

Every memory is woven with love

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Foreword

“I think what did it for me was her simplistic yet vibrant and unapologetic style. It wasn't just her cute dresses or really cool windbreakers, but her cheerful smile and her effervescent way of being that drew me to her. In the seven years that I've known Jailyne I was able to witness a flower bloom into a beautiful vivacious rose that enamors every being that comes in contact with her spirit. She wears her personality on her clothes as she displays badges of self determination and self love through her well thought out, yet easily picked out outfits. Her love and vision for art allows her to see beauty in clothing which she then enhances by putting it on herself. Just like with every person she meets and every room she enters, Jailyne's presence is known whenever she puts on an outfit together and her elegance and loveliness allows the clothing to be perceived at its full potential. An artist in the making, Jailyne's passion and love for fashion gives her the drive to experiment and break rules to reach the next level of grace and beauty in everything she does and wears. Her life is a majestic work of art and I am her greatest admirer.”

- *Alexis Ramirez, boyfriend.*

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Prologue

In “Every memory is woven with love” readers can go through some pieces of my history involving my significant other. Our journey is a long one, starting from friends to now dating. Although there are a lot of events that happened between us, the best memories are ones where everything is remembered. This can range from smell, taste, sight, hearing and touch. Here, our

primary focus will be with what we saw, as in dress. From what was modified to the body to outfits that were worn, everything factors to pinpointing a specific time in my life.

Summer love



I was working at the New Museum, located 235 Bowery, New York, NY 10002, for summer 2018. I got the museum job through SYEP (Summer Youth Employment Program). I decided to work there because I loved viewing the art displayed there. I was working two jobs at the time and had no day off. I ended up leaving early and saw my best friend,

Alexis.

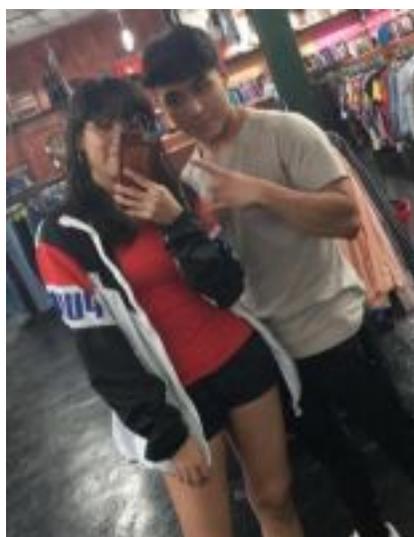
Most of those days, I put on whatever was quick as I was usually tired. I put on a coral *off-shoulder* romper, as it kept me cool despite the weather being hot. Ontop I wore a silver mini bookbag and wore vinyl flats for shoes. I modified my hair by adding shampoo and conditioner, but allowed my hair to air dry. I enhanced my eyes with eyeliner and put a body enclosure in the shape of a hair tie. It doubled as a bracelet for me throughout the day.

Alexis picked me up by the New Museum and we walked all over the Lower East Side. We talked about our day and ended up at a park. We spoke for a while and fed house sparrows and pigeons. We really connected and sat closer to each other. I felt at peace with him despite my lazy outfit. That's when I knew summer love was real.



Officially Together

August 30th, 2018



I had to work that day at Ichiran, located 374 Johnson Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11206. I spent the majority of the day with Alexis. My shift started later in the afternoon so before I left, we went to a thrift store nearby. It was



the L train vintage- Urban Jungle, 118 Knickerbocker Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11237.

That day I was wearing a multi-color Puma windbreaker. It consisted of red, blue, white and black. It was oversized but it was actually a men's medium. Underneath I wore a red laced tank top with some high rise navy shorts. Those two items are pre-shaped enclosures. I wore some black suede puma shoes with no show white cotton socks. I wore two attachments to my body. Gold hoop earrings and gold framed round glasses.

That day we hung out, we became official. Alexis commented how beautiful I was and how lucky he was to have me in his life. It made me feel very special. I no longer wear the Puma windbreaker because it's too oversized for my liking but it is something that will be in my closet for a while.

