zi Wei Dou Shu, that uses complex computations to predict a person's overall personality and potential related to money, career, health and relationships; and Qi Men Sun Tzu, that applies strategies and calculated risks and actions to achieve greater success in life. Marites lives in England and the Philippines together with husband Nick—a British international executive—and their four children.



Kathryn appreciate most about their fans—that even if they don't give out everything there is to know about their relationship, there exists an unspoken understanding among their followers. For the young stars, this helps their relationship transcend the showbiz aspects of it into something a lot more real and genuine. This, in turn, has helped them become better in their projects together. Because they enjoy each other's company so much, the scenes just flow naturally and work has stopped feeling like one.

Kathryn and Daniel may remain tight-lipped when it comes to the status of their relationship, but they never shy away from expressing how much they love each other. While Daniel confesses to loving Kathryn so much that it hurts, the *morena* beauty declares that their relationship is the one thing that she wouldn't trade for the world, because nothing will ever come close to what they have.

In addition, the two have been together so much over the years that it has become impossible to disassociate themselves from the other. "*Kapag hindi kami magkasama, parang hindi na ako sanay. Parang, 'Saan si DJ?' 'Yun agad tatanungin ko pagbaba ko, tapos hindi ko pa nakikita 'yung sasakyan niya. Kasi nga, I'm not used to it. Nag-uusap din kami parati. Hindi kami 'yung tipong nagsasama lang kasi may trabaho. Kailangan din namin ng oras para sa isa't isa privately, 'yung off-cam,*" says Kathryn.

As for the times they won't be together, the two have established a set of rules to follow with utmost diligence. For one, Kathryn isn't allowed to talk to other boys whose intentions are to flirt with her ("*Dahil alam niya na may magugulpi talaga,*" Daniel interjects with a laugh). She also has to tell him where she is and who she is with, when she goes out without him. The same rules also apply to Daniel because as Kathryn admits, she is every bit the jealous type as Daniel is ("*Kahit may tiwala ako sa kanya, iba na kasi ngayon,*" she stresses).

But Daniel assures that he is very careful when it comes to not giving Kathryn the reason to feel jealous at all. He says, "*Bantay talaga ako sa*

*sarili ko. Wala rin namang lumalapit sa akin talaga. At saka ano naman ako, loner. At kapag nagtatrabaho naman ako, may kasama akong kaibigan.*"

It is complicated enough to be major celebrities in the country at such a very young age, especially because once that happens, all eyes are automatically on you. But it's even more complicated to be all that while trying to establish a relationship with someone. That's why it's fortunate that with all the complications that Daniel and Kathryn have to face, they have their mothers at their side to fully support them every step of the way.

"*Sila 'yung nand'yan parati. Sila 'yung taga-remind sa amin—mga taga-paalala ng mga bagay-bagay. And kailangan din talaga namin sila kasi kasi minsan, dahil bata pa rin kami, nakakalimutan namin 'yung obligations, 'yung mga hindi dapat gawin,*" Kathryn relates gratefully. "*'Si Tita Karla, parang nanay na siya sa akin, tapos parang anak na rin ni Mama si DJ. So sobrang thankful ako doon kasi ang swerte namin dahil nandiyang sila Tita Karla and si Mama. Dati akala ko super strict sila, pero ngayon na-realize ko na ang swerte namin, kasi natutukan nila kami.*"

Nowadays, the two share that they are at their happiest whenever they're together—so much so that they have unconsciously built their own world even when they're around other people. "*Hindi kami aware minsan na may sariling mundo kami. Hindi namin napapansin. Siguro lang, dahil dito, nakikita ng tao na hindi kami mapaghihiwalay na dalawa. Package deal na kami forever,*" Kathryn smiles.

When asked about what they think the future has in store for them, Daniel smiles and answers that as for the moment, he is happy about the direction they are heading.

