**Working Title: RULES FOR A PERFECT BREAK-UP**

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**ACT ONE**

KARINA (27) and ADRIEL (29) have been boyfriend and girlfriend since college. Happy and in love for 7 years, they became #Kariel, the most famous couple vlogger in the country, whose videos detail tips and rules on maintaining relationships.

The story begins with Karina and Adriel, finishing an episode for their vlog. They look perfect. The vlog, seamless. However, they worry how to tell each other that their plans have changed. Despite that, Adriel goes on with his and proposes. Karina immediately accepts and posts the news on her social media accounts. Their fans celebrate.

They later on visit Karina’s roots in the province, where she grew up in the perfection of her grandparents’ marriage. There, her grandmother reminds her of becoming the perfect wife. She takes everything in, vowing never to end up like her parents, who are separated and happy with their new partners and second families.

It was also there that Adriel tells Karina he wants to stop vlogging after the wedding. He wants a family like the one he grew up in. Karina, however, has other plans. With their marriage coming up, it’s just the perfect time. She tells Adriel that the biggest network in the country has offered them the chance to do Reality TV. Adriel doesn’t want it. Such has caused tension and a huge argument. To make the day worse, the whole crew – PIA, the writer; TONY, the camera guy and editor; and MEGHAN, their manager and Karina’s best friend – barges in on them, with the network, already celebrating.

Karina admits she has given a verbal go to capture Behind-the-Scenes footages of their life in vlogs for release on TV every weekend. They’re supposed to sign contracts that night. Distraught and feeling cheated, Adriel breaks up with Karina.

The breakup dragged on for real and they’ve decided to announce it over a vlog episode. Karina, unable to accept what has just happened, however, tosses the script. Instead of announcing their breakup, she goes behind Adriel’s back once more and announces a new series called RULES FOR A PERFECT BREAKUP, which will include a behind-the-scenes exclusive of what goes on in their relationship.

**ACT TWO**

Despite Karina’s pleas, Adriel packs up and leaves their condo to stay with his parents. But he has a secret plan, and he intends to begin in the next crew meeting. He agrees to do the new series, one last time for them, but they do it his way. They follow these:

STAGE 1. They must forgive everything.

STAGE 2. They must unlearn everything.

STAGE 3. They must forget everything.

STAGE 4. They must move on and rebuild themselves separately.

Agreeing to Adriel’s condition, Karina comes up with rules on how to go about:

RULE #1. No shaming each other on social media.

RULE #2. No returning of gifts or mementos. Except the engagement ring.

RULE #3. No kissing, no sex, no intimacy.

RULE #4. No calling, no texting, unless about the series or unless an emergency.

RULE #5. After the whole thing is over, no ghosting. They remain friends.

After the first episode, which Pia writes, Karina is pleased. The audience, the critics and the media are, too. Adriel, however, isn’t. He feels it’s too scripted. And he feels like Karina is acting too much for it, especially for the network’s behind-the-scenes. Because of this, he handles the script of the next episodes.

For Stage 3, Adriel brings Karina on a journey back to 3 moments of their lives, which they must forget. His plan is to relive each with her, as if a first once more. Everything seems to go perfectly as planned. However, with the high ratings of the BTS and the approval of the fans, Karina becomes desperate to show Adriel the perfection of their current relationship and win him back. After all, the fans haven’t caught wind of their real breakup, and they are still loved. All she has to do is show this to Adriel non-stop.

And this is how everything spiraled out of control.

Karina becomes desperate and begins breaking the rules she set. Tension rises and leads them off their own secret plans. The network’s BTS captures it all, and the media feasts on the stories. Stressed over negative comments, especially the one that says Karina would end up as broken and twisted as her parents, Karina and Adriel dive into a heated argument that brings back old wounds.

Now angry, Karina releases a video – a cynical commentary on how Adriel handled the series and the BTS. It’s a success. She gains the media’s approval back. She is loved. However, fans attack Adriel for it, taking her side. Completely hurt, Adriel announces the breakup onscreen, and then he disappears.

**ACT THREE**

In the next days, Karina pushes everyone away. She attends their monthly “family dinner” the next day and ruins it for everyone. She blames her parents for her mess, and back home, she blames Meghan for the BTS opportunity.

Tony is the only one who shows up for the shoot of her next episode, and she feels extremely hurt. Tony cheers her up by showing her his own BTS videos. From these, Karina sees the real side of their relationship, and she realizes what she has done, where she has gone wrong and what is already there in front of her.

Karina then plans. She calls her final episode ***What I Really Would Have Done***during the recent stages of the series to show the real side of her*.* In response, Adriel creates a video of his own and calls his episode, ***Why I Love You,***which follows his mom’s advice to stop proving Karina wrong, and just love her purely, strongly and intensely – the real secret to a happy and lasting relationship.

He sends Karina their engagement ring back, and asks her to wear it when she’s ready and to come find him. They have to rebuild themselves separately. Their Stage 4.

Through the final journey alone, Karina returns to the province to her grandparents and digs deep into her core. She finds the person she has become because of the stages. Without the approval of anyone. Without the cameras. Just her. Adriel, in his journey alone, realizes that his love for Karina is stronger than any rule. That the limelight cannot diminish it. That he must accept the woman she is on-and-off cam.

They end up getting back together. Now, that they live in a farm in the province in peace, where couples go to them for couple’s retreat once a month, seen in a reality show called Doors to Ideal Relationships. **-------------------------- THE END**