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HOORAY! You're engaged... now what? Don't be daunted by the preparations to "THE BIG DAY". While it can give way to many tears, fears and breakdowns; fear not... there is always be a solution to your hand-wringing woes. Leticia Hsu of [Elysium Weddings](#) has planned numerous weddings (from traditional to modern to quirky) and with over a decade of experience, she has heard it all and fixed it all. Take her as your own personal fairy godmother, if you will. :)

Here is some sage advice from Leticia following a few of many worse-case scenarios. Above all, the first step is: Remember to breathe.

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Scenario 1: Wanting to keep the family out of the decision-making

Although you and your Significant Other may be financing the wedding, lest you forget that your parents would like to have a say in your wedding too. Money matters, but not at the expense of your parents' and/or future in-law's feelings. The both of you are their pride and joy, so keep in mind that it is also a once-in-a-lifetime event for them too. Compromise is an easy word to throw out there, but pin down what their main concerns are and what they would like to have a say in. If it's not very important to you, allow them to have their way. What you may give in now, may give way to wider smiles and lesser frowns.



Scenario 2: Keeping it adults-only

Nothing R-rated here! Just that there is no proper way to let your guests know you don't want them to bring their children. One thing is for sure though: Definitely DO NOT put it in the invitations. Maybe spread the word that you'd prefer they keep their children at home. Ask your bridesmaids to let friends know and have your mother/mother-in-law inform the relatives that you'd prefer to keep the guest list small and that the venue may not be child-friendly. Another alternative would be to have a separate room complete with babysitters and kid-friendly food. That way, everybody wins! :)



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Scenario 3: Your Ex Might Come to the Wedding

If it can be helped, the immediate rule of thumb to an ex's presence at a wedding is vetoed. Which means that there is no need to invite him/her. Nonetheless, it will be hard to avoid if he/she is still an integral part of your group of friends. The most important thing to consider is how your fiancé/fiancée feels about your relationship with your ex. The last thing you want is a hidden agenda resurfacing or worry lines from your other half and/or family. AND! Not forgetting the snide remarks and gossip that may ensue.



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Scenario 4: Requesting for money in lieu of gifts

Although there have been creative ways to ask for gifts, money or charitable donations in wedding invitations, the general consensus is

that it is an absolute no-no. Asking for gifts, money or anything for that matter should not be mentioned at all in an invitation. Doing so implies that the guest is required to bring something in exchange for you requesting their presence. A wedding invitation should simply convey the message that you would like them to witness your special day.



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Scenario 5: Disagreeing with your future mother-in-law's choice of dress

The best advice is: Spoil her a little and take her shopping. Let her know it's a birthday (if the date is close by) or a thank you gift. Whilst shopping, perhaps pick out a few options that will both suit her taste and yours. Keep in mind of new family politics to balance things out and buy your own mother a dress too. :)

Calm your nerves and leave it to the experts who have seen it all and fixed it all. If you'd like a fuss-free wedding, without the anxiety attacks and meltdowns, get in touch with Elysium Weddings via their [website](#) or [LWB page](#).

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