**BEST MAN SOEECH**

**FOR**

**ANDREW BOGIN**

Hello everyone!!! It’s great to see so many people here to celebrate my brother Steven’s wedding to Aimee. Weddings are so special. They give people the chance to come together, make memories, and they especially give us all a **REALLY** good reason to smile, share some great food and music, and oh yeah... probably talk about each other for a few years to come.... **KIDDING**!!! It’s all good!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). Truthfully speaking, I know the **ONLY** two people everyone will be talking about are Steven and Aimee... because, let me tell you... they are one great couple.... so Aimee, we have **YOU** to thank for that!!! Thank you for saying “Yes...” thank you for loving my brother.... and thank you for being the newest member to our family!!! Welcome!!! (**If Aimee has parents, do you want to thank them?**). I would also like to congratulate Aimee’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Welcome to the fun!!

There are so many reasons why people choose to marry.... of course we want to believe that true love is at the top of the list, but let’s not forget partnership, companionship, great conversation... feeling **young** again... **wink wink**... .... having more than one person around so you can **REALLY** take advantage of buying large economy sizes at shopping clubs... (**Do you want to make a joke and say**).... I mean... do you **KNOW** how long it takes for a single person to finish up a roll of Charmin **MEGA**??? (**and wait for the laugh**)... I swear, I’ve heard it takes so long that the roll gets dusty.... Steven, my man... cross that one off the list... sharing is caring!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

I also want to remind you of some of the great wisdom that’s been said about marriage... it was Rita Rudner who said, “I love being married... it’s so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life...”. (**Wait for the laugh**). When it comes to sharing what it takes to have a long, happy marriage, Henny Youngman gave his winning recipe when he told the world....”Some people ask the secret of our long marriage.... we take time to go to a restaurant two times a week... a little candlelight, dinner, soft music dancing... She goes on Tuesdays... I go on Fridays... (**Wait for the laugh**).... and then there was the wise man who remains unknown, but his simple yet incredibly obvious formula has been shared around the world probably **MILLIONS** of times... simply stated.... “Happy wife, happy life!!! That should be pretty easy to remember.... right Steve???

All jokes aside, today means a lot for me, for you, Steven, and for our family.. I know you all