

## 35. Marrying Talulah

In September 2010, Talulah Riley and Elon Musk got married in a story that encapsulates the intense and whirlwind nature of their relationship. Having proposed merely weeks after meeting in the summer of 2008, Musk and Riley opted to wait around two years before tying the knot, a decision reflecting the gravity they both placed on their union. Their relationship showcased Musk's emotional spectrum, ranging from intense passion to deep vulnerability, captured profoundly in the gesture of sending 500 roses to Riley on the first day of her filming for "St. Trinian's 2" near London, signaling a love that was exuberant and childlike in its expression.

Riley observed this childlike demeanor as both captivating and complex, manifesting in moments of pure joy and also in darker, introspective instances, particularly when Musk recounted painful memories of his father that left him in tears. Their union, she understood, would navigate both Musk's enchanting charisma and the profound layers of his emotional intricacies. Acknowledging the challenges ahead, Riley embraced the journey with a willing heart, recognizing the difficulty but drawn to the depth of their connection.

Their wedding, held at the historic Dornoch Cathedral in the Scottish Highlands, was a melding of Riley's Christian faith and Musk's non-religious stance, expressed through a traditional setting that contrasted with Musk's unconventional life. Riley, in a classic Vera Wang princess dress, and Musk, in top hat and cane, alongside his five sons in tailor-made tuxedos, created a scene that blended fairytale aesthetics with the chaotic charm of Musk's family life. Despite minor disruptions, the ceremony encapsulated the couple's journey — a testament to embracing life's complex paths with love and resilience, and a celebration of their unique bond amidst the unpredictability of shared experiences and challenges.