QUICK-PICKLED ASIAN CUCUMBER SALAD by radish*rose

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Ingredients:

4-5 mini cucumbers (OK not to peel) or 1 hothouse cucumber (peeled), scrubbed well and thinly sliced

1 large or 2 small shallots, thinly sliced or chopped (optional)

1/4-1/2 tsp. fine sea salt

1/3 c. seasoned rice vinegar, such as Marukan in the yellow bottle

1 tsp. Asian sesame oil

pinch of red pepper flakes, to taste (optional)

Equipment: Colander, medium bowl

Method:

Place sliced cucumbers and shallots in a colander. Salt generously and toss to coat. Let sit for 15-30 minutes. (The salt will draw out some of the liquid from the cucumbers and make them crunchy and ready to absorb the vinegary goodness.)

Using your hands, squeeze as much water out of the cucumbers and shallots as possible (the cucumber slices may look a bit squashed but that's part of the charm). Place in a medium bowl, and add the rice vinegar, sesame oil, and red pepper flakes. Cover and let sit (at room temperature or in refrigerator) for an hour or more before serving to allow the flavors to infuse. Enjoy!

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