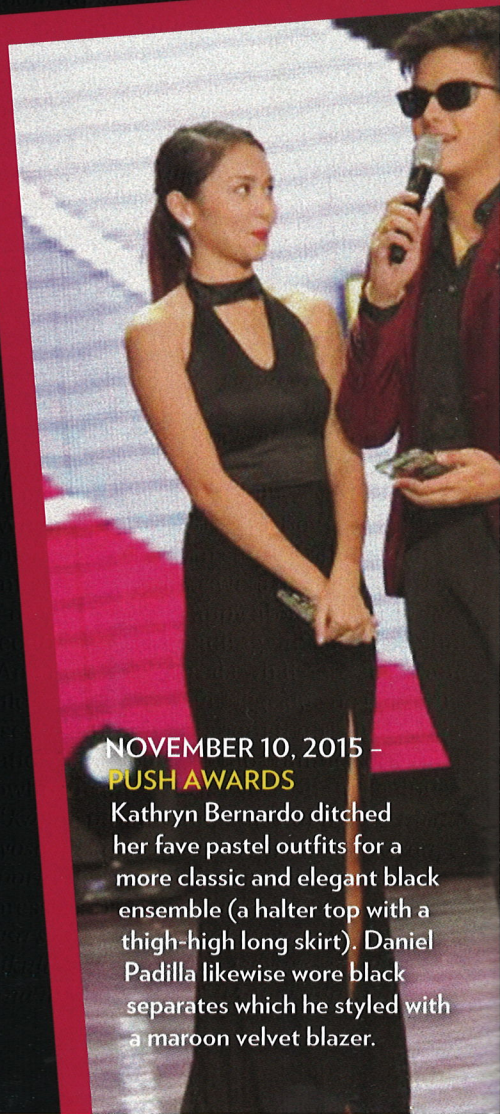
And here: he releases what could probably be the biggest, closest confirmation about their relationship—beyond the confines of showbusiness.

"*Kapag tumanda at mas naging seryoso na kami ni Kathryn, mas importante 'yung buhay namin,*" he expresses. "*Mas pipiliin ko si Kathryn kaysa sa ibabayad sa akin sa isang pelikula. Mas importante 'yung kami muna ni Kathryn.*" ☆

# A MATCH MADE IN FASHION HEAVEN

When we think of couple dressing, we immediately think of the term "matchy-matchy." But in the book of Kathryn Bernardo and Daniel Padilla, it means more like complementing each other's individual style and looking in sync and well balanced while at it

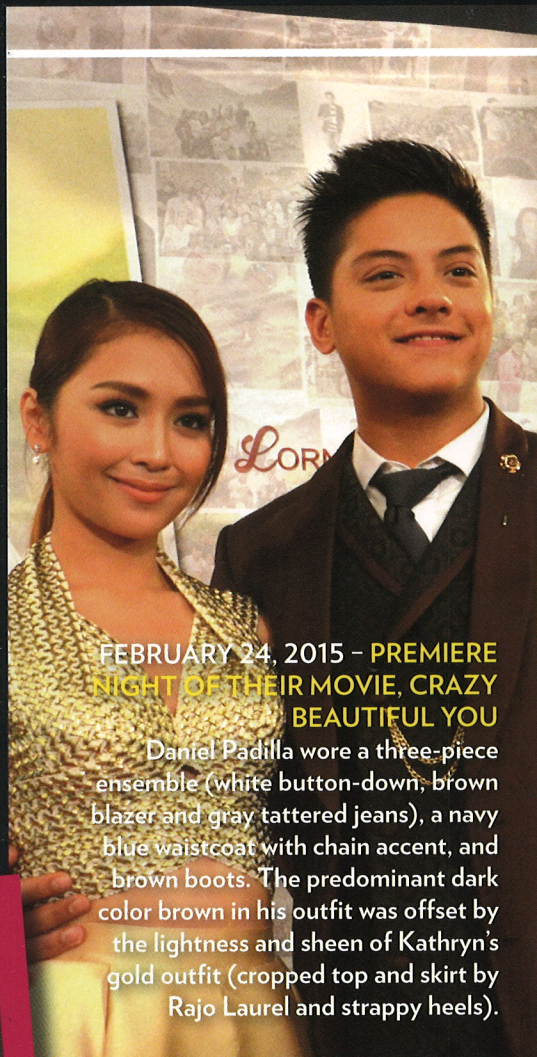
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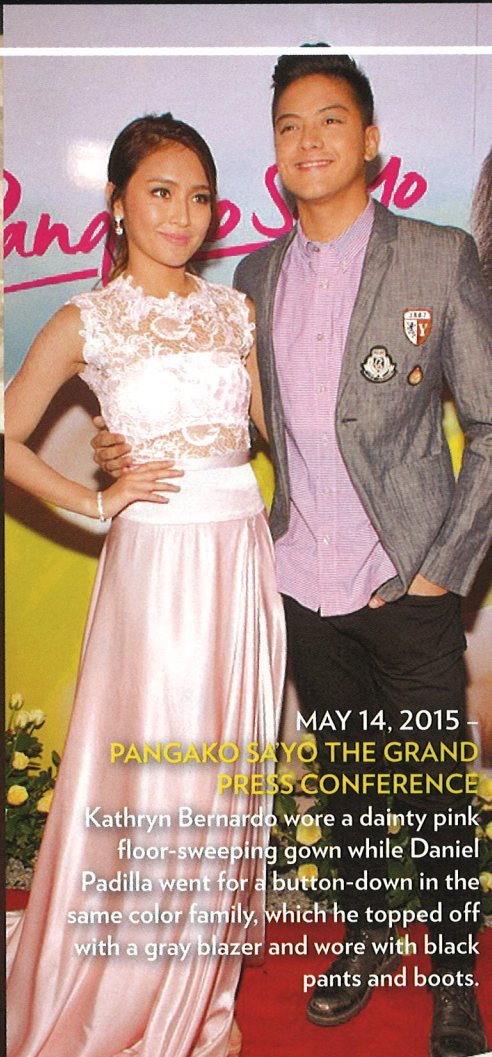
Kathryn Bernardo ditched her fave pastel outfits for a more classic and elegant black ensemble (a halter top with a thigh-high long skirt). Daniel Padilla likewise wore black separates which he styled with a maroon velvet blazer.





