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3 ways "You've Got a Message" restored our faith in love and relationships

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Whenever a film touches on the subject of death, it often gives off a melancholic vibe in the theater. For some, this cinematic tone can seem off-putting and somewhat depressing. While for others, it's an artistic portrayal of one of life's greatest tragedies.



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In the German film, **You've Got a Message** (also known as Text for You or SMS for You), the subject matter of love and loss was beautifully displayed in a sweet and lighthearted manner. (<http://pop.inquirer.net>)

The film follows Clara Sommerfeld, a novelist struggling to find direction after the untimely demise of her boyfriend, Ben.



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After years of being single, Clara's best friend, Katja suggests that she try out online dating. Hesitant but willing, Clara gives in to her best friend's whims and goes on a date with a man she's met through an app. Though the date doesn't end well, Clara remains open to finding love. And this openness ultimately leads her to meeting Mark, later in the film.



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Screenshot from the trailer (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxJJB9X-2ac&t=65s>)

This proves that opportunities can come if we are brave enough to accept them and that love can still arise amidst tremendous loss. In Clara's case, the opportunity for love, happiness and inspiration came in the form of Mark Zimmermann.

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Viewers later realize that this breakup was the best thing to happen for both of them — as Mark finds happiness in Clara and Fiona settles down with a man she loves. Ergo, justifying the saying, “when one door closes, another one opens.”

Not giving up on love

Moviegoers knew it was inevitable for Clara to find out that Mark was the receiver of her texts. Sure enough, this leads to a heated confrontation between the two lovers — eventually ending with Clara distancing herself from Mark.



But Mark doesn't give up that easily and makes this grand gesture of love for Clara. This profession of love makes the two of them to reunite and begin a new chapter in their lives. Thus showing moviegoers that sometimes, with love, anything can be possible!

You've Got a Message was screened during the **2nd German Film Week** at SM Mall of Asia and SM North Edsa from **September 28 to October 5**. For more information, visit Goethe.de/Manila (https://www.goethe.de/ins/ph/de/index.html?wt_sc=manila).

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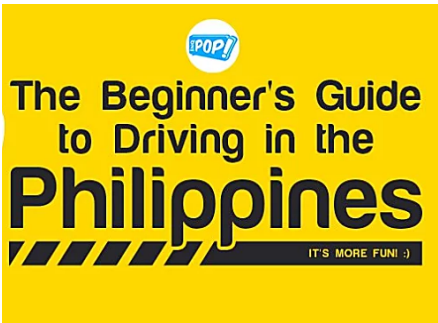
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