ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

# The Elena Morales & David Chen Edition

PERSONAL EDITION

AN ANNIVERSARY EDITION

STORIES4EVER FICTIONAL SAMPLE

# CELEBRATE 40 YEARS TOGETHER

BOOK FAIR DISPATCH

## A Map With a Plot Twist

At the 1986 Brookside community book fair, Elena Morales arranged fiction tables while David Chen helped visitors find their way. His cardboard-box map sent detective-story seekers to the gardening books.

Elena studied the arrows: "This map needs a plot twist." David asked her to help redraw it. She knew where the boxes belonged; he made a new key with her colored pencils.

When a shower blurred the first version, they moved the sign under a borrowed umbrella and kept helping. They worked at later fairs, too. Their first date followed on June 13, 1987.




An Anniversary gathering (illustrative sample).

Stories4Ever sample image

SATURDAY BREAKFAST DESK

## Pancakes Enter the Envelope Era

Saturday breakfast became a ritual when Maya and Leo were children: Elena mixed batter; David managed the frying pan. One early batch was so thin that Leo called the pancakes bookmarks. David folded one around jam and declared it a breakfast envelope.

The next week, Elena recorded recipe changes while David sketched an envelope in the margin. They still use the notebook, with her practical notes and his small drawings.

Maya remembers children being allowed to suggest changes without anyone losing the right to enjoy breakfast. The family still calls a very thin pancake a breakfast envelope.

TRAVEL DESK

## A Connection Missed, Tea Found

In 2004, a missed train connection in Portmere left Elena and David time for a sea-wall walk and a paper-bag lunch.

Elena found a sheltered bench. David bought tea and spread the timetable beside the sandwiches; together they drew a small walking route on its back. Neither remembers an expensive or elaborate lunch, but both remember an unplanned afternoon, boats to notice and another walk to choose.

David kept the unused connection ticket. Elena wrote "Best wrong turn" on its back. Maya and Leo know exactly which folded ticket belongs to this story.

DIFFERENT INTERESTS

## Tabs, Chords, Bicycles and Tea

Elena likes colored tabs, local history and simple guitar chords. David restores bicycles and makes strong tea.

Their shared routines include Sunday walks. They do not always choose the same destination first: they talk it through and leave space for another stop.

A PERSONAL MESSAGE

Happy 40th anniversary, Elena and David. Thank you for ordinary Saturdays, kindness when plans change, and the small adventures along the way. May the next chapter bring good walks, strong tea, and more stories together.

*With love, Maya, Leo and all the family.*