1st Date

September 8th, 2018

This was at a pop-up store that was showcasing bubble tea. It was located somewhere in Soho. It was my first date with my best friend who was now my boyfriend.

These shorts were given to me by my aunt, Erlinda. In her building they leave out hand me downs in the lobby or anything that isn't



wanted anymore. The shorts are polyester and from *Armani Exchange* but what I really liked was the pattern of the fabric. The pattern was a *jacquard print*. It was in my favorite color,



navy blue. I paired the shorts with a navy cotton *v-neck T-shirt* from *GAP*. I paired it with a silver mini backpack from *American Eagle* and navy suede sneakers from *Adidas*. For makeup, I wore my *Wet n Wild* eyeliner.

It was my 1st official date with Alexis. What I wore was more of a casual look because I wanted to be comfortable but presentable. I did not want to overdress because I was already comfortable with Alexis and felt there was not a need to impress. We spent our day at the pop-up store going through different rooms that took the idea of bubble tea and made it fun for visitors. There was a room where you played basketball with the boba while there was another room where you participated in a tea ceremony. It was a relaxed date.

Not so Halloween

October 31, 2018

It was Halloween and I agreed with my friend to meet up with her to see the Halloween parade. Alexis and I were coming from the Bronx. We got to Greenwich Village on time but we got lost finding our friend. I wore an off-white ribbed turtleneck and crimson corduroy bell bottom pants. An attachment to my body is my round gold glasses, gold hoop earrings and a red pleather



backpack. To make sure my pants did not fall off I put on a pleather black belt. I wore some black chelsea boots. The boots had silver studs on the tip of the boot. I modified my hair by tying it into two buns. I modified my face by drawing eyeliner, added red



eyeshadow with a gold topper and used red lipstick.

I got a lot of compliments from my outfit despite not being a character from a specific universe. Some people said if I was a 70s person so I said yes to it. Alexis really liked my pants because it was a first after years of wearing skinny jeans.

Sæta Svinið Gastropub

January 19th

I arrived from Iceland to the US. I went to Iceland for 5 days; January 11th to January 16th. I hang out with my boyfriend at the *Kellog's* cafe by union square.



The shirt is 100% cotton. I wore this shirt with a long sleeve cotton polyester blend from *Aeropostale*. I also wore another wrapped enclosure, denim pants, from *Hollister*. It was really cold so I wore gray leg warmers that my mother bought me. I wore it with some brown boots from *American Eagle*. For my outerwear I wore another wrapped enclosure, a green *Hollister* jacket, that I thrifted with my mother.

For my makeup I only drew on a cat wing by using my *Wet n Wild* liquid eyeliner.

When I hung out with Alexis, I told him how much I missed him and I told him everything that I saw and went through. I told him how one of my fellow travel mates ordered a puffin meal. I tried the meat, and it was marinated but very chewy. After that, Madeline, a girl from my group asked me to share an Icelandic puff pastry. Before we left, my friends and I ended up taking a picture that was hung up in the gastropub. I also bought this shirt so that I could remember Iceland. The shirt has the name of the gastropub. It is called Saeta Svinid which translates to Sweet Pig.



Juicy Rose Lemon

February 14th, 2019

It was February 14th. My boyfriend, Alexis, and I went to the Lower East side to walk around. We did not have a specific plan so we ended up exploring and stumbled upon a pop up -store. It was promoting a new flavor of lemonade for DIRTYLEMON.

The windbreaker is a black and green polyester. It was from Juicy Couture. The windbreaker was very light and cropped. I wore it open because when I zipped it I felt tubular. I had 3 wrapped enclosures, a cotton poly blend cami tank top from *Aeropostale*, black jeggings from *American Eagle* and black suede *Puma* sneakers. These



shaped my body very nicely. The cami tank top showed my collar bones nicely and revealed my chest. The jeggings enhanced my small hips. For my makeup, I wore black eyeliner from Wet n Wild and pink blush from *Tarte*.

I bought this windbreaker in Aeropostale on 34th street Manhattan Mall. The store was showcasing Juicy Couture new products such as perfume, lipsticks and some clothing. I laid my eyes on the polyester windbreaker and ended up caving. At the pop-up store, you could buy roses, make cards and get candy/ doughnuts. It was amazing because even though my outfit was low effort, the place had so much free stuff. I ate so many doughnuts with Alexis and we took some pictures. He bought me a rose that was offered. On the day of love, I made some cards for my parents just so they know that I love them too.

