



*Everyone knows
that Horace Grant
takes center stage on
the basketball court.*

*But it's clear
that his new wife*

*Andrea is the
center of his
life now.*

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Wish You Were Here



It was a seemingly normal evening for Andrea Green until Horace started to romance her in front of her parents, who were visiting from California. Andrea thought he was just being crazy until he got down on one knee in the middle of the kitchen and asked her to marry him.

Horace knew he wanted to propose to Andrea while on camp with the Orlando Magic, but he didn't know exactly when he would ask. As any proper Southern gentleman would do, he called Andrea's father and asked

him to come to Florida for a surprise visit. Andrea had no idea anything was going on until Horace proposed.

An intimate group of close friends

and family gathered for the traditional

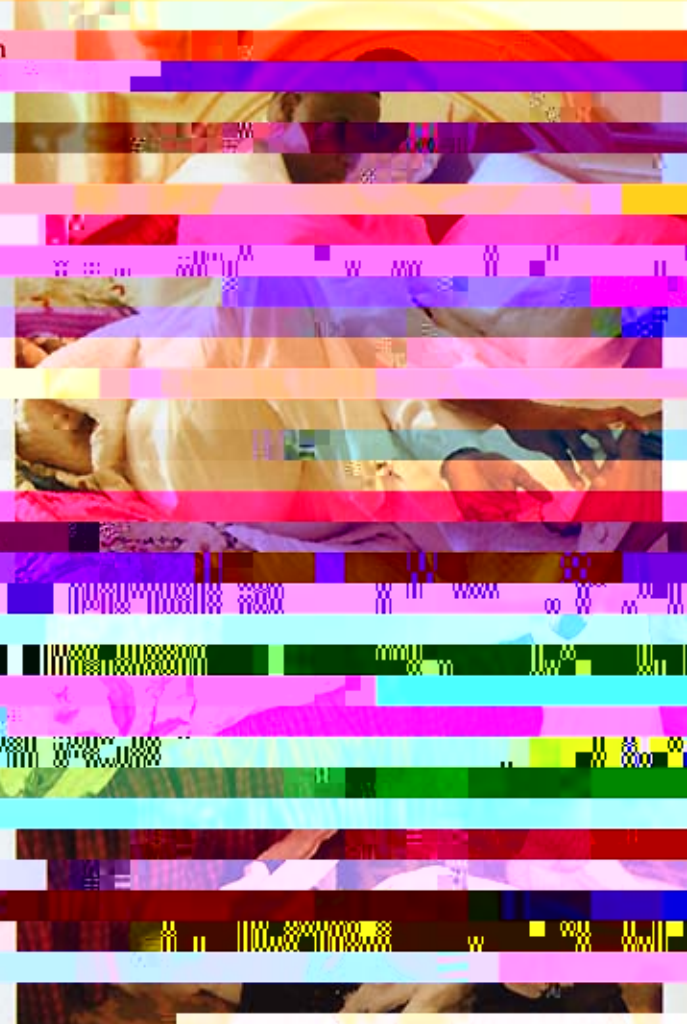
church ceremony. The bride and groom were accompanied by their bridesmaids and their guests when she walked down

the aisle in her gleaming gown.

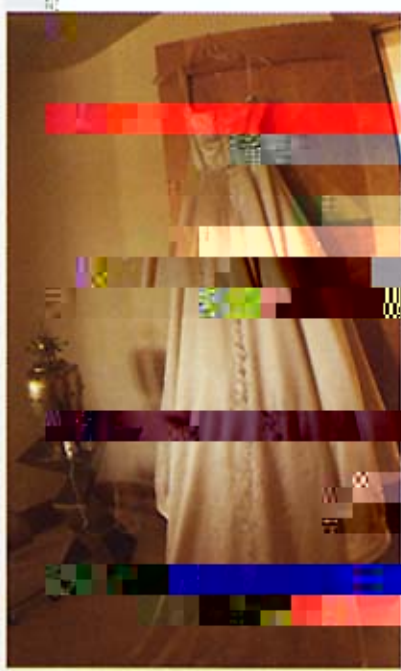
Horace was nervous, but not as nervous

as he felt when he saw her coming down the aisle, says Horace. "She was absolutely gorgeous."

The couple was married in a small, historic church in a horse drawn carriage with their five-year-old daughter. The



