

MILLEFEUILLE[©]

A MEASURE OF FLOUR, A PACKET OF BUTTER
AND A SPOONFUL OF HOPE

ABOUT MILLEFEUILLE: WHO IS ELODIE?

Millefeuille is a short, fictional film developed and produced in a bid to expose the complex physical, social and psychological challenges that people living with psoriasis face.

It tells the story of Élodie, a French woman who grew up in Toulouse, where her family ran a successful bakery.



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Growing up, Élodie had ambitions of becoming a pastry chef where she could employ her creativity. Inspired by her parents' love of baking she decided to train further and went on to win many awards.

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Élodie met her husband-to-be, Jerome, when she was just 21. By that time, Élodie had already been diagnosed with psoriasis. Undeterred, they settled in a small French town and set up their own bakery and café.

Élodie and Jerome struggled for several years to start a family. During this time Élodie's mother also passed away and although she managed to put on a brave face to her bakery customers, the worsening of psoriasis on her hands and scalp was a sign of her stress.

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The couple were thrilled when Élodie became pregnant at 29, and baby girl Alice was born. Throughout her twenties the manifestations of psoriatic arthritis had also begun to appear, although her symptoms were often manageable.

Sadly, after ten years as a happy family Élodie was hit by tragedy in the form of a road accident, which killed both Jerome and Alice.



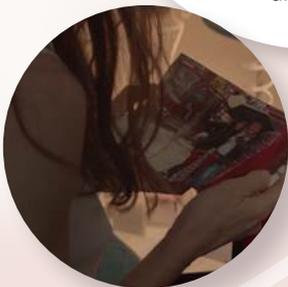
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Shortly after the accident, Élodie suffered an emotional breakdown. Following this upheaval, her psoriatic arthritis symptoms also began developing into high levels of fatigue and pain.

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Months later, devastated and unable to cope with both her stress and the worsening effects of her diseases, Élodie closed the bakery.

Tortured by painful memories, she spent four years floating from country to country, until eventually in London she decided to stop.

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It is here she meets Holly - a teenage girl from next door, full of life and ambition. Over the next few weeks, Holly and Élodie form a friendship, allowing Élodie to find herself again and to step out of darkness and into the light.

Élodie begins baking again and revives her passion, renewing her positive outlook on life and giving her the strength to look ahead to the future with a rejuvenated spirit.



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For many psoriasis and/or psoriatic arthritis patients, worsening physical manifestations can fuel the development of further emotional complications, and vice versa.

Without timely and effective management they can together create a profound and long-term burden on people living with these conditions.