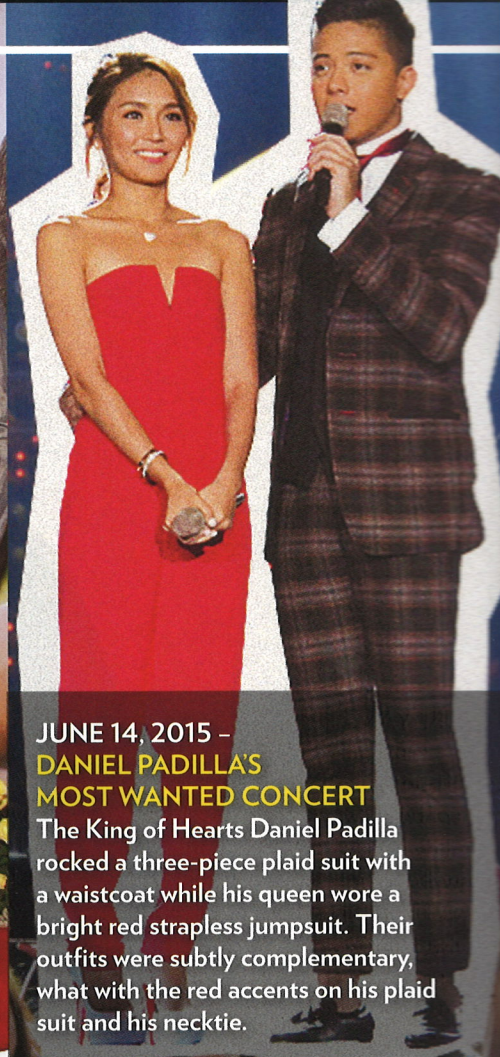
**FEBRUARY 24, 2015 - PREMIERE  
NIGHT OF THEIR MOVIE, CRAZY  
BEAUTIFUL YOU**

Daniel Padilla wore a three-piece ensemble (white button-down, brown blazer and gray tattered jeans), a navy blue waistcoat with chain accent, and brown boots. The predominant dark color brown in his outfit was offset by the lightness and sheen of Kathryn's gold outfit (cropped top and skirt by Rajo Laurel and strappy heels).



