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FOR

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Hello everyone!! It’s so wonderful to be here to celebrate the marriage of my great sister and wonderful friend, Sarah, to Mike. This moment has been years in the making….more than some of us may realize, and it’s true- when something is meant to be, that’s **IT**!! Sarah, you and Mike have quite a history together and I know that those of us that witnessed the unfolding of the “legend” that meets its happy **beginning** tonight are thrilled for the both of you. We want to welcome Mike to our family and we can’t wait to make and share a lifetime of wonderful memories with our newly extended family…. (**If you want to make a joke you can say**) … and Hey!!! If any of us have a little too much fun, at least we now have a “professional” to defend us!! (**And wait for the laugh**).

Sarah, you’re a magnificent looking bride and I have to say that I have never seen you look more beautiful than you look tonight. Marriage **really** agrees with you!! It reminds me of the “good old days” when you and I played with our dollhouse and all the fun we had dressing up our dolls for hours on end as we were growing up. I don’t remember if we got up to the bride scenario… we probably did (**adjust this if you did**), but all of that practice seems to have really paid off. There’s only one thing I have to say, and I hope it doesn’t raise a red flag or spoil anything…. (**Turn to your brother and say**). Bill, I’m sure you agree that Sarah looks like a **living doll** so remember- **TONIGHT IS NOT THE TIME TO THREATEN SARAH WITH DOLL EATING DINOSAURS like you used to do when we played together**!!! (**It might be funny if he plays along and shyly takes out a small rubber dinosaur and pretends to walk it across to Sarah as a little threat- and wait for the laugh**). I once heard that “Sisters function as safety nets in a chaotic world simply by being there for each other.” Safety nets? Chaotic world? Whoever said that must have watched the three of us growing up…right Bill???

A very wise woman named Elizabeth Fishel said, “Both within the family and without, our sisters hold up our mirrors: our images of who we are and of who we can dare to be.” Well, Sarah and I DARE TO BE…. you can’t even imagine… whenever we see a mirror, and I am proud to be the person who shares the joy in holding up that mirror for Sarah… no **REALLY**… Anyone that **truly** knows Sarah and me knows how close we are and how deep our connection is… and how much we respect and **CANNOT** resist a good reflection… (**Do you want to take out 2 small but funny mirrors, hand one to Sarah and** **wait for the laugh?**)… Wait!! On second thought…. once we get started…. not such a good idea… **in public**… and we **CANNOT** let you mess up your gorgeous wedding hair or makeup…. (**Wait for the laugh**)

It’s so true that sisters don’t even need words to communicate. Sarah and I have an understanding that transcends time and distance. The gestures and the winks, the faces and the sniffs and snorts… yes Mike, the sniffs and **snorts**…. (**Wait for the laugh**) bring us closer and strengthen our bond, and for that I am so grateful.

Does anyone know what’s better than having a sister like Sarah? I’ll tell you… having a sister like Sarah attend a college with a football team… especially when **YOUR** alma mater is a little “lacking” in that department… I remember the great times I would have visiting Sarah at OSU… on **~~PARTY~~** I mean **GAME** day. What fun those times were!!! What team spirit!! What school pride!!! What delicious “beverages!! What great guys!!! Yes, Sarah found her future in that spirited scene, she just needed a little longer to realize it, and so did Mike. All it took was time and love. A long time ago, a songwriter named Laura Nyro said that “nothing cures like time and love” and here we are. It has been a real joy watching these two find their paths in life and those two paths now lovingly blend into one tonight. It’s so clear that the two of you love life and each other and to watch your spirits meld is an inspiration for all of us.

Sarah, Shakespeare said, “Ministering angel shall my sister be.” Now you’re officially Mike’s angel as well, and I am happy to share you…. I am also happy to ask all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast to the bride and groom:

Sarah and Mike, in “Time and Love, Laura Nyro also tells us that “…nothing cures like time and love” and that’s what the two of you have. May you share a lifetime of joy, happiness, fun, spirit and SPIRITS, love, partnership, and more than you might ever wish for. Congratulations! We love you!!