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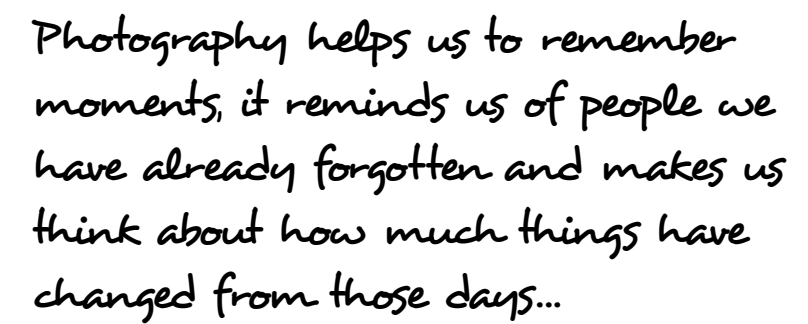
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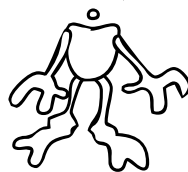
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MY FAREWELL PARTY

07/20/07

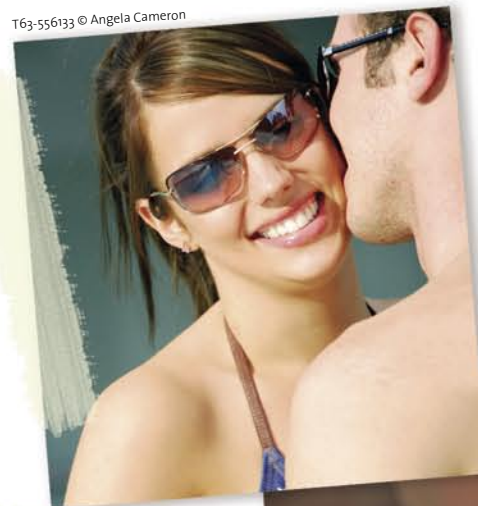


After giving it a lot of thought, I have decided to accept the transfer to the Salino office for a year. I think it will be a great experience, and because of this I want to freeze all the memories I collect, so I can live those moments all over again whenever I want to. My adventure starts with a family gathering full of "we'll come visit you", "eat well" and "some people are so lucky!" kind of comments. They have all been very kind and loving, except Carla and her new "model boyfriend".

My favorite niece



Remember me
Isabel



Carla's annoying
boyfriend



Family
portrait

July 30th 2007

I am settled in Salino already. It is a beautiful city, neither too big nor too small. It is ideal to get to know it one day at a time. I don't start work until the end of August so I am taking advantage of the time off to explore the city and to try to meet people. Mom gave me the phone number of her friend's son; he lives here and we'll be meeting up next week

I have found a small apartment in the center of the city that I share with Glen and Sarah. Glen is a good guy, Sarah is a pain in the neck. For the time being, I am avoiding her as much as I can.

SARAH



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GLEN



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ESTEBAN

Today I met Esteban, my mother's friend. What a character! He is a lively guy and he did not stop talking the whole time... He is exhausting but nice and he offered his help for whatever I needed him for. I will call him one day...

08/05/07

A regular scene in my kitchen



K79-614423 © Skip Hall

My bedroom
It needs a The Clash poster!



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Nicole



N86-535944 © Paul D. Van Hoy II

ANDREA



D37-520689 © Beauty Photo Studio



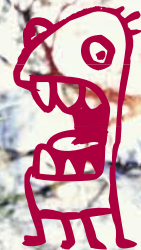
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August 15th 2007

I was out with Glen and some of his friends: sun, fresh air, squirrels... Glen and I understand each other so I am happy to have him as a roommate. Without any doubt, the best thing of the day was to meet Andrea, one of Glen's friends. She is intelligent, funny, beautiful.. I do not want to delude myself, but I think she likes me too.