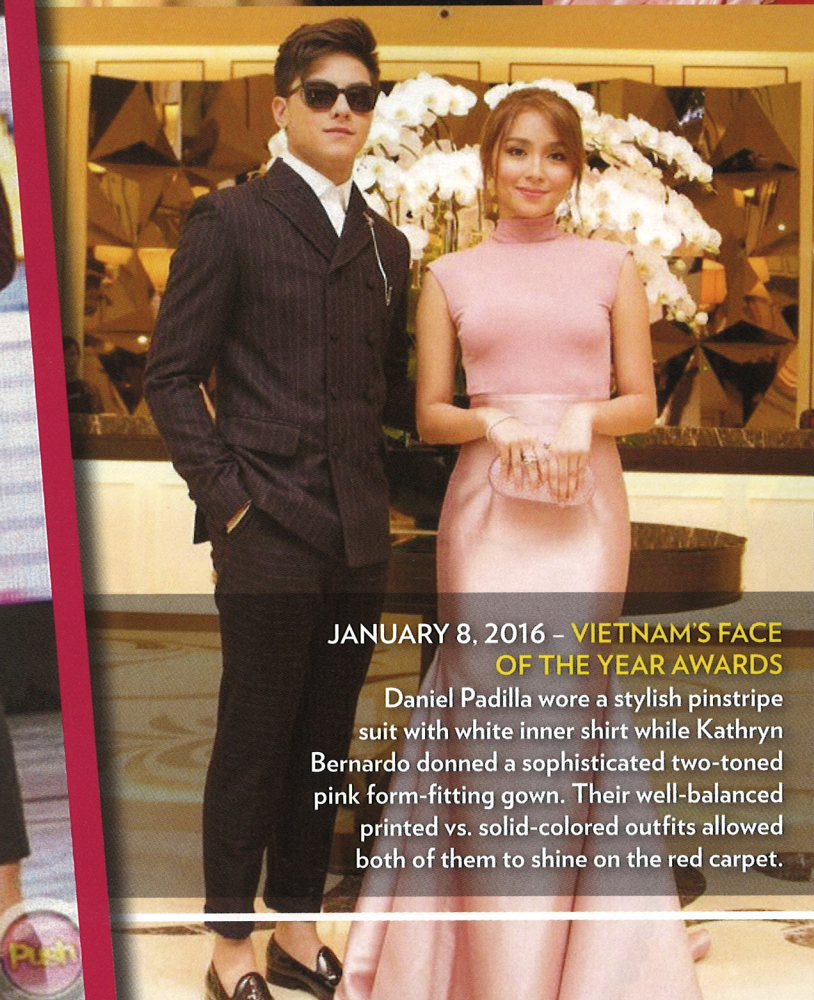
**MAY 14, 2015 -  
PANGAKO SA'YO THE GRAND  
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Kathryn Bernardo wore a dainty pink floor-sweeping gown while Daniel Padilla went for a button-down in the same color family, which he topped off with a gray blazer and wore with black pants and boots.



**JUNE 14, 2015 -  
DANIEL PADILLA'S  
MOST WANTED CONCERT**

The King of Hearts Daniel Padilla rocked a three-piece plaid suit with a waistcoat while his queen wore a bright red strapless jumpsuit. Their outfits were subtly complementary, what with the red accents on his plaid suit and his necktie.



**JANUARY 8, 2016 - VIETNAM'S FACE  
OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Daniel Padilla wore a stylish pinstripe suit with white inner shirt while Kathryn Bernardo donned a sophisticated two-toned pink form-fitting gown. Their well-balanced printed vs. solid-colored outfits allowed both of them to shine on the red carpet.



**APRIL 24, 2016 -  
HIMIG HANDOG  
2016 FINALS NIGHT**

Daniel Padilla's dark black ensemble was offset by a gray blazer, the lightness of which sleekly matched the powder blue gown of his muse.









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# Wind beneath her Wings

Mommy Min opens up on what life is like as Kathryn's mother and defender

BY MICHELLE ANGELA OROSA CARAG

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Since the beginning, Luzviminda Bernardo, who's better known as "Mommy Min," has always been there to nurture and support her daughter Kathryn's dreams of making it big in showbiz. As soon as Kathryn had started exhibiting signs of her fascination with performing at such a very young age, Mommy Min wasted no time in helping her little one start reaching her full potential.