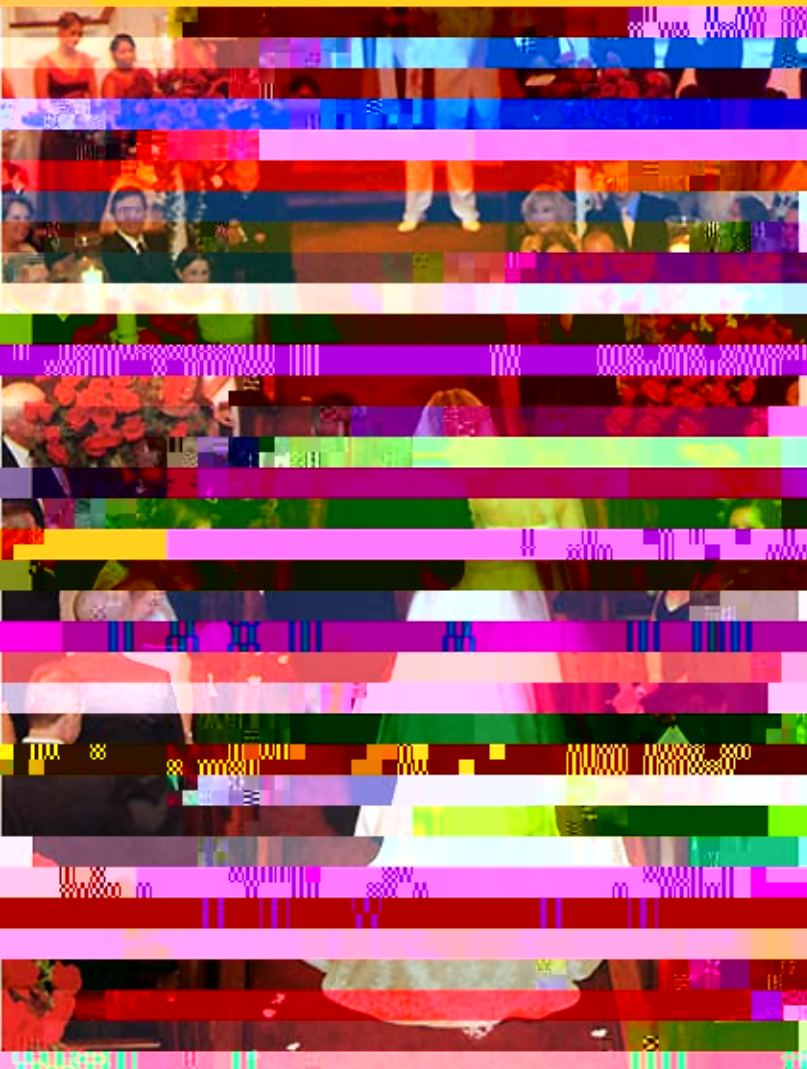
romantic ride through Winter Park gave the couple a quiet moment together, and it gave Horace a chance to give Andrea her wedding gift — he bought her a diamond necklace that they had borrowed from the jeweler for this special occasion.