I decided to rent a car, buy a guidebook, and do a bit of sightseeing. I have spent the last 4 days immersed in charming rural towns. The daytime has been full of peaceful moments and nature. My nightlife has been limited to drinking a couple beers before going to bed early.

Back at home; I had a surprise waiting for me. Andrea, Glen's friend, came for a visit. I'm still not sure whether she was there to see me or him.

August 25th 2007



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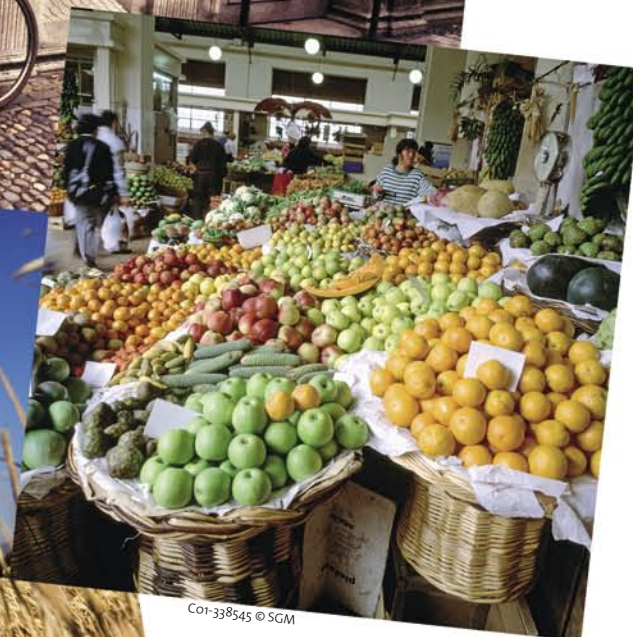
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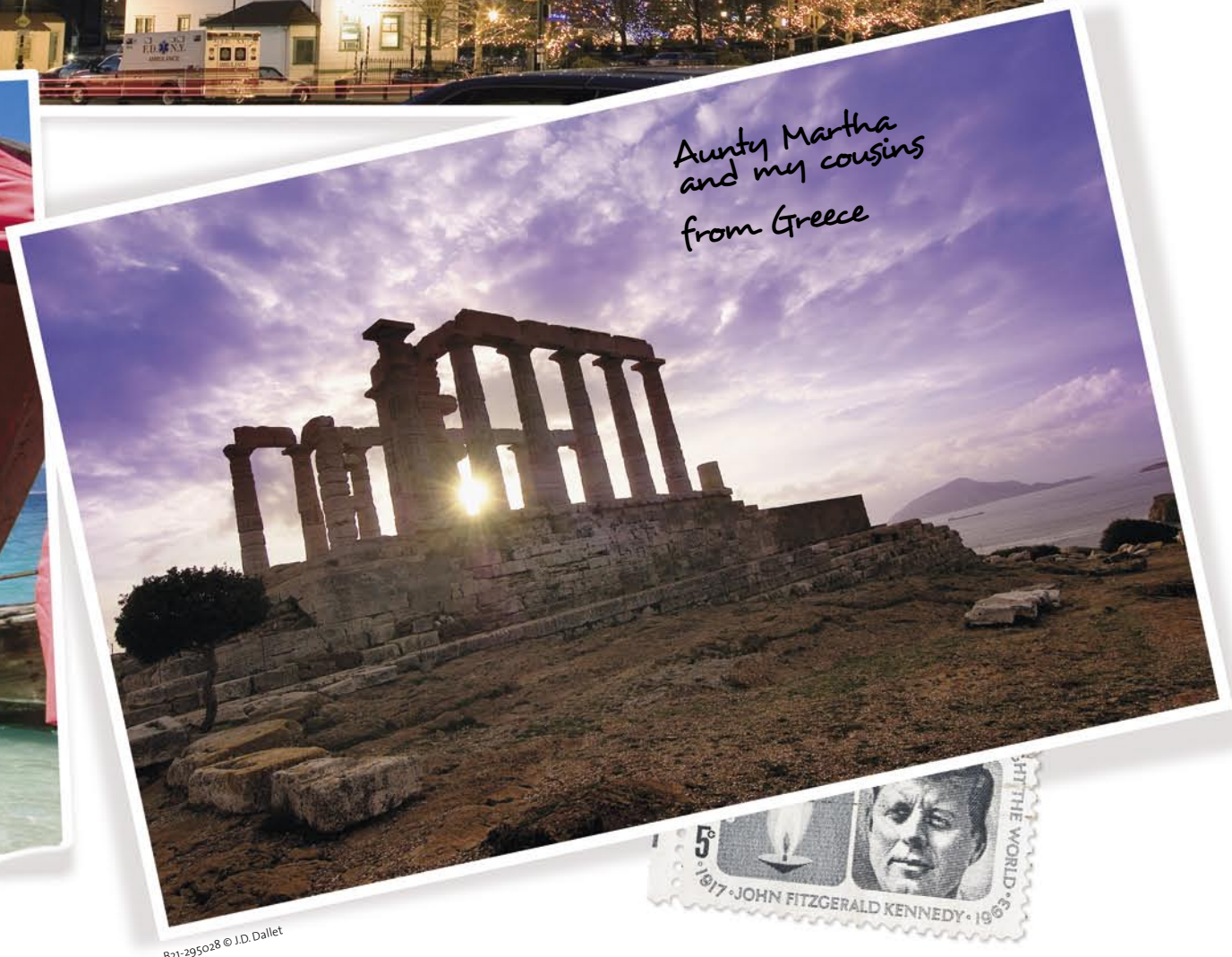
I like receiving postcards because I am one of those few people that still collects stamps. Now that everybody sends emails, postcards are the only way to get unique stamps.

