

## Kermit Meets His New Wife, Katrina

*Katrina discusses marriage here, as she and her mother join her step-father in their new home in real life. This was probably quite a challenging change for her, and she did not want to discuss her feelings about it. The first three stories describe her meeting Kermit, falling in love, having a wedding and enjoying a honeymoon. She explores topics such as divorce, marriage, love, autism, and her own identity as a "human who likes Braille and frogs."*

Hi ho, Kermit the Frog here, I have been married over thirty-four years. My wife Miss Piggy and I had been married since 1984 in Muppets Take Manhattan. But somehow, our marriage ended in a divorce because we always fought with each other. I don't like Miss Piggy because she's dowdy, violent, and aggressive to me. I decided I don't want to marry Miss Piggy ever again. So when I moved out of Hollywood where the Muppets movies were made in 2015, I looked for a new wife. My new wife could be anywhere on Sesame Street.

First, I tried Abby Cadabby, the fairy in training. She showed me how to change things into pumpkins, and dance like a fairy. Maybe I can marry Abby Cadabby, but she's only four years old.

Next, I joined Zoe's ballet class and danced with Zoe. I did pirouettes, arabesques, and a sauté perfectly. Maybe Zoe can be my new wife, but I don't do ballet.

Third, I painted a picture with Julia. We painted pictures of our friends, the street I live on, and all the sunny days. Unfortunately, I can't marry Julia because she has autism and she doesn't talk a lot.

I kept searching and searching for my new wife but none of the Sesame Street Muppets is my true love. Suddenly, I hopped out of Sesame Street and into Washington. I searched the whole state of Washington but there was no sign of my wife anywhere. Just then, a huge charter bus drove in and accidentally picked me up. Luckily, there were visually impaired children reading Braille, and deaf children doing sign language. Braille is like reading for blind people and sign language is a language people use to communicate when they're deaf.

I asked politely: "Would you take me to a place where I can find my new wife?" The bus driver said: "Certainly Kermit, we're going to the Washington State School for the Blind." and the charter bus took me and the kids to a very special boarding school where kids read Braille. I hopped off the charter bus, it was a very big school with the Irwin Building, Old Main, the track, the playground, Kennedy Building, and the four cottages: Watson, Hall, Clark, and Chapman. Hall and Watson cottage are for girls, and Clark and Chapman are for boys.

Maybe my wife is in Hall Cottage where all the girls live. So I walked and walked to Hall Cottage until the day turned to night. It was getting dark, but I'm brave enough and found Hall Cottage. It was between Clark and Chapman, so I went inside. There were seven girls having fun with three cottage parents named Julie, Mathew, and Tina. I asked one of the cottage girls if any of them is my new wife. I explained that Miss Piggy and I won't be married anymore because we fought with each other, and I turned her into a frog. The girls were very interested in my story and they led me to a little bedroom where they found an eighteen-year-old girl writing her story about me.

I came up to her and said: "Hi ho, I'm Kermit the Frog, what's your name?" "My name is Katrina Manalo, I'm a new student at WSSB." the girl explained.

"Well, it's nice to meet you Katrina." I took her by the hand.

Then I asked: "Miss Piggy and I have a divorce, which means we can't be married anymore. I was wondering, will you marry me as my new wife?"

"You know Kermit, you are so kind, loyal, nice, friendly, and full of empathy. Yes, I absolutely positively want to marry you."

Katrina began to smile. She gave me a big hug and a big kiss. She explained to me that she's been watching Sesame Street and the Muppets on her Youtube, and how she's studying about me as a hero over the years. Katrina certainly loves me immediately because she's good, she's kindhearted, and she's very honest in all her school work. Now I have a brand new wife that loves me and studies about me. I'm sure Katrina will absolutely marry me and be my best friend. Guess I won't have to marry a pig anymore, I only want to marry a human being who likes Braille, and frogs. Pretty soon, we'll do all the fun things together.