

## Great Gifts

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Ever since the moment of baby Makai's birth, I have been truly in awe of his mom and dad. Until Karley came into Ian's life, he was leading a busy bachelor life and working as Chief Scientific Officer for Protiva, a biotech company (now [Tekmira](#)). As a 39 year old, he'd had (to my knowledge) little exposure to infants but he has taken on the role of father like a duck takes to water. He happily changes Makai's diapers, changes his clothes and gives him his bath as if he has been doing it forever. His kindness and attentiveness to both baby and Mom is incredibly touching and it makes this mom very happy. Until Karley met Ian, she was leading the carefree life of a single woman with no immediate plans to settle down. Ian found his way into her heart and the rest is history.

Tonight we went over to the house to visit the new family and then go out to belatedly celebrate Rick's birthday at a restaurant in Yaletown. When we arrived, Karley, Ian and Makai were still out from an afternoon of shopping. Shortly after they arrived home and Ian immediately started to clean up the kitchen in order to prepare it for Makai's bath while Karley put things away. We watched while Ian prepared the water for Makai's bath and then together they gently undressed him. The love and care they demonstrated for their wee boy was sweet. It is obvious to even the most casual observer how much love they both have for this child and each other.

The five of us went for dinner at a wonderful Mediterranean restaurant, [La Terrazza](#). The food was delicious; the conversation interesting, the company was fabulous and Makai slept through the whole thing like an angel. We had a great evening and we both want to express our gratitude to the new parents for the gift of feeling the love they have for each other and the best gift of all ...our first grandson.