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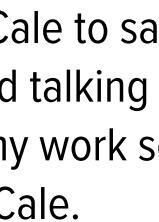
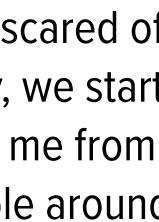
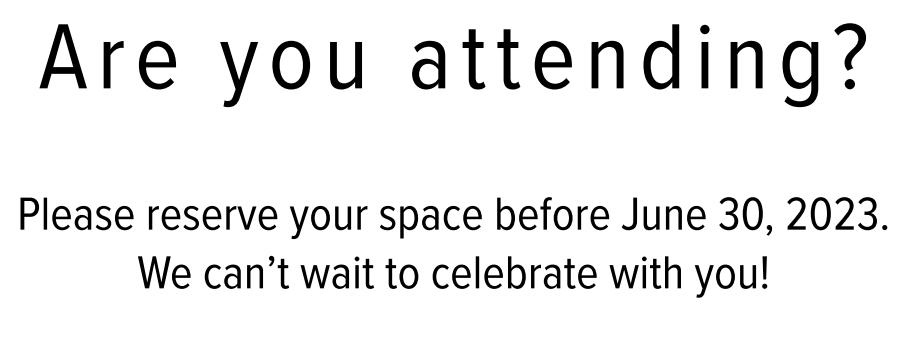
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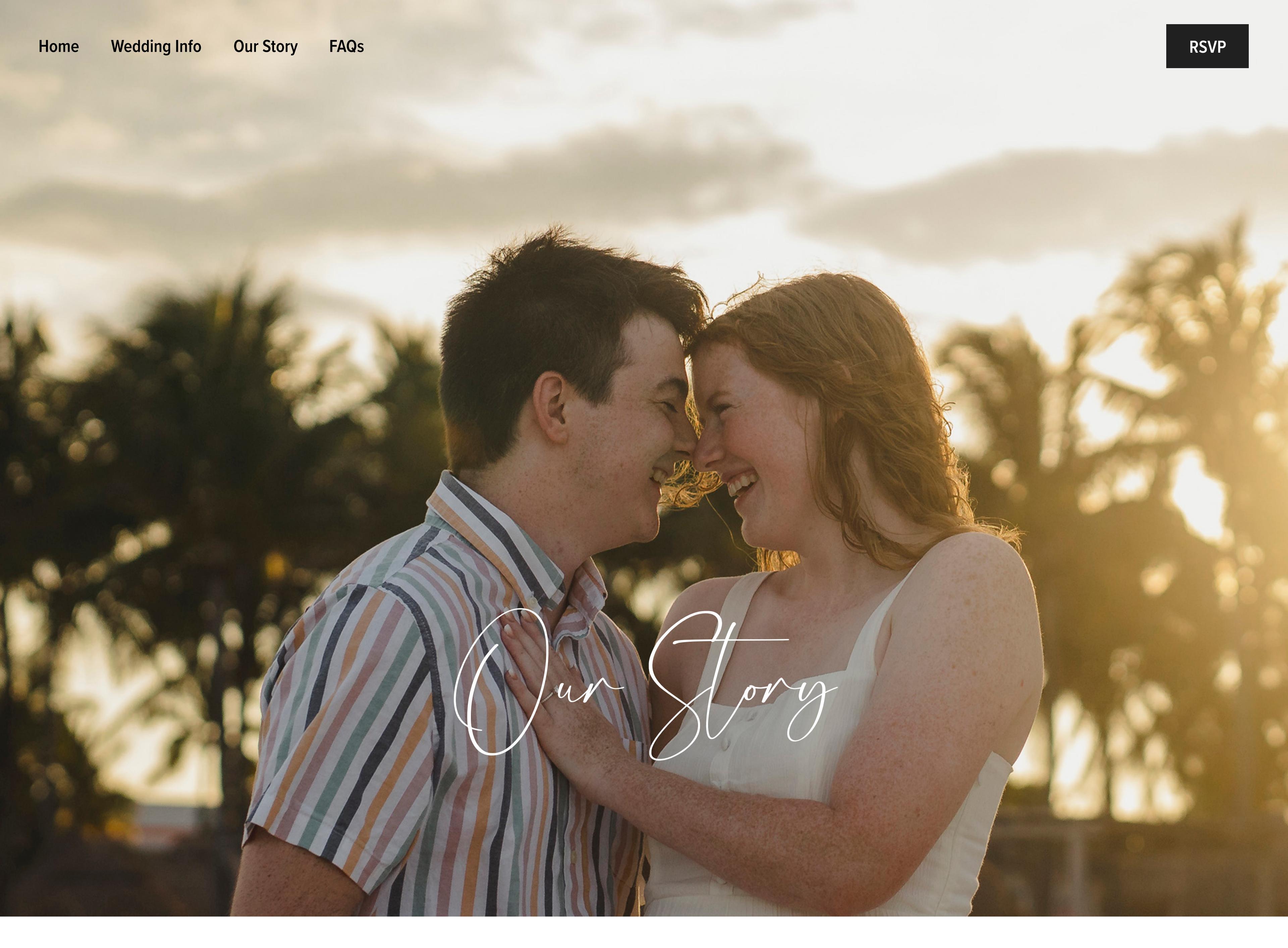
