



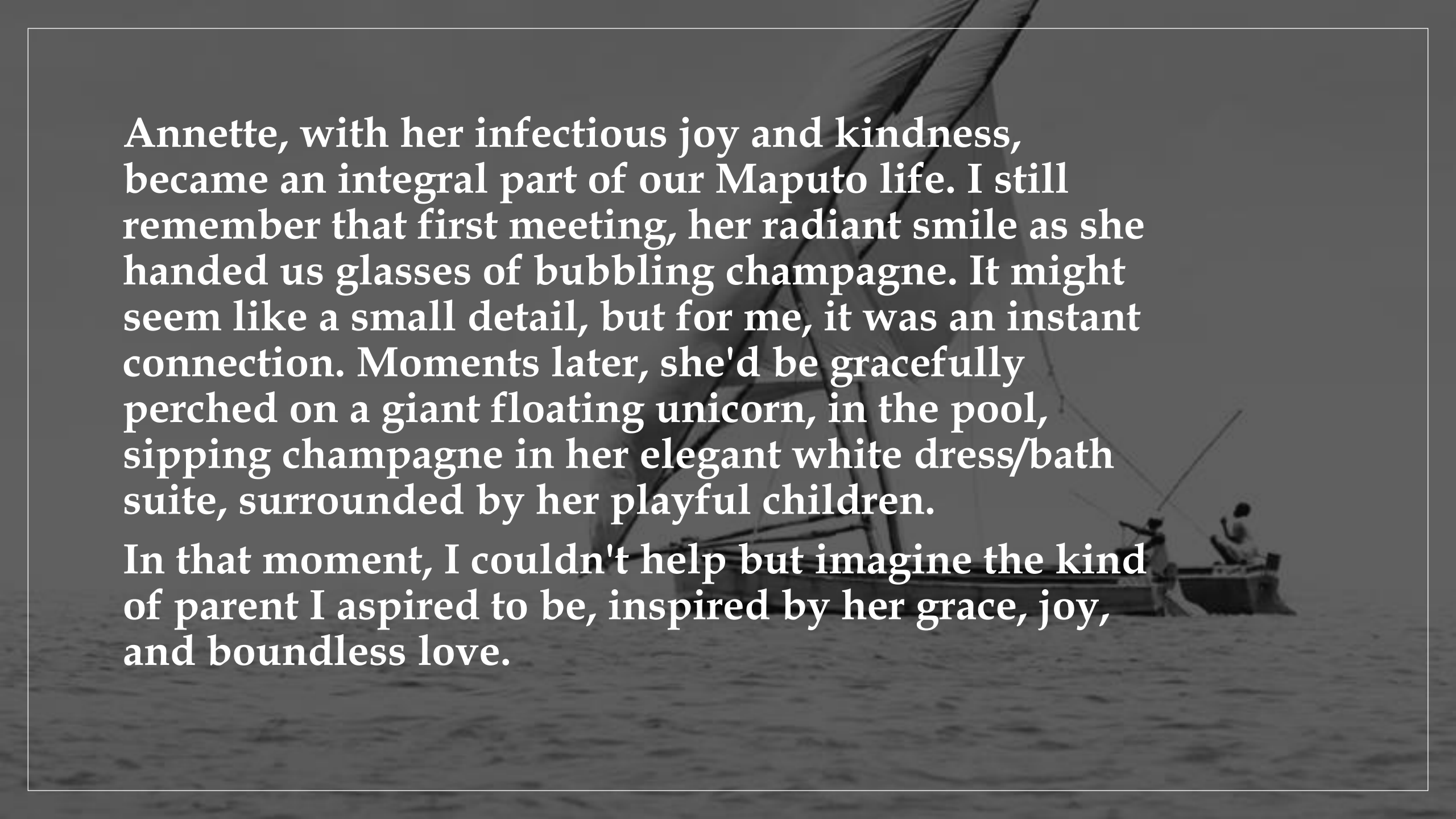
TO ANNETTE WITH LOVE

Nairobi
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As I sit down to write to you, I can't help but reflect on the incredible journey we've shared in Maputo, a journey that was enriched by the vibrant presence of Annette.

For me, it all started at Emre's housewarming, a gathering that marked not just the beginning of his Maputo adventure but also our introduction to the wonderful soul that was Annette. It's funny how life brings people together through unexpected connections. In our case, it was Anne Celestino's connection that linked us through Tunis and Abidjan, setting the stage for a friendship that would soon become a cherished part of our lives.