"Mabilis kasi siyang bumasa at saka kapag nagbasa siya, mayroong life," Mommy Min says. "So pinagbasa ko siya ng komiks para mahasa 'yung Tagalog niya, and at the same time, para hindi rin siya mainip. Tapos pinapa-reenact ko sa kaniya."

She further shares that Kathryn also liked interviewing people and imitating news reporters when she was little.

"Sabi ko nga sa kaniya noon, na kapag ayaw niya nang mag-artista, parang gusto ko siyang mag-newscaster."

Truly, Mommy Min has become instrumental in Kathryn's fruitful showbiz journey through the years. Being both the mother and the manager may be a tough balancing act, but she doesn't fail to give her 101 percent just to help safeguard her daughter's career.

"We are very grateful sa Star Magic sa pag guide nila sa akin in managing Kath's career. Tutok ako sa kanya. 'Yun din kasi ang napagkasunduan ng family namin—na ako ang dapat laging

nandiyan."

Now that Kathryn has grown up, making decisions regarding the direction of her career has become a challenge because their points of view would clash at times. But at the end of the day, the two would always do their best to reach a compromise. "So far, kahit ano ang sabihin niya, mabait pa rin siya at sinusunod niya pa rin ako," Mommy Min says. "Wala pa rin siya sa moment na nakikita natin sa iba na umaalis na sa puder ng magulang dahil kumontra ang parents nila sa way of life nila."

## On bashers and fans

Sometimes in showbiz, one way to gauge how successful you have become is how much bashers you've had along the way. Unfortunately, Kathryn is not an exception from this sad reality. Of course, no parent would feel happy when people constantly say bad things about their child, but over time Mommy Min has learned to take all this in stride.

"As a mother nasasaktan ako when I hear negative comments, especially kapag about Kath, but I just keep quiet."

So instead of dealing with bashers, Mommy Min just chooses to focus her energies on taking care of the KathNiel fans, who have always been there to support Kathryn and Daniel from the very beginning. "Kami po ni Kathryn and our whole family are very grateful to

the fans and we already consider them as friends. We know their importance and gusto namin ibalik sa kanila ang suportang binibigay nila sa anak ko. Ang KathNiel lumaki 'yan sa mga fans, nakikita ko sa anak ko na tatanda sya with her fans. Tatanda kami with them, 'yung journey namin, kasama sila dun."

## Life off-cam

When they are at home and Mommy Min only has to play the role of a mother, she likes to think of herself as a cool mom whose parenting style is what we can consider as rather very laid-back. "Wala akong masyadong rules. For example, sa love life—wala akong sini-set na age kung kailan lang sila puwedeng ligawan. Sa school naman, hindi ko sila nire-require na magka-medal, basta huwag lang silang magloloko."

Her reason for having a relaxed parenting style, Mommy Min reveals, is that she had known of children who had gone wayward because their parents had been too strict on them.

Mommy Min has also still instilled a sense of responsibility in Kathryn, especially when it comes to matters inside their house. "Although may PA siya, kailangan may gawin pa rin siya sa bahay. Tinuro ko na hindi niya dapat iasa sa mga kasama namin lahat-lahat, kasi anytime puwede silang umalis. She's a normal teenager na gumagawa







Being both a mom and manager to her superstar daughter, Mommy Min is able to balance these two roles gracefully. She is present in almost all of Kath's showbiz commitments, sharing, *"Yun din kasi ang napagkasunduan ng family namin—na ako ang dapat laging nandiyan."* At home, she sheds off her manager persona and becomes simply a mother.

*ng mga chores sa bahay, naglilinis ng room, nagba-bake for us"*

Nowadays, apart from keeping herself busy with handling Kathryn's career, Mommy Min also spends her days taking care of her three-year-old granddaughter Lexine. *"Maarte 'yung apo ko,"* she says with a laugh. *"Kapag nasa mood siya matutuwa ka talaga sa kanya."*

Kathryn may have been all grown up now but at least, at the end of the day, Mommy Min has a new "Mini Kath" who provides her with an escape from all her stress away brought about by the unforgiving side of showbiz. ☆







# Barcelona: KathNiel's Big-Screen Surprise

The KathNiel tandem is gearing up for another surefire blockbuster hit that will serve as their latest treat to their fans and future converts

BY MICHELLE ANGELA OROSA CARAG

A year after their last movie *Crazy Beautiful You* raked in more than 300 million pesos in the box office, Daniel and Kathryn will topbill a new movie under Star Cinema, titled *Barcelona*—this time to be helmed by award-winning filmmaker “Inang” Olive Lamasan, who also directed the critically-acclaimed movies *Madrasta*, *In My Life* and *Starting Over Again*.

