

alexysara & astley

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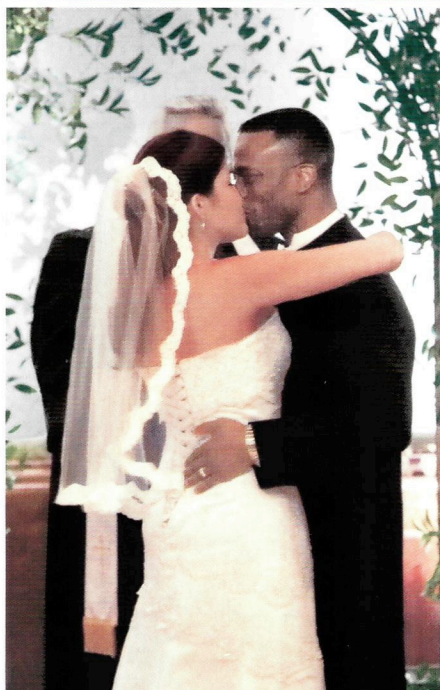


the bride's look

Alexyara wore a strapless beige gown embellished with lace and pearls, and carried a bouquet of Sahara and Vendela roses, mini calla lilies, spray roses, and stephanotis with crystal centers.

the ceremony

Though they'd originally planned to wed outdoors, rain moved Alexyara and Astley's ceremony inside. Their planner worked to recreate the perfect outdoor setting indoors in one of the site's ballrooms. Pin lighting, candlelight, and flowers created an intimate, romantic atmosphere.



their story

Alexyara Marques (now 37) was at a crowded jazz bar with friends when a stranger—Astley Blair Jr. (now 48)—offered her his seat. She politely declined, but he persisted, and soon enough she sat down and the two talked all evening. Two days later, Astley called Alexyara and invited her to lunch, and the two were soon an item. One night after the couple had been out to dinner with Astley's parents, Alexyara was just getting into bed when she felt something under her pillow—an engagement ring box. Alexyara is originally from Brazil and Astley's from England, so where to wed? The couple chose to have friends and family fly in to their adopted home city of Houston for their nuptials. —K.W. >>



the centerpieces

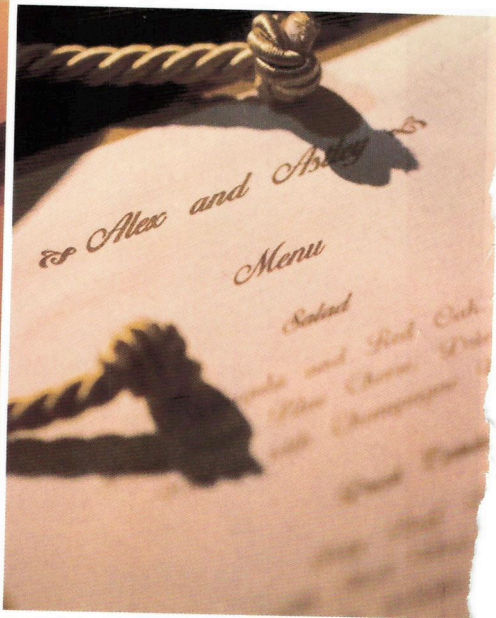
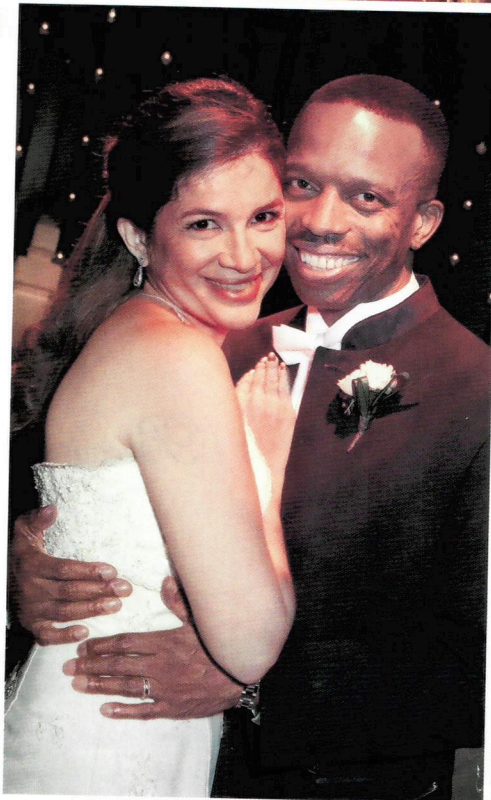
Large topiaries filled with a mix of colorful flowers alternated with tall candelabras.

the menu

The couple chose a simple, classic design for their wedding stationery.

the first dance

Alexyara and Astley kicked off the evening with a first dance to Elton John's "Your Song," which Alexyara dedicated to her new husband. Later, the groom surprised her with a dedication of his own—he and his two brothers serenaded her with their own rendition of "My Girl."



their ingredients

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