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A Slice of New York

Destiny and the love for experimenting with food has brought a New Yorker to Dhaka's popular café scene

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What would have happened if George Smith had not met Sabrina Rasheed and then later agreed to have come to Bangladesh? Dhakaities probably would have been deprived of the scrumptiously fiery "Hell's kitchen Dawg", the devilishly sweet carrot cupcake or the aroma of the best flavoured coffee, all offerings at George's Café. Those of you who have been there, already know what *the Star* brings you this week, and for those who haven't, here's the tale of George from the famous George's Café in Uttara.

Year 2001. George Smith, a graduate student of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University, meets Sabrina Rasheed, a young Bangladeshi student. "I remember she showed up to the course almost a month late. As soon as we met, we started arguing with each other over some random stuff," says George with a laugh.

Eventually, like those romantic teen movies, they too got over that sweet rivalry and soon enough that animosity turned into the strongest friendship ever. "We were friends for quite a long time and in 2007 we decided to get married," reminiscences George.