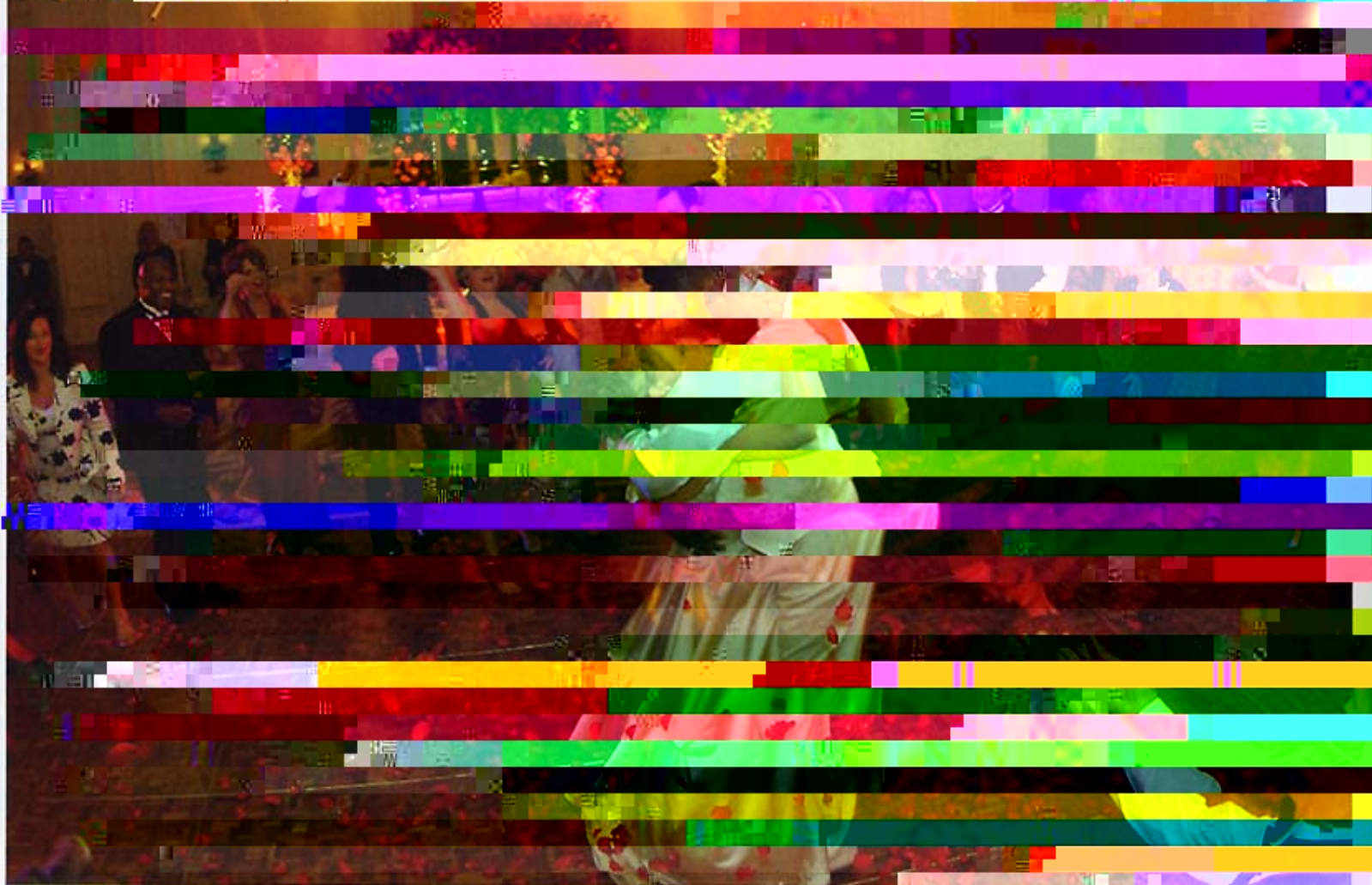


Little did he know, the clasp on the necklace broke while Andrea was dressing for the ceremony. She didn't think much about it at the time, but wedding coordinator Heather Spively knew it was meant to be a gift from Horace so she rushed to the local jeweler to have it fixed.

“I was a little nervous something would go wrong on my wedding day, but nothing did because of Heather,” said Andrea. “The best thing about Heather is that if something did go wrong, she didn't know it,” said Horace.

The Ritz-Carlton in Orlando, Grande Lakes provided an elegant setting for the reception, which was held in the ballroom. The DJ played for the bride and groom's first dance. The evening continued with an amazing sit-down dinner. Later, guests had a little fun on the dance floor.





"Everything about the reception was incredible. They treated everyone like they were important and they even knew each of our guests by name."

In an effort to give the reception a unique touch, Horace designed a rose archway for the entrance of the ballroom because he knew Andrea wanted the entire room filled with roses. Jonathan Pantalone at Raining Roses Productions spent a few hours with Andrea to ensure that he truly understood her vision.

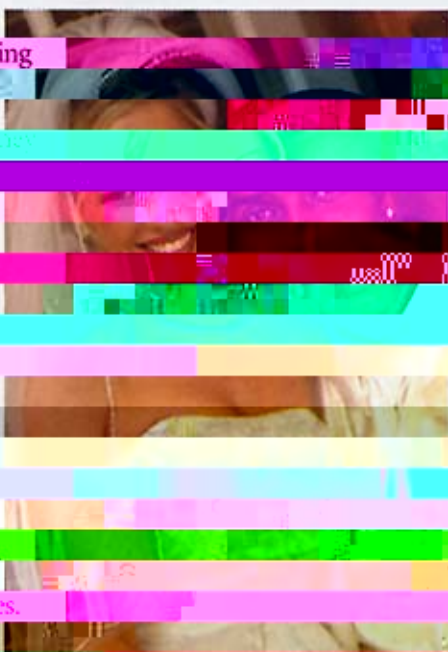
Jonathan designed the beautiful archway for this classic affair. "Jonathan was easy to work with because he knew me so well," said Andrea.

Bake Me a Cake created each delectable layer of the wedding cake. Andrea and Horace agreed that the almond with chocolate and raspberry ganache filling was their favorite. The actual cake was decorated with lace on Andrea's gown.

Photographer Damon Tucker and videographer Brett Cooper quietly recorded the evenings festivities. "Working with Damon and Brett was the best choice we ever made. They were both fantastic," said Horace. "A lot of people didn't even notice they were there," said Andrea.

She spent a great deal of time and detail to ensure the reception was perfect.

Unique, Inc. was there to assist her with pulling all of the right people together to make the Grants' wedding a truly memorable event that was beautiful.



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it's clear that this newly married couple is truly in love and excited about spending the rest of their lives together. They're moving back to California where Horace will return to the court with the Los Angeles Lakers.

at they plan to start trying for a baby next year. "It will be a great experience to have so many people at the wedding."

How to Create an Exceptional Wedding

These expert wedding tips bring your special day into an extraordinary event

Create the wedding vision

Decide whether you want your wedding to be simple or sophisticated, intimate or large. Would a daytime garden ceremony suit you better than a nighttime church ceremony with candles?

Prepare the guest list

The bride and groom should compile the guest list. Wedding planners can also help them with selecting a site. A power transfer of funds to the venue in advance to assure

Develop a budget

Based on the type of wedding and number of guests, the bride and groom need to develop a budget that works for them.

Select your sites

Choose your sites in Central Florida, where there are a limited number of locations available.

Hire quality professionals

Consult with industry experts (i.e. bridal shops and caterers) for recommendations on photographers, videographers, floral designers and entertainers.

Coordinate the design

Use colors and styles consistently throughout the design process. A gold rose was used on Andrea and Horace's wedding. Red roses were two touches that were carried throughout the entire

Keep details in perspective

Stay true to your vision. Have a sense of humor! This is a joyous occasion for friends and family and love!

Make friends with a massage therapist

Staying calm and relaxed is important. So take time for your favorite spa often.

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