Mom and dad
from India

JOSEPH and SALLY
from Thailand

Aunt Martha
and my cousins
from Greece

PAUL
from New York



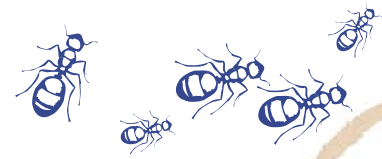
AHHHHH!



C7-462842 © Michael N. Paras

09/26/2007

Getting back to work has been a bit hard. I have had many meetings, much stress, lots of changes, and too many new faces. This office is huge, the departments are too big and people seem to go about their business without caring about who you are or what you do... they are just like ants!



MY DESK



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B20-164350 © Javier Larrea



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SOPHIE
The receptionist
is the nicest person
in the office.



Camusta Beach



L61-524290 © Hermes



L61-538339 © Hermes

Gommos Beach



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October 15th 2007

Things are getting better at work. The working ants appear to be a bit less stiff and they have even started talking to me about the weather in the elevator. What's really driving me crazy though, is Andrea. I invited her to spend the weekend at the seaside. It was **WONDERFUL.**

What I like best about her is that she is very dreamy and that she lets herself go. She is one of those people you will never get bored with. It has been a long time since I felt this way.

Mom's last call was worrisome. I think mom and dad are going through rough times...

Sunset in Telemo



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Giant octopus in Asano Beach



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Salem Point



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L61-524279 © Hermes

11/17/07

Mom's visit has left me a bit sad. She tried to cheer up and has made an effort to enjoy the places we visited but... her eyes looked sad and melancholic. I don't know what has happened with dad, but they have not been apart one day in 20 years until now.
Blue November.

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Saturn Beach

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WHITE HOLIDAYS



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01/10/08

The nice feeling of being back home, combined with all the snowfall, awakened my holiday spirit, which has been quite poor in recent years. The best thing was to witness mom and dad's reconciliation.

Other than that... there has been lots of partying, lots of fun and lots of missing Andrea. I would like to be back in Salino, especially because she comes back tomorrow from her vacation; I have prepared a surprise for her.