Just last June, the young stars flew to Barcelona, Spain to start filming.

The plot follows the story of Ely (Daniel) and Mia (Kathryn), who are both hoping for a fresh start in Barcelona after dealing with their painful past. There, Ely juggles work with school in order to finish his Master's Degree. Meanwhile, Mia uproots herself from her life in the Philippines in the hopes of restarting over in another country.

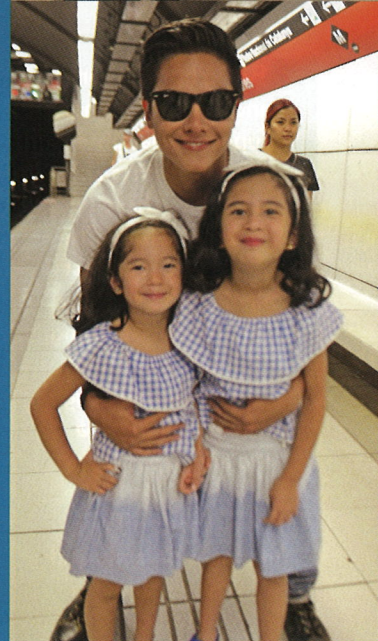
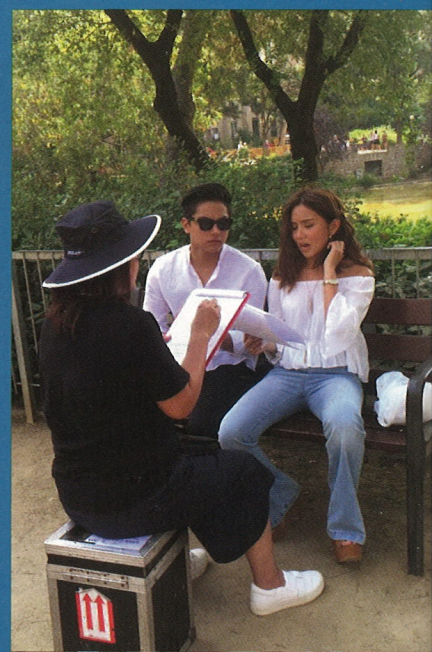
Together, they will embark on a journey to find the answers to their life-long questions as they resolve their past and find self-forgiveness.

Dubbed as ‘their most mature project’ yet, Daniel said in an interview with ABS-CBN News that he and Kathryn have pulled out all the stops to give their best in this movie.

“Gagalingan namin ni Kathryn. Siyempre nandiyan naman si Direk Olive para gabayan kami sa lahat ng eksena namin. Hindi niya kami titigilan hangga’t hindi niya nakukuha ‘yung gusto niya. Talagang excited din kami doon,” he said.

Kathryn is grateful for the support they are getting from their fans. In a recent interview during an endorsement launch she shares, “Nakakatuwa sila (the fans). ‘Di pa kami nag-shu-shoot ng movie sinasabi nila mayroon na silang fund for block screening. Hindi naman biro magpa-block screening.” In return, Kathryn swears to give the fans something worth watching for. ☆

Kathryn and Daniel spent almost a month filming their new movie in Barcelona, Spain. The movie, helmed by master director, Olivia M. Lamasan, evolves around the love story of Ely and Mia, who met in the cosmopolitan capital of Spain's Catalonia region. During their time in the European country, photos of their sweetness together circulated the internet and made fans giddy and even more excited for the said movie. From their #coupleddressing goals to their sweet moments along the coast of Barcelona, KathNiel made sure to make every moment count. Of the movie, Kathryn shares, “Ang ganda lang talaga nung story and parang perfect lahat ng taong nilagay nila dito sa movie na ito, so hopefully maging smooth and maganda siya.”



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