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FOR

LACEY STAHL

Wow!!! Hello everyone!!! Today is an incredibly special day for the Stahl family and I am SUPER excited to be here to celebrate the marriage of Lavin to her one and only…. Logan!!! For those of you that may not know us so well, do I look **FAMILIAR**? No… you’re not seeing double, I’m the bride’s twin sister Lacey and although the bride and groom seem to have known each other and have been together almost forever… after all… it’s been ten wonderful years and one beautiful daughter, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and here they are… getting married…. **BUT**… I am here to tell you that although that is great and I am so happy for all three…. Lavin and I…. now **THAT’s** a beyond forever bond!!!

We’ve been planning this day for quite a while and I’ve had a lot of time to think of what I would say… after all not many people know what it’s like to go through life with a sister…. a best friend… someone who is literally a part of me… I really cannot imagine my life without her…but **sometimes**…. (**Give a sly look and wait for the laugh**)… Growing up we did **EVERYTHING** together… same activities, same friends…. you would never see one without the other. I wish everyone had the chance to discover what life is like to have a person to whom you can say **ANYTHING**… someone who gets it… someone who believes in you… someone who…. **grabs your pony tail and drags you across the kitchen floor**…. (**Wait for the laugh**)…. oh **YEAH**… that **TOO**!! We’ve laughed together… we’ve cried together… welllll actually **THAT** time **she** laughed and **I** cried… (**Wait for the laugh**) … We’ve won together and lost together…. and of course we’ve plotted and planned together. Naturally Lavin always did her best to convince me that **HER** master plans were the winners… UH… not so much… more often than not, one of us wound up getting hurt (**Shyly raise your hand and wait for the laugh**) or getting into trouble…. (**Raise your hand again…. and wait for the laugh**) …Because **SOMEHOW** she managed to assign the **DANGEROUS** tasks to **ME**. And did someone mention clothes? We all have mirrors… but I ALSO have a TWIN… someone with whom I can bounce ideas back and forth… someone to give me valuable feedback… someone to… Guess what would happen almost every time I would carefully plan an outfit and ask you-know-who for her opinion? I would stand there… eager for input and what did I get? “Eh… not so great.” And so it was back to the closet to the next wardrobe change…. only to find that Lavin emerged from the SAME closet in the SAME outfit… I eventually caught on and now I just ask for my mom’s opinion instead…

And Logan….? (**If you want you can say the following or just skip it if you think it’s not funny**) You can say I sort of “tried him on” too… **NOT REALLY**… don’t get the wrong idea…. but I’ve known him ALMOST **FOREVER** as well… as far back as the fifth grade when we dated… for the length of **ONE. ENTIRE. FOOTBALL** **GAME**…. (**You can say the following and wait for the laugh**)… Man… that’s what I call **PATIENCE**!! Aaaaannnnnnnnnd I knew he wasn’t the boy for me… but does he make one outstanding brother? **ABSOLUTELY**!!

Logan and I have a special friendship…. oh… who am I kidding? The other day when Logan and Lavin got home from material classes, I asked them how it went… Logan, with a very straight face said, “Good, but I had to lie to Pastor Mark when he asked me if I liked you.” Logan… Do you remember what I said? I reminded you that you only had to tell a fib to that **one person**… Pastor Mark… but I would have to **LIE** in front of **FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE**!!! … Yes folks… you can take the boy out of the **FIFTH GRADE FOOTBALL GAME, BUT**…!!! Logan… seriously… I couldn’t have asked for a better brother-in-law…. well I **COULD** have… **KIDDING!**! (**Wait for the laugh**). You have been a meaningful part of our family for almost our whole lives… I am HONORED to be your third wheel… and whether you’re going out to eat, going to the movies, or just hanging out, you guys ALWAYS make me feel welcomed and I really do treasure that. I cherish our conversations we’ve shared about life and hopes and dreams and I know today we are all witnessing many of those dreams come true. It’s been ten years that the two of you have been together and it’s very clear that you two were meant to be one… Witnessing the challenges and cheering you on through the milestones in life have really inspired me… and from graduating college to finding careers… from building a house to making a family and finally bringing it all together tonight…. I **CANNOT WAIT** to see what you guys have planned for your future!!! Only one thing, Logan… don’t let Lavin make comments about your outfits!! (**Wait for the laugh**)

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast to Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

To Lavin and Logan… Here’s to a life filled with laughter and love, happiness and respect, and remember…. **FAMILY** is **EVERYTHING**… Congratulations!!! We love you!!