**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

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**REVISED**

Hello everyone... I'm Joseph, the **best brother**... I mean my brother Benny's **best** **man**... as you can see, there are three brothers in our family.... and we usually have a lot to say about one another... (**Wait for the laugh**). But of course today is all good!! Today is no exception.... but it is **exceptional**... I want to thank our youngest brother Anthony for giving a terrific speech... you did a great job... even though you're young, you're a tough act to follow... **thanks a lot (Give a fake cough and wait for the laugh)**!! Ah... **the kids today**!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

In brief, today we're gathered to celebrate a tremendous milestone. **Benny left the house.** (**Wait for the laugh**). What I really mean is that it is a huge occasion tonight, to have the privilege to stand up for my brother Benny as his best man at his wedding to his beautiful bride, Daniela. It's obvious with so many of you here that the most important things in life are friends and family, and seeing all of you celebrating these two is really great. Today our family grows to include Daniela and **her** family and we officially welcome all of the (**give Daniela's last name**) Peretta's (?) to **our** family. (**Do you want to congratulate her parents, siblings, or grandparents? If so, you can do that here**). I would like to extend special congratulations to Daniela's parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I know I speak for all of us in the Faulisi family when I say that we are excited to make new memories with all of you.

I love my family and I am so proud of my sister Daniela and my brothers... Anthony, like I said, you've done a great job warming up the crowd for me... but tonight I'm here to honor Benny.... brother, entrepreneur... **husband**. Some of you might be wondering, "What was it like growing up as Benny's older brother?" Well, let's say it was great.... having Benny as my brother even as a younger **brother**, got me to see and learn things I would not have otherwise known.... like our father's red faced wrath when Benny would start in with me.... yeah... Benny stirred the **SH**.....enanigans (**HS... yes... start saying shit but turn it to shenanigans**) but no matter what might have happened, we never lost site of just how **close** we were... I don't want anyone to think we fought all the time.... we didn't. That would have cut into Benny's true childhood passions... playing office and watching the Chinese station on cable... (**Hold your hands up like "WHAT⁉**️**⁉**️**⁉**️**⁉**️**" and wait for the laugh**)... Really.... what little kid do **YOU** know that runs around the house with a **briefcase**???? ... and that watches Chinese TV? I've heard that personalities are pretty set at a young age, but come on!!! **REALLY**⁉️⁉️⁉️ (**Wait for the laugh**). Yes. Benny was always special. Unique... resourceful... ahead of his time... ask my mother about that.... I'm sure she has some stories. But I had to get pretty resourceful too... because, well, Benny **didn't like to get out much**... or **at all** come to think of it.. like what about that time Mom needed some tomatoes? **I** was the one that had to run out and get them...... Benny... the briefcase made you look older, but REALLY⁉️⁉️⁉️ **REALLY**⁉️⁉️⁉️⁉️If you hadn't been so busy conducting all of that imaginary business in Chinese from that briefcase, I wouldn't have had to **borrow** the car at **FOURTEEN YEARS OLD** to get those damn tomatoes... **WOOPS**‼‼ (**wait for the laugh**). I guess we were both advanced for our age in our own ways!!

Yeah... Benny... creative... smart... wise... thoughtful...in so many ways (**say that with a wink**).... and for the most part a real **stay-at-home** kind of guy.... except for that time when Uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ had someone else's Uncle \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over at the house, and a very fateful phone call was made..... and the rest is history. We all know what happened .... eventually.... think of "Moonstruck" without the bakery or the Cammareri brothers... and thank goodness neither Benny nor Daniela had to "snap out of it..."

When something is right, you just know it, and I'm happy to say that's how it's been with these two. Benny finally showed us that there really is only **one** reason to leave the house... and it's not necessarily in search of make believe business deals.... Benny stepped out to meet his destiny... I mean his Daniela... and that's exactly what happened. And I know we're all so happy to welcome you, Daniela, to our family.... you became a part of us very naturally and comfortably and we wouldn't have it any other way. It's great to have you in our corner and "on our team"... you make our brother so happy... you're a great friend... you're there when we need you... you've been there when **I** need you... and your "take no prisoners" (**HS - Do you prefer to say, "Ride or die?" Or "Family First"**) philosophy of life serves and protects **all of us**.... and our chaises at pools... note to hotel guests when Daniela is around.... those are **OUR** chaises... (**wait for the laugh**).

Benny... I want you to know that having you as my brother, my **wingman** and most of all as my **friend**, has been one of the great blessings of my life. I want you and Daniela to have more than everything and anything you two might ever wish for... and I would like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast...

To Daniela and Benny... here's to all the best of love, health, happiness, prosperity.... and **FAMILY**!! Congratulations... we love you!