JANUARY 13TH 2008

Actually I am the one that got the surprise: Andrea has left me.
The more I want to hate her, the more I hate wanting her.
Nightmares, insomnia, dark circles under my eyes... I hope all
these feelings go away soon.



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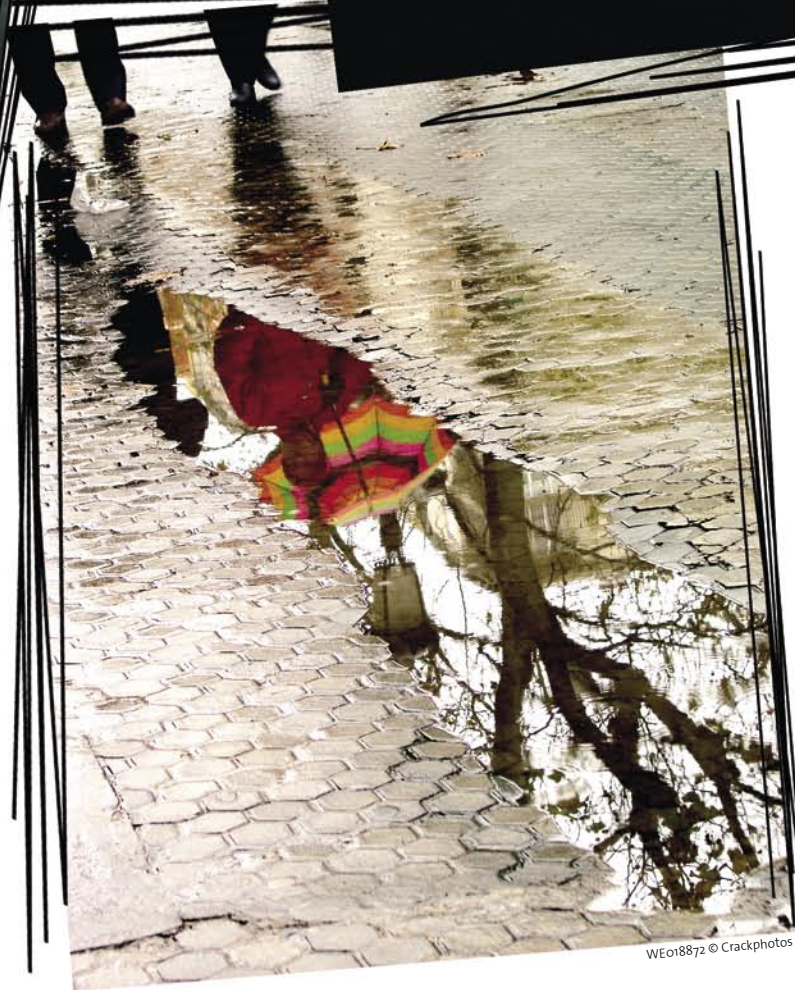
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Susan
Glen's
girlfriend



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02/17/08

THE STORM IS OVER...
AT LAST!!!

MY VOLLEY TEAM
ON THE BEACH
GAMMA
TOURNAMENT
SEMIFINAL

T83-552677 © Mar Mateu



G24-273112 © Philip & Karen Smith

Susan's legs



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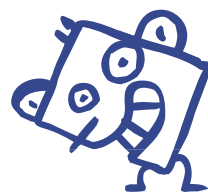
TEDDY & TOBBY

Mr. Morgan's, our
landlord, dogs

I thought I was going to stay
numb for the rest of my life.
Time has passed and now I feel
much better.
Go out, meet people, take day-trips
to the country side, hiking... that
is what I need right now.