Hives in a bralette

May 3rd, 2019

Alexis and I got concert tickets to see two artists, Kali Uchis and Jorja Smith, in one tour. The concert took place at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden (located at 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, NY 10001). We planned to spend the night in a hotel near the concert in order to get good spots in the pit.



I wore two pre-shaped enclosures, a bralette and flared pants. The bralette was nylon and spandex. It was decorated with a floral lace

surrounding the breast. Both the bralette and pants are both black. The pants were tight at the top but loose towards the ankles. The material of the pants was a polyester mix. I also wore high heels which modified my height. I modified my face by adding black eyeliner, gold eyeshadow and lip balm.

That day was memorable but not for the right reasons. Before we left the hotel to go to the concert, I broke out in hives. It was two hours before and I got all pretty and dressed up to go enjoy a concert but I ended up dealing with that. My boyfriend went to the CVS and got me allergy pills and cream. Despite feeling ugly in a pretty outfit, Alexis was comforting me. After it went down a little bit, we had some fun.

Sunflower Fields

July 20th, 2019



Alexis and I took a journey from NYC to NJ which included the MTA subway, NJ transit bus and an uber. We ended up at Happy Day Farm, located at 106 Iron Ore Rd, Manalapan Township, NJ 07726. We were informed there we could pick blueberries and sunflowers. Although it was 98 degrees I was looking forward to picking sunflowers.

I wore a pre shaped enclosure, short overalls, with a cropped ruffled shirt. My overalls were loose denim. It has Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck and Minnie Mouse embroidered into the middle pocket of the overalls. The shirt was daffodil yellow with lilac flower print on it. I had a body



attachment, my J.Crew sunglasses. I wore my black leather puma shoes. I modified my hair by tying it into pigtails. It helped due to the heat as tying my hair into a bun causes a headache. I only modified my face by adding mascara because it was super hot and did not want my makeup running. I added a lot of deodorant that day due to the heat.

The farmers complimented my outfit and thanked us for coming despite the weather being so humid. It was loose and comfortable enough to withstand the sweat. We rode on a truck that took us to the sunflower field within the farm. The sunflowers were so beautiful that I wanted to capture this moment with a picture. My outfit felt very “fake farmer” vibes which was on par with the theme.

IGOR

September 12th, 2019



To celebrate our one year anniversary my boyfriend got us Tyler the Creator concert tickets. At the time, this artist dropped a new album and we were big fans after we saw his performance at Governor's Ball in the summer. He had the surprise in a gift bag and gave it to me.

On September 12th, 2019 we went to Madison Square Garden, located 4 Pennsylvania Plaza, New York, NY 10001, to see Tyler the Creator. I wore a pink 100% cotton crewneck T-shirt. In the middle is written “GOLF” in the front and “IGOR” in the back. Although it was cotton the material felt rough on my skin. For pants, I wore my black jeggings and black suede puma shoes. Due to us being in the pit (up

front by the stage) I did not wear a jacket or a bag. I was avoiding being too hot due to being so close to other people moshing. I also did not attach any earrings, rings or bracelets to me due to fear of it getting lost or ripped.

My outfit was very casual in order to have as much fun as I could while I danced and moshed in the pit. It was very memorable because Tyler the Creator looked at me and asked me a question on what song to play next. Even though the artist won't remember me, I remember it so much. It was the best moment ever and it was thanks to Alexis that I could experience it.



Japan chronicles: Fur coat

It was our 1st day in Japan. It was January 7th 2020. My boyfriend and I got to our hotel and cleaned up after being on a plane for 13 hours. We got dressed and explored Tokyo. Our first hotel was near the purple line train station. Imagine being tired and having to carry your luggage up many flights of stairs.