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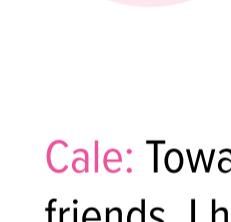
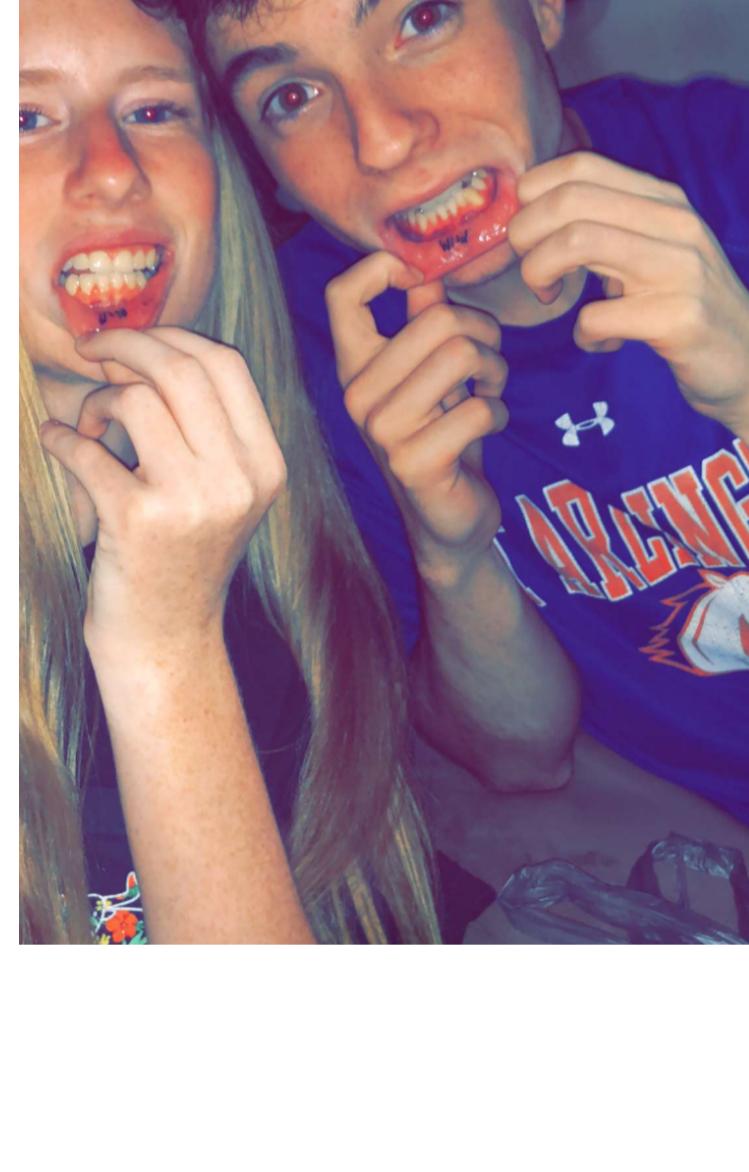
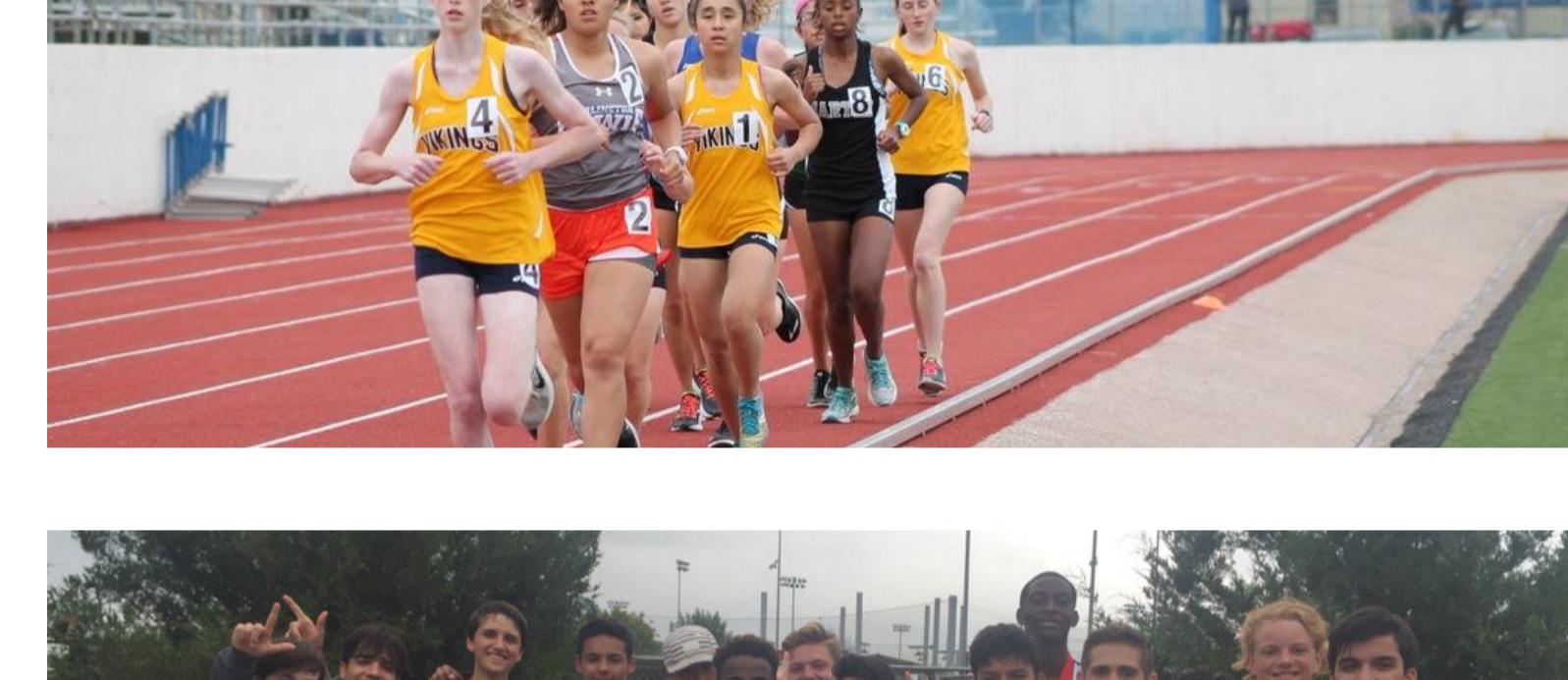
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## How we started dating