01/20/08

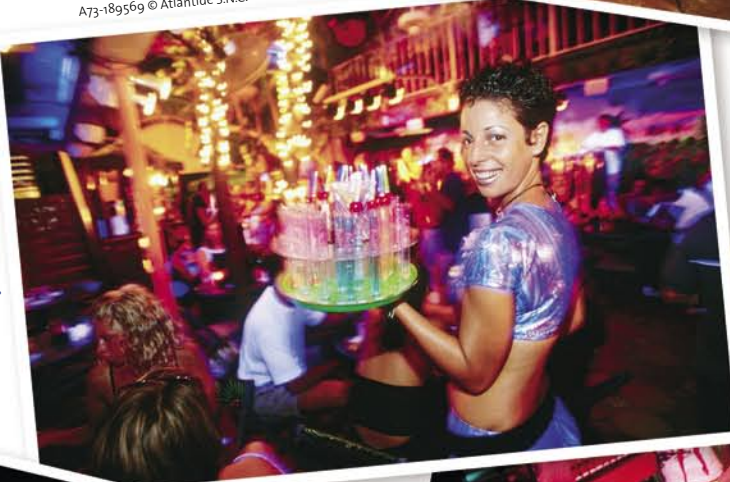
Glen got me out of the house and I am very glad he did.
I decided to drown my tears in a few beers and I was in fact
able to laugh and dance for a few hours.
Now, I just want to dream and forget, dream and forget....



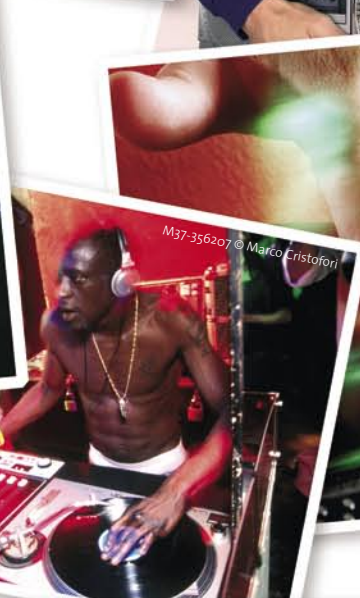
← Figo
A very
funny guy



591-510376 © Iñaki Domingo



Nancy, the waitress



M37-356207 © Marco Cristofari



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S49-535652 © Juan Terol

First healthy
meal in days



SANDRA
 The maid of honor.
 I have her phone
 number



March 3rd 2008

MEG & LUCAS' WEDDING

My main task at my sister's wedding was to have a good time... and I did a very good job at it. I even hooked up with one of the bridesmaids! There were lots of young people, family members who had a few too many drinks and talked about their wild youth, young single women, good attitude and willingness to have a good time. The party continued after the reception, and this continuation was not suitable for underage guests. It was just great!

I return to Salino with
 a new phone number



The first time in
 my life that I see
 grandpa drop a tear



MEG

She could not stop
 laughing while they
 were getting her ready

March 26th 2008

Nice email from Sandra, so charming I had to stick it on my notebook.

Charles Williams

From: Sandra Campbell
Sent: Thursday March 26th 2008
To: Charles Williams (E-mail)
Subject: It was a pleasure...

Hi Charles,
I had a really good time at your sister's wedding. It had been a long time since I laughed so hard. I have to say, I have been thinking a lot about that night and you. It is too bad you are so far away, otherwise I would have invited you to a cup of coffee already. Would you have accepted?

Big hug,
Sandra

I am attaching a photo of the wedding



AUNTY MARTHA
AND THE GIRLS
VISIT ME

04/01/08



The girls and their mom are just like a hurricane, but we had such a good time. I took them to my favorite spots: on walks, to the swimming pool, restaurants, cinema... The last 4 days have worn me out. Alone at last!

