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Hello everyone!!  Today is such an important day. I want to congratulate our happy couple and let you all know what a joy it's been to be there for Marissa through this entire process. My best friend, Marissa has married the love of her life, Kyle, and for once in our lives, we **FINALLY** get to do something for Marissa!!  I'm thrilled and proud to be Marissa's maid of honor and I just wanted to take a couple of minutes to express how special she is and has been to me.

Marissa and I met while working together at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  She was actually my boss!!!  Right there you can tell the kind of person she was and is-I mean how many people are lucky enough to have a manager who is so great that she evolves into a best friend?!?!  That's how rare and wonderful she is. Actually, Marissa clearly tends to **FLOURISH** in the work environment.... But more about that later!!

There are so many things I can say about how great she is, but most of you know her and I'm sure the memories you've made with her are as precious as ours are to us. I have to say that I have learned so much from Marissa in the past six years that we’ve known each other and have been best friends. I am culturally enriched-yes; it was Marissa who showed me the fascination in “Twilight” movies and all things Harry Potter and the best parts of those times were when we enjoyed those midnight release showings…When **ELSE** are you going to watch “Twilight?” The vampires can’t watch during the day with you!!! I’ve learned a whole new vocabulary, and quite frankly I’m not sure if I should describe that as “Crimmon” or “Crime Cake,” but I **DO** know just thinking of the way she describes things makes me smile-look!! I’m doing it right now!!! I can’t help myself!! She inspired girls’ night out with the four best friends, Marissa, Ashley, Kelly and me, and our weekly dinners allow all of us to connect and laugh and share our lives, and oh how they’ve evolved!! I think of her love of the finer things like Coach…or does she love those bags because those “C’s” probably stand for her favorite words? Hmmm… I wonder!! She loves the St Louis Blues and baseball, as do I, she loves her friends and her family, she loves life, and most of all, she loves Kyle…..

As I said earlier, Marissa flourishes in the work environment and the work environment has been very, **VERY** good to Marissa. I loved having her as a boss for the first year of our friendship. She’s giving, smart and supportive of all around her, and of course, who wouldn’t love that? Marissa also met Kyle at work and talk about perks!!! She wound up with her best friend and husband!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Kyle and Marissa are wonderful together. They compliment each other and I’m so happy that someone as caring and giving as Marissa has found someone who really cares for her. Kyle, now that you two are married and you know how much Marissa loves vocabulary, I thought that as a married man, you should learn some new definitions of otherwise simple words, so remember:

* An **argument** is now a discussion that Marissa will always win. Give up!!
* A **clothes dryer** is a machine designed to eat at least one sock at a time. Give up on getting an even pair of socks out of the wash. But then again, that gives Marissa an excuse to go shopping!!
* **Eternity** is the last two minutes of a basketball game (**Or name a sport or activity that Marissa doesn’t like**)-of course not a hockey game or a baseball game!!

(**Wait for the laugh**)

In all sincerity, I am thrilled for the two of you and I can’t wait for our families to grow and continue to show the world how two best friends can be there and love and support each other for a lifetime!! To (**Name Marissa’s parents and immediate family if she has brothers and sisters**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I want to congratulate all of you and let you know that (**Name your husband**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I share your joy, and to (**Name Kyle’s family**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, welcome to the clan! And just as I cannot imagine having a better best friend, I am so happy for you to have gotten such a wonderful daughter-in-law!!

(**If you want to end with a toast, it might be really cute if you serve everyone a special concoction of Champagne with a splash of black cherry Kool Aid or apple juice and name it something like the MARISSAKYLETINI or MARISSATINI or their new last name-TINI and offer a toast**)

I’d like to invite all of you to raise your glasses in a toast to our bride and groom. You may think this cocktail looks a bit unconventional and it is. I have created it in honor of the new Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and to me it really represents Marissa. We’ve got Champagne for elegance, tradition, and everything that’s good and respected and honored in the world, mixed with a splash of someone’s favorite pitcher of fun…yes…**BLACK CHERRY KOOL-AID**!! Here’s to Marissa and Kyle: May your thirst for life together be quenched with love, honor, respect, good health, prosperity, and fun!! Congratulations!! We love you!!