BEST MAN SPEECH

FOR

STEVEN ROGERS

Hi everyone!! It’s great to be here to celebrate Kevin and Melissa’s wedding, and I am very proud and humbled that Kevin chose me to be his best man. It’s been terrific to be a part of this wedding party and I am sure all of us here would agree that the wedding was wonderful, this dinner is delicious, and if this is an indication of how the marriage is going to be, then I would say they’re off to a great start!!! Melissa and Kevin, your collective happiness is contagious, and I am sure all of us can feel it!

Kevin, thank you for asking me to be your best man…. in spite of all of the “dirt” I have on you!! (**Wait for the laugh**). You know I’m kidding, but I have to say, being your friend for all of these years and roommate for some has given me a very special view of who you are. You have so many great qualities. You’re a true and loyal friend and a hard worker; you love your Maple Leafs and leave enough time to be a great family man. You’re fun at a party-and after… more about that in a little while!! You’re good with technology and you really **do try** at sports!!! Hey, don’t feel too bad… I’ve heard some really wild quotes from some

of the best athletes in the country. I’d like to share a few of them with you and your guests, and then **YOU** tell **ME**… would you rather be athletic, or like, average smart? Listen to these:

* Would you believe that Joe Theisman, so brilliant at football, once said, “Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein (**Wait for the laugh**)
* When Shaquille O’Neal was asked if he visited the Parthenon on his trip to Greece, he replied, “I can’t remember the names of the clubs we went to.” (**Wait for the laugh**)
* And who can ever forget the words of Rodney Dangerfield who said, “I went to a fight the other night. A hockey game broke out.”. …Sorry I had to squeeze in a hockey joke!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

No Kevin, a sports legend you will never be…. but a good sport? Always. I can remember some times like they were yesterday. Even when we would go out for a few “cocktails,” … well, alright, **BEERS**, no matter what, you would demonstrate such “great” characteristics like patience, determination, persistence, consideration of others… you know what I’m referring to… remember that night we went to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? And when you went home, for some reason, the key had a really difficult time connecting to the keyhole? I clocked it… It took over a half hour… **more than thirty minutes of life**… for you to get that damn door open!! I tried to help but you kept trying and trying and shushing me and trying… What dedication!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Melissa, look what you have to look forward to!!! Make sure to always carry your own set of keys!! And like I said, as far as athletics go, you have other talents-focus on those!! Remember that infamous golf game? We were in the golf cart and somehow, that big branch stabbed you??? Oh wait a minute… that was **ME** driving. Never mind. (**Wait for the laugh**). And if I said Super Bowl, what would you think of? Remember the time when we were roommates and we did Super Bowl dinner? We cooked that big meal and remember when you had **THE BRAINSTORM** to hook up **BOTH** 50 inch TVs so we could have **TWICE** the viewing pleasure, and the next thing I knew, there you were, hauling that **HUGE** TV downstairs just to create our **MONSTER SUPER BOWL HOME THEATER EXPERIENCE**!! Ahhhh… **GOOD TIMES**!! Note to Melissa…. you have less than a year to **TOP THAT**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Kevin, all jokes aside, you’re a great man and an even better friend, and your friendship means more to me than you’ll ever know…(**If you think its okay, you can add**) even sober (**Wait for the laugh**). I, along with everyone in this room, and I am sure many others, are so happy for you and Melissa. I think you and Melissa are so lucky to have found each other and you’ve made a great choice for a wife in Melissa.

(**If you want to propose a toast you can say this**). Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast. (**If you are not going to propose a toast, you can just say**) Hockey great Wayne Gretzky once said, “ Ninety percent of hockey is mental and the other half is physical” … I know, another sports genius, but anyway, that thought really applies to marriage as well. In any case, may you both experience and share a 100% happy, healthy, successful and prosperous mental and physical marriage for many, many years!! Congratulations!!