Oops, I should reply to Sandra

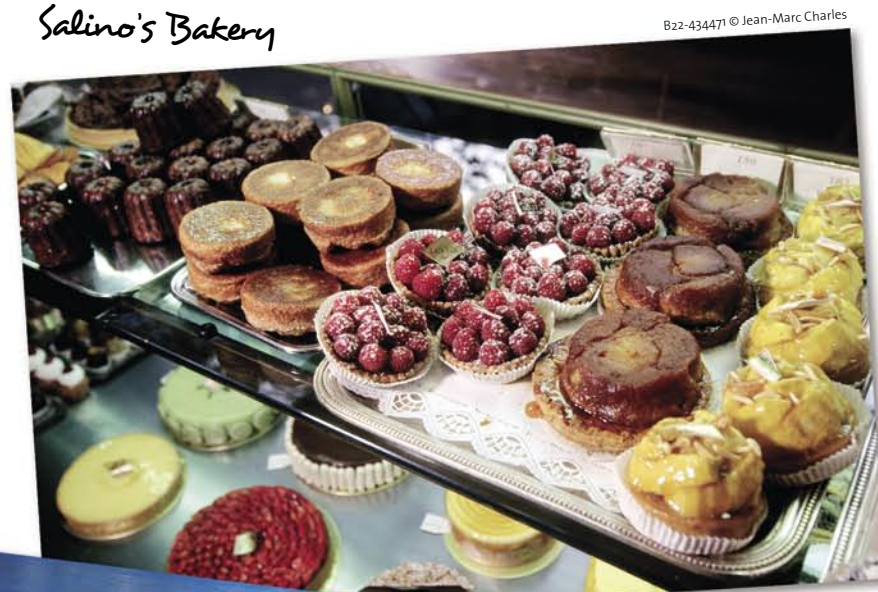


04/13/08

The sun is starting to warm up a bit, the days are longer everyday, people are out...

Having replied to Sandra feels good and receiving another email from her even more. I am still not sure about where this is supposed to be going; for the time being all I know is that I like her. She seems to be a bit more emotionally involved than me. We will see what happens.

Salino's Bakery



B22-434471 © Jean-Marc Charles



B19-570431 © Jaume Gual



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Besca Point



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Rolo, Esteban's dog

04/27/08

SANDRA'S SURPRISE VISIT

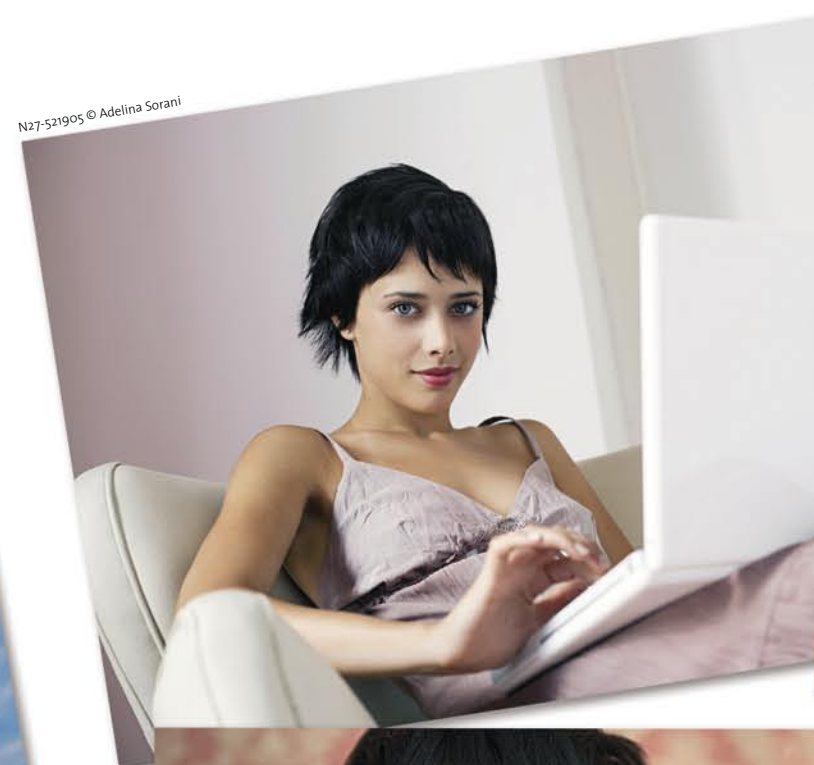
After the shock of finding her at my door and saying a very unenthusiastic "What a surprise! What are you doing here?" I was completely numb. I was impressed with her bravery but I wasn't expecting, nor did I desire, something like this right now and I just didn't know how to react.