I bought this fur coat at *L train vintage* for \$400. It was in great shape for real fur. The fur ranges from dark brown to a lighter shade of brown. Due to the fur coat being real, it was heavy. I wore a black ribbed turtleneck from *H&M* with



black jeggings size 0 from *American Eagle*. I forget what textiles it was made of but the jeggings were very soft and felt skin- like. Due to the fur coat being oversized, it made sense to wear tight fitting jeggings so that my form wasn't obscure. I wore my *American Eagle* brand chelsea boots. The boots had sliver points around the tip of the boot. To finish my outfit I wore black earmuffs that I bought in Iceland. These earmuffs were 100% real rabbit fur. It would match the fur



aesthetic I was going for. I wore some gold colored eyeshadow from my *Fenty Beauty Moroccan Eyeshadow Palette* and drew some eyeliner using my *Nyx Matte eyeliner*. I used mascara and blush from *Milk Makeup*.

I wore this on the 2nd day arriving in Japan. We arrived in Tokyo and it was cold. It was a dream to be in Japan, a place I've always wanted to visit. I wore this outfit because I wanted to feel super luxury. To me, fur is prime luxury. It aligned with my first time being in Japan because it was a country that seems like a luxury to visit.

Japan Chronicles: Fluffy pancakes in Dotonbori

It was our second week in Japan. My boyfriend, Alexis and I were exploring Osaka. We missed our appointment at the Osaka *Pokemon Cafe* so we were skimming around to see what we could eat. We walked around the long strip and ate at *Gram Cafe*. We previously went to *Gram Cafe* but we were in Tokyo.

That morning we woke up pretty late. I showered, put on



shampoo and conditioner and brushed my teeth. Afterwards I put on my black *Madewell* overalls. I had thrifted the overall at *Buffalo Exchange*. These overalls were very tight fitting. I ripped the tag on my crimson red turtleneck. It was a cotton polyester blend. I put on red eyeshadow from my *Fenty Beauty Morroacan* eyeshadow palette. On top of that, I drew on a cateye using my *Nyx Matte* eyeliner in the color black. I added my *Kush Mascara* from *Milk Makeup* to my eyelashes and *WERK IT* blush from *Milk Makeup* to my cheeks. I finished my makeup with a red lip gloss I got from *DAISO*, a 99 cent store. I attached to my ears my red heart earrings that Alexis bought me. I sprayed on my *Marc Jacobs* Daisy perfume. It modified my natural scent to a mature sweet scent that was not too overwhelming. I wore black combat boots and wore my big dark green jacket. The jacket was very oversized and reached up to my knees.



As stated earlier, both of us were hungry. We hadn't eaten breakfast and were desperately looking where to eat. Due to lack of breakfast at our hotel, I just threw whatever was close to my luggage that looked decent enough. The time difference really messed with our sleep so most of the time, my outfits weren't too thought out. Once we entered *Gram* cafe, a waiter asked us if we wanted fluffy pancakes. I was super stoked to eat the fluffy pancakes because they were not too sweet and were soft. On top of that order, we ate some regular pancakes with cinnamon apples, a breakfast combo, soup and tea.

The two petite ladies sitting next to us kept staring at me, but I wasn't sure if it was because I ate so much, my outfit or the fact my boyfriend and I were the only hispanics in the cafe. After we ate, we explored the strip that was filled with a bunch of stores. People were walking around and you can hear the employees of different stores shouting their special discount. Some time

later we hit the iconic *Glico* “Running Man” picture. It felt unreal. It was the entrance of Dotonbori, the center of different foods in Osaka.

NYC Version of Fluffy Pancakes

February 9th, 2020

It has been 2 weeks since Alexis and I came back from Tokyo. We spent time reminiscing about all the fun we had and felt post vacation blues. One major thing we missed a lot were the fluffy pancakes. The pancakes are to die for, as it melts in your mouth. We searched up fluffy pancakes in the city but the closest one for us at the time was a place around 11th street and 2nd avenue.



I wore a beige corduroy pre-shaped enclosure set. It includes a blazer with pants. This set was something I purchased at a Japanese thrift store in Kyoto’s Nishiki Market. Underneath I wore a black ribbed turtleneck with black spandex tights. I wore my new black leather oxfords that I bought in Japan. I attached a pearl necklace that Alexis bought for me at the Imperial Palace in Japan. I also attached sterling silver heart shaped earrings and a silver mickey mouse ring. My jewelry had to be silver since I wanted it to match.