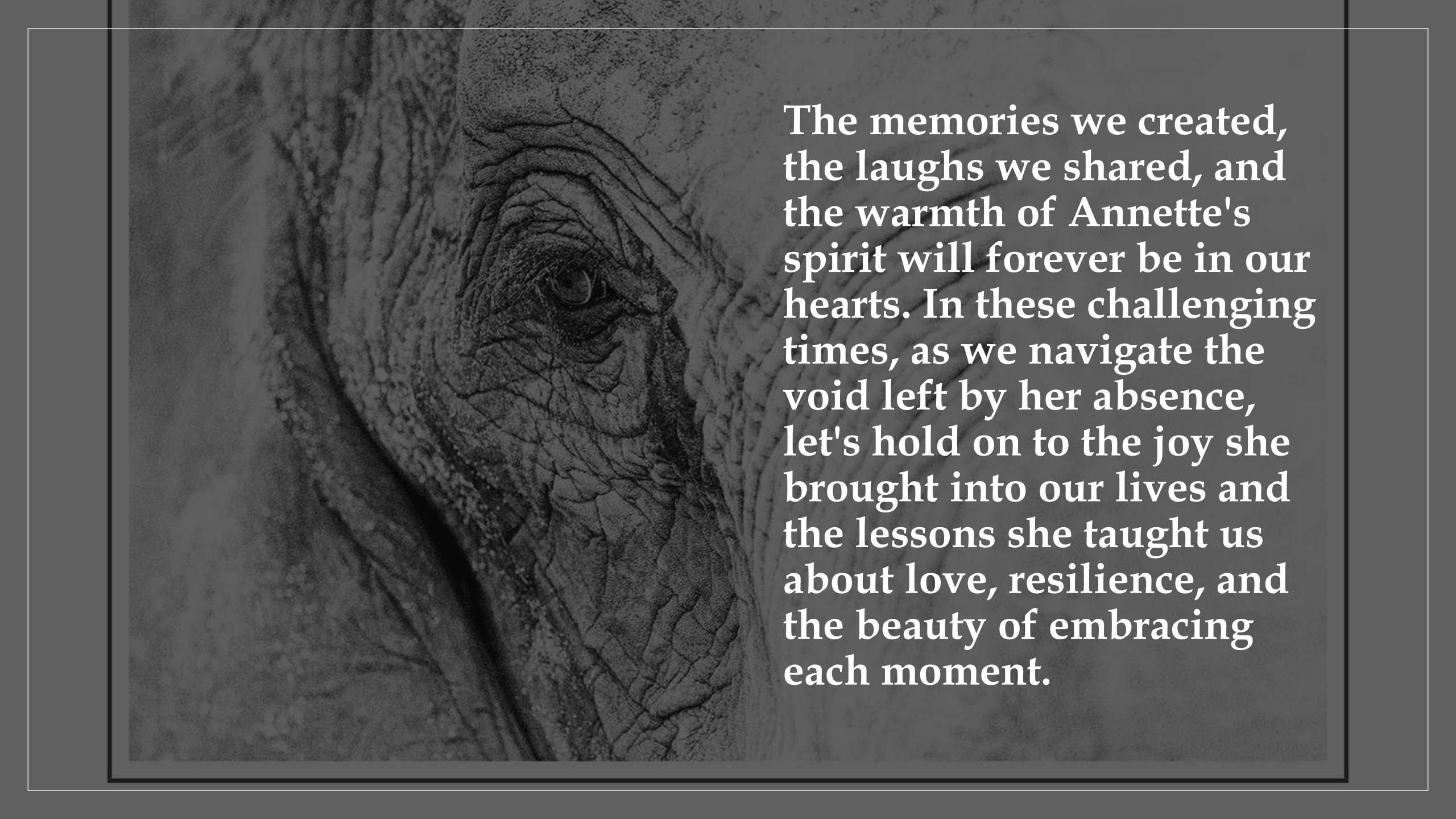


Annette, with her infectious joy and kindness, became an integral part of our Maputo life. I still remember that first meeting, her radiant smile as she handed us glasses of bubbling champagne. It might seem like a small detail, but for me, it was an instant connection. Moments later, she'd be gracefully perched on a giant floating unicorn, in the pool, sipping champagne in her elegant white dress/bath suite, surrounded by her playful children.

In that moment, I couldn't help but imagine the kind of parent I aspired to be, inspired by her grace, joy, and boundless love.



The subsequent years in Maputo unfolded like a continuous celebration, a time when the community was tight-knit, and life felt effortlessly enjoyable. With Emre, we shared a common view of the world, and commitment to our mission at the Bank. That said, a lot of our shared moments were outside the office, organizing the best parties in Maputo for a long time. Annette, on the other hand, was the heart of our community, a pillar of strength and compassion. Like Ricky to me, she listened to the trials and tribulations of our work, extending her support with an understanding smile. I marveled at her ability to juggle the roles of a dedicated consultant and a full-time mom with such grace and perpetual positivity. Her energy was infectious, and her humanity, a guiding light that illuminated the path for us all.



The memories we created,
the laughs we shared, and
the warmth of Annette's
spirit will forever be in our
hearts. In these challenging
times, as we navigate the
void left by her absence,
let's hold on to the joy she
brought into our lives and
the lessons she taught us
about love, resilience, and
the beauty of embracing
each moment.



Though we can't be there in person today, we send you our music as a token of our presence in spirit. Our DJ set is dedicated to Annette, a musical tribute that speaks to the joyful essence of her soul. Enclosed is a track we recently remixed, a melody we believe encapsulates the spirit of Annette. Please, play it in her honor and dance as she watches over us from above. On our end, we pledge to include it in our sets repeatedly, starting with Nairobi on November 18, during our inaugural label party in Kenya. Emre and Annette have been unwavering supporters, integral to the success of our label parties.

In the years ahead, we aspire to cherish Annette's legacy through our music, creating more indelible memories. Wishing you strength and solace during this difficult period, Emre. Annette's light may have dimmed, but the love and memories she left behind will continue to shine brightly in our hearts. We choose to remember her with unabashed joy, on a giant floating unicorn, sipping champagne in her elegant white bath suite, bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive.



A sepia-toned photograph of a person in a small boat on a body of water, with trees in the background. The person is standing in the boat, possibly using a long pole to navigate. The water is calm, and the background shows a line of trees under a soft sky.

With deepest condolences and enduring love,

Fede & Ricky

Track: <https://open.spotify.com/track/7qyoNe2KdIN1XHJi6N0nxw?si=2242652b24e04a62>