**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

**KAMALIN CHETTY**

Hello everyone… as most of you already know, I am Kamalin, Thashan’s older brother. It's so exciting to be here among family and friends to witness and celebrate the marriage of Thash to his lovely bride, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thash and I have been through a lot together… just ask our family…. And of course on occasions such as this wedding, life events provide the inspiration and a chance to look back and think of what it was like when we were kids….. and to see how we've grown into men…. And husbands…. Yes… I've had quite a bit of time to think… after all, just how many movies do you think a person can watch between Sydney and (**Name the town where the wedding is and wait for the laugh**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I thought growing up took a long time…. But **that flight!!!** YIKES!!!

Ahhhhh…. Thash….. a true paradox…. Our little brother but a gentle giant…. The one sibling rated “Least Likely to Give Me Trouble” by our mom…. Thanks Mom…. I'll remember that … (**Wait for the laugh**). Yes…. Our \*cough\* angel…. But there were times…. I would have to say that one of my earliest memories of Thash was when he was four or five years old…. Who amongst us could have ever dreamed of the stupidity…. I mean **creativity**, our young brother demonstrated when he went into the bathroom and shaved his eyebrows… yes that's right… **shaved his eyebrows**… and tried to convince the family that the favewash (**? Did you mean facewash?**) caused this…. The eyes may be the window of a person’s soul but let me tell you, it was **CURTAINS** for Thash for a good solid month after **THAT** stunt … and yes… we found the razor in the bathroom! I once heard someone say this, and I have to agree…. “Growing up with brothers served a great purpose… I actually learned how to dance… waiting in line for the bathroom… “ now we know what took so long… (**Wait for the laugh**)

I also remember how our older brother, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was really good about picking up Thashan from school and taking him to extracurricular activities… he would even leave work to make sure that Thash was taken care of… what a nice brotherly gesture, right? ….. well, if you're Thash, you might have a difficult time taking those sports activities seriously… he just wasn't having it…. He would spend most of his time running down the field in the opposite direction from his team…I don't think his super deluxe sports gear was intended for **THAT** purpose!!!

Thash might have had a mischievous streak as a young boy, but I do have to say that his strong points far outweigh the little devil that sometimes peeked through…. Even though he’s a Scorpio, he's calm and kind hearted, appreciates the finer things in life…. Yes… he **LOVES** to eat and knows how to focus on food….he's generous to a fault and does wonderful charity work… as President of the Rotary Club he's had some really great accomplishments and has made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many… he's fed as many as forty **omes** per month…. And that's a record. (**please fix this-instruction not clear**) ….he also did a great job running the family business for several years. He's always been a good storyteller with a great sense of humor as well! Oh… and apparently, somewhere, somehow, our gentle and kind giant really showed us his true colors as he clearly made a good choice when it came to finding his bride! I would like to welcome \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our family…. I have just one request of you… may I suggest that you **hide your razor**? Thanks!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Thash, you're a grown man and now you're a husband. You're well on your way to establishing a respectable, mature, adult life with your bride, but before I finish, I'd like to share some words of advice…. After all, with three years of marriage under my belt, I'm probably an expert …of sorts…. According to an old Hindu proverb, “Help your brother’s boat across and your own will reach the shore.” Let's see if I have any oars left after these tips… (**Wait for the laugh**). Someone once said that “Marriage is like a phone call in the middle of the night…. First the ring and then you wake up…” (**Wait for the laugh**) that's to remind you, make sure you keep an open mind and an open heart. The American humorist Erma Bombeck said, “Marriage has no guarantees. If that's what you're looking for, go live with a car battery.” Another wise man pointed out, “There's a way of transferring funds that's even faster than electronic banking… it's called marriage (**wait for the laugh**). I guess you know by now, what's yours is hers…. Really! And then, because I know how much you love food and dining, there is the practical wisdom of Henny Youngman, the old time American comedian, who said, “Some people ask for the secret to a long and successful marriage. That’s simple… we make a point of going to a restaurant for dinner at least two nights a week… delicious food, candlelight, great atmosphere…” I go on Tuesday and she goes on Thursday… (**Wait for the laugh**)

Thash and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, of course you know I am kidding. I know I speak for all of us here when I say that we wish you a long and fulfilling life together… one that has an abundance of health and happiness, love and partnership, prosperity, good fortune, and the boundless love of family and friends. Congratulations!