I really loved this outfit. It was very fitting to my body and comfortable. Instead of finding good fluffy pancakes we discovered great omurice. Omurice is an egg omelet on top of rice with ketchup. Although it



wasn't close to what we wanted, the clothes still reminded me of Japan. I wore mostly things that were bought in Japan.

Central Park Picnic

May 3rd, 2020

The weather was picking up around the time and the quarantine was still around. I was home studying for classes but haven't gone outside in a bit. My boyfriend and I wanted to hang out so we ended up going to Central Park. We had a little picnic by a grassy area but maintained social distancing.

I wore a pre-shaped enclosure, tennis skirt with a shirt. The tennis skirt was a pleated navy skirt



with a floral pattern

printed on. The shirt is a crew neck with an embroidered rose in the middle. The end of the sleeves has a floral pattern. I wore knee high ribbed socks with my oxford shoes. I attached pink polyclay earrings to my ears. I modified my face by drawing eyeliner, adding pink and maroon eyeshadow and put a lip balm on. Due to the pandemic I wore a black cotton mask to make sure I do not spread or get any COVID-19 particles.

During our picnic date, a lot of people stopped me to tell me they loved my outfit and where I bought it. I told them I bought it

from a person who handmakes her designs on depop. Some didn't know what depop is and I explained it was a second-hand market for clothing or a place for people to sell their creations. I felt very unique with my outfit from the compliments as it was one of a kind.

Cherry Blossom Drink

May 6th, 2020



As things were still closed, my boyfriend and I still wanted to enjoy the outdoors with less people out. We decided to walk around DUMBO ,Brooklyn. The weather kept fluctuating so it was a bit chilly from the other day we went to Central Park. Despite this, we walked the Brooklyn bridge.

I wore a denim jacket, underneath I wore a off-white ribbed turtleneck with striped pants. The pants were teal and egg white. Due to it being a bit chilly, I wore knee-high black socks. My shoes were white leather adidas shoes. The adidas logo was red and the outer side of the shoe had a red heart. I had a hand held- object

which was a japanese bird tote bag. I had two attachments to my body, a sterling silver necklace and sterling silver heart-shaped earrings.

That day I debuted my new jeans and compiled a staple outfit for myself. It was very nice fitting and something that I did not have to think so hard about to make the outfit together. I believed I looked stunning because we stepped into a Shake Shack, near the Brooklyn Bridge,



and the worker there gave me a free drink from their Cherry Blossom promotion. One was a Sakura Lemonade while the other was a Sakura Smoothie.

Nickelodeon Dream

October 12th, 2020



Alexis and I went to the American Dream Mall. I searched up how to get there and without a car, we were left with commuting by train and NJ Transit bus. That day it was raining but it didn't stop us from enjoying our trip. We arrived at this big mall that had an ice rink, snowboarding area and two amusement parks inside. We hurried to enter the queue line for the Nickelodeon Theme Park. Little

did we know that 90% of the rides were super extreme.

I wore a new turtleneck, it was multi-colored. It had pastel pink, navy, grey, and frosted almond. I wore navy high rise flared pants from UNIQLO. These were very pre-shaped as the top of the pants are very tight. Due to it raining, I wore my Dr.Scholl's black knee high socks. For shoes I wore my white leather adidas shoes. The outer side has a red heart while the logo is red as well. An attachment I wore was my black nylon mini backpack. The straps of the bookbag have the logo "TEDDY FRESH" written in white. I did not modify my face that much. I wore mascara and highlighter on my eyelids just to brighten my face a bit.



It was so much fun. The rides were exhilarating and it was unbelievable how good the rides were. To finish, we rode on the Ninja Turtle ride that was the craziest ride out of all of them. The weather was still wonky with the rain but my turtleneck was super warm and I did not need a jacket to wear. It was my first time debuting this outfit which has also become one of the sub-tier outfits that are semi comfortable. It also made me love pants that are loose because I had assumed non skinny jeans can't hug hips nicely.

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