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Hello everyone!! It’s so wonderful to be here celebrating the marriage of my great friend Megan to this wonderful guy, Dan. It’s been so much fun plotting and planning for this wedding… I mean, I can remember the early days with Megan… yes, way, **WAY** back to middle school, where even placing us in the same room would cause nothing but trouble!!! But today everything is different… sort of…. Megan has taken that raw talent for mischief and has blossomed into a fantastic young woman, one who is so happy to be Mrs. Dan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that her smile is really lighting up the room… and the dance floor!!! … I am so thrilled for our happy couple. Of course, it wasn’t always this way…

Megan and I have been friends since middle school. You know the expression, “Make new friends and keep the old…?” Well back then, with all that Megan would do, it’s amazing that we’re still even allowed to talk to each other!! Just ask Mr. Hurley, our science teacher… or my mother!! (**Wait for** **the laugh**). We all know Megan today as fun loving and animated, with a big, magnetic personality and an even bigger heart to go with it. Well, back then, while that big personality was being formed (**give Megan a sideways glance**), it took some “trial and error” to figure out how to use it “for good and not evil!! Do **ANY** of you have **ANY** idea of how many times Megan got us in trouble in science class? Oh, if those walls could talk!! There’s an old expression that goes like this. “ It takes two to get one into trouble.” If I didn’t know any better, I’d think that Megan inspired that expression!! Between Mr. Hurley scolding us for the talking and the goofing off and Megan’s mother threatening to bust me to **my** mother… Let’s put it this way… there’s a reason why I didn’t go to medical school!!! **(- I hope you’re not a doctor!! Wait for the laugh**) The grown ups may have gotten bent out of shape, but Megan and I weathered those tests and, like with any crisis, it strengthened our bond. There’s something to be said for sharing experiences…. We have been great friends since and… just a little side note to Mr. Hurley, wherever he may be…while others have come and gone over the years, I’m so thankful to still have Megan as a friend… Unless she gets me into trouble again!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Well, for those of us that know and love Megan, we know that when Dan came along, everything just made more sense. Dan and Megan are great together and they really complement each other…. and if Dan doesn’t compliment Megan… then **HE’S** gonna get in trouble!!! From the minute I met Dan, it all clicked and trust me, Dan, if you need a reference, just ask!! You’re a sweet and understanding guy and I really appreciate your caring, “big brother” nature. Trust me, not that I need problems, but if they come my way… I’m heading over to YOUR house!! Between you and Megan, anything can be handled and that’s the sign of true friends.

To Megan and Dan, although all of us are here to celebrate your wedding and wish you only the best from now to forever, I want you both to know that I am really happy for you; happy you’re together, and I can’t imagine a more perfect match. May you only know good things and may your life together overflow with love, health, happiness and prosperity…. and should you have children, and should those children get in trouble in school, try to be understanding and remember-payback’s a you-know-what and they’re just practicing to be great – and maybe a little mischievous…as adults… just like you!!! Congratulations!