**Cale:** Towards the end of senior year of high school, Courtney and I had become pretty good friends. I had secretly liked her for a while at this point, and I had a pretty good feeling that she liked me back. We agreed to hang out a few more times during the summer before Courtney moved away to college and I knew this would be pretty much my last chance to ask her out. On July 15th, 2018, in a field behind Lamar High school, I finally got the courage to ask her to be my girlfriend. Hearing her say yes was one of the most exciting moments of my life and something I will never forget.

**Courtney:** We had a lot of mutual friends, and we would all hang out together. Eventually, we were brave enough to hang out just us (and even speak to each other!), and we became close friends. On July 15, 2018, in a field behind Lamar High school, looking at the stars. Cale asked me how much time was left before I went to college. I said there was one month. Romantic as always, he replied, "well, do you want to make it a good month?" 46 good months later, here we are.



## How he proposed

**Courtney:** We went on a trip to Mexico right after Cale graduated college. The day after we arrived, we had a beach day. We laid in the sand, played in the water, ate lunch—it was so much fun. I knew something was up because Cale kept asking me what time it was and checking his phone. I asked him if he had any plans for the rest of the day, and he said we should go back to our room around 4 to get ready for dinner. If you know Cale, you know he always goes with the flow, and while he plans things out, he never has such a specific time for things. After we got ready, Cale said that we should go back to the beach because there were some restaurants over there that looked good.

When we got back to the beach, there was a photographer there, and Cale said he had signed us up for a surprise photoshoot. We took pictures on the beach, and eventually the photographer had Cale turn around so that we were both looking off into the distance in the same direction. Then we switched, and I turned around. I was already 99% sure of what was going on, but in case that wasn't enough, Cale missed his cue from the photographer, who said "what time is it?" like four different times. I guess he finally got things straightened out though, and I heard him say "Courtney." I turned around and he was on one knee holding a beautiful ring! He said, "will you marry me?" Of course I said yes!

**Cale:** After a few years of dating, it became pretty apparent to me that Courtney was the person I wanted to be with for the rest of my life. We had already planned a vacation in Mexico right after my graduation and I couldn't imagine a better opportunity to finally ask her the big question. On a beautiful beach in Riviera Maya, I asked Courtney if she would marry me, and she instantly said yes. A wave of relief washed over me, followed by the joy of actually being engaged to my best friend.



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