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Kristine Hermosa: Oyo is not courting me

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PATIENCE and compromise are things Kristine Hermosa has taken to heart after her failed relationship with Diether Ocampo.

"One must not rush, especially when making important decisions in life," the actress told Inquirer Entertainment during a gathering for her latest teleserye for ABS-CBN, *Nasaan Ka Maruja?*

"A couple should accept that they have different personalities and are bound to clash in some way," Kristine added. "To settle this, they should meet halfway."

In February this year, the Court of Appeals granted Kristine's petition to annul her civil marriage to Diether held in Jaen, Nueva Ecija in 2004. According to the CA, the union was not valid because the couple failed to secure a marriage license or contract at the time of the wedding ceremony, which was officiated by Jaen Mayor Antonio Prospero Esquivel.

Acceptance

Kristine said she also felt sad when the annulment was granted. "I loved Diet so much. That love was pure. I wasn't relieved when I heard the news. It was more of acceptance. I just told myself that things just didn't work out between us."

She was pleased to hear that Diether has a new inspiration—print ad model Rima Lorza Ostwani. But Kristine also expressed some concern: "I've not spoken to him for a long time. But if what I heard is true—that he's ready to marry her—I hope he would listen to a friend's advice. He should think hard before taking the plunge. He has to be serious. It's not a game. It's important that nobody gets hurt anymore."

Does she consider the annulment a form of closure?

"I guess so," Kristine replied. "He's obviously happy. I'm also OK where I am in my life right now."

What about Oyo?

Currently, Kristine is being linked to actor Oyo Sotto, who she claims is her best friend. "He's not courting me," Kristine insisted. "I just know that he cares for me. He was there during the times when I was down. But I won't deny that there's a possibility for the friendship to develop into something more special. He's the closest guy to me right now."

Kristine said she tried going out with other guys shortly after her split with Diether. "But I had trouble trusting anyone," she revealed. "It

appears to me that guys always put their best foot forward. I find that so unnatural."

Jaded

Kristine admitted that, sadly, where love is concerned, she's now somewhat jaded. "*Napagod ang puso ko*. It has to rest. It will take a while for me to fall in love again. When that time comes, it will be with someone who is really special," she declared.

Komiks Presents Mars Ravelo's Nasaan si Maruja? is a story of two people whose love for each other transcends time. It deals with reincarnation, starting with the ill-fated love story of Maruja (Kristine) and Gabriel (Derek Ramsay) during the Spanish era, until their reunion a hundred years later.

The show also features Karylle, John Estrada, Gloria Romero, Menggie Cobarubias, Enchong Dee, among others. It premieres on May 2, 6 pm on the Kapamilya network. ■



Kristine Hermosa

[Showbitz!] Cesar Montano eyeing a gubernatorial post in Bohol in 2010

AFTER his unsuccessful bid for a senatorial post back in 2007, action star Cesar Montano will try his luck again in the political arena come 2010, this time eyeing a gubernatorial post in his home province of Bohol. Cesar, host of the top-rating game show *The Singing Bee* aired on the Kapamilya network, shared the news recently with ABS-CBN News.



Cesar Montano

"I have intention, pero of course *kailangan ko munang ayusin ang lahat*," he reveals. "*Maraming* questions *na dapat sagutin*, with my family, with my business associates at *sa mga trabaho ko din*."

While ruminating on his political plans, Cesar, who just received his college diploma from the Lyceum of the Philippines, hopes to pursue his long-time dream of becoming a lawyer and intends to keep himself busy with civic projects. Currently, he is involved with Panaghoy Children Foundation, which aims to provide education for the less fortunate children in his province.

"*Ngayon* what is important is '*yung* Panaghoy Children Foundation *na sana ay tulongan niyo kami*,'" he says. "We have our web site, '*yong* www.panaghoy.org, you can help, you can send children to school, *ito 'yong mga bata sa Bohol na hindi na kaya ng magulang mapag-aral*. *Matutulungan niyo sila sa* Panaghoy Foundation. So bonus *na lang 'yong kung makakatakbo tayo* for whatever public office sa Bohol." ■

Angel Locsin teams up with Gabriela



Angel Locsin

POPULAR young actress Angel Locsin proves there is more to her than meets the eye. Last April 23 marked a momentous event for the actress and in-demand product endorsers as she celebrated her birthday with Gabriela, the well-known organization which advocates for women's issues. Through an arduous selection process and with Gabriela's help, Angel was able to grant four deserving women with scholarships.

"*Nakakuwa rin*," Angel shares with Philippine Entertainment Portal. "*Sa konting panahong mabigyan mo sila kahit konting saya, magkaroon din ng chance na makatulong sa mga nangangailangan talaga. 'Yung may cause, hindi 'yung kiyeme-kiyeme lang. 'Yung may ipinaglalaman talaga, and I'm proud na maging part ng Gabriela.*"

Angel, who is currently busy with her new series, *Only You*, with Sam Milby and Diether Ocampo, reveals she has no plans of putting up her own foundation soon, but she is determined to continue to help those who are in need.

"*Iba rin 'yung may sariling foundation. Pero sa ngayon, I'm happy na ganito. Tutulong-tulong lang sa kung sino ang feel ko na tulongan at gusto rin nila na tumulong ako*," she says. ■

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Richard unfazed by the intrigues

ALTHOUGH he finds himself (and other members of the Gutierrez family) in the eye of a showbiz storm, Richard Gutierrez has remained unfazed by the intrigues.



Richard Gutierrez

"I am on the side of the truth," said Richard about the case he has filed against PEP, "and I know that I will be vindicated."

Maybe we can guess where his sentiments are in the legal war between his mom, Annabelle Rama, and GMA executive Wilma Galvante, but since he is, so to speak, caught between two forces (*naguumpugang bato*), Richard tries to stay "neutral," torn as he is between love for his mom and respect for his boss.

"I'm just glad that in spite of the intrigues," added Richard, "blessings continue to pour in. *Maraming tao pa rin ang nagtitiwala sa akin*."

Two such "blessings" came last Saturday when Richard was launched by Bench as endorser of Gutz & Glory, his signature

cologne, at the Mall of Asia; and when he was cited as one of the Fr. Neri Satur Award recipients for Environmental Heroism (for hosting the environment-awareness GMA special Signos and the one-season Full Force Nature). He's also an active supporter of the Greenpeace Movement.

"We have more environment-friendly projects," assured Richard whose Slim Tee commercial also premiered over the weekend.

Saying that nobody can put a good guy down, Mama Annabelle happily reported that Richard's GMA action-adventure starrer *Zorro* hasn't been affected by the intriga. As of April 24, *Zorro* topped the network's primetime *Telebabad Block* with a rating of 31.0 percent. ■

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