T63-556121 © Angela Cameron

Punta Besca

N27-521905 © Adelina Sorani



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N27-521919 © Adelina Sorani

After her sad "I think I made a mistake, didn't I?" I tried to relax and to let myself go, and it has been a very special and fun weekend. I like her but... I just wish I had things as clear as she does.

05/03/08

Work, work, and more work... this summarizes my last weeks of rushes and stress. I call Sandra often and we spend long hours chatting, Talking to her reassures me.



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06/16/08

At the end of July my year in Salino ends and my vacation time starts. I am ready to go back home and to my old office. These are the last weeks to live this experience to the fullest. Days off, fun, laughs, and beach!

Vanessa



B87-209544 © Pedro Coll



K75-262927 © Roy Morsch

Mila, Armandi and Cleo
Gommos Beach



07/06/08

SANDRA'S
POSTCARD
FROM PARIS



I can't wait for August to be here so I can teach you to fish in the river and you can take me to Mount Peterson to see the stone tree.

Kisses from Paris

SANDRA



CHARLES WILLIAMS

AV. SIDERO 23

Salino

REDOS



THIS IS OVER!

07/28/08

I have mixed feelings. I want to go back but I am sad for the things I am leaving behind. Send-off days. I got a new briefcase from my friends at work! I need to pack, to say goodbye to Esteban, and most importantly, I have to throw a big party.

Simon and Lucio



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My new briefcase a bit classic



E09-544898 © Karen A. Wyle

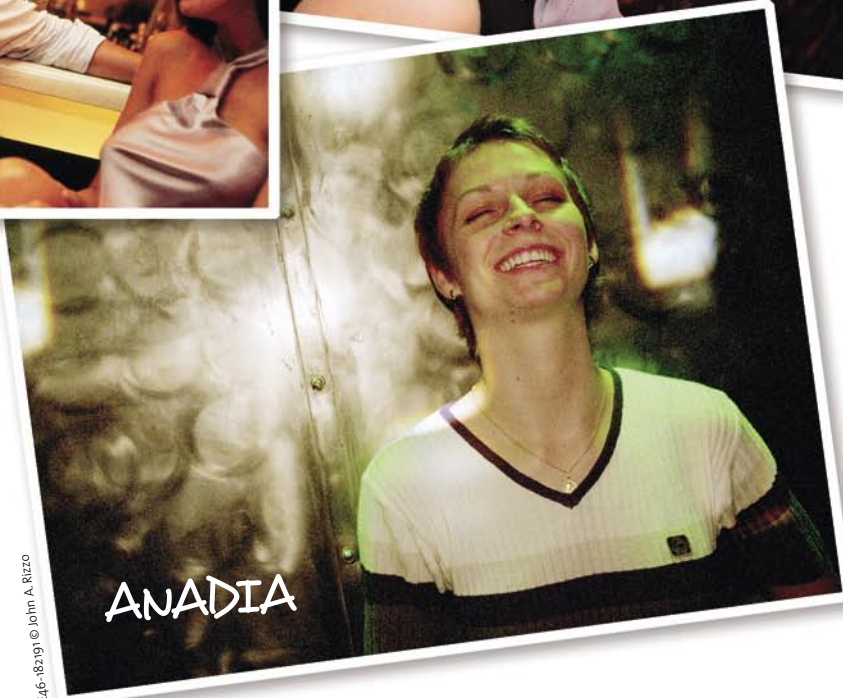
Goodbye party



F57-298762 © Stuart Pearce



SOPHIE



ANADIA

E46-182191 © John A. Rizzo

I leave with the good feeling of knowing that Sandra is waiting for me. I think I am ready



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