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## Family Ties

### I'm from Venus he is from Mars

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**As different as chalk to cheese, Anjum and Omer Bin Jung have a great marriage partnership and say they will always remain friends first.**



We were invited by Omer Bin Jung and his wife Anjum, to join them to break their fast last week, with a special feast. While we chatted, little long haired Zara, who is five years old and chubby Ayaan, all of one-and-a-half ran around, wanting very much to be part of the interview.

A question on whether their marriage was arranged, paved the way for an interesting chat. "Sure it was," said Omer. "Arranged by us! We met on a blind date 10 years ago."

"Yes! It was a friend of mine who organised the date," explains Anjum coming out of the kitchen where she was preparing the feast. "We had lunch at Casa Piccola in Devatha Plaza and I went home and told my mother, 'I have met a man and I am going to marry him', just like that! We were both so sure of ourselves," she says smiling at the recollection.

Anjum, who schooled at Sacred Heart's, is the sister of Bangalore's first name in builders, Irfan Razack of Prestige Builders. Blue blooded Nawabzada Omer Bin Jung hails from Hyderabad. "My father's grandfather built the Falukhnuma Palace in Hyderabad and the entire family from my father's side were prime ministers to the Nizam. My family straddles three lines of royalty - my mother comes from the royal family of Bhopal and my mother's father was the Nawab of Pataudi. We can trace our lineage back to Hazrat Umar, one of the Caliphs who succeeded the Prophet."



However Omer is one of the most relaxed fathers imaginable, who shares a great bond with his dark haired daughter. "We had a lovely holiday in Singapore," says Zara talking about a recent holiday she had with her father.

"We are as different as chalk and cheese," Anjum continues. "Omer is calm and nothing fazes him - like the typical Gemini. I am the volatile one, the effervescent Piscean. However though my husband is from Mars and I am from Venus we both love art, travel and enjoy good food." In fact, the duo went to Cornell University two years ago, where Omer did a strategic management course and Anjum did a design and culinary course.

"My day is spent multi-tasking - kids, house, work and social life. I have an interior design company and have been handling big flagship companies besides the Prestige projects for the last 12 years. In fact, the Angsana spa office was done by me. It's good fun but a lot of hard work and high pressure too meeting deadlines. At the moment I am doing the new block of rooms in Angsana. At home too, I keep reworking the rooms," she says, pointing to one wall in the living room which she's had redone.

"We are both very passionate about art," adds Omer. "We have just acquired a Paresh Maity, we have a couple of Hussains, an Islamic painter called Chaugtai and," he says and points at a three-dimensional one which they picked up in a market in Morocco!

Anjum loves to cook. "If she tastes any dish, she gets 90 per cent of the ingredients that are in it," says Omer with pride. On her part, Anjum says that their 11 years together have been fun "with the normal ups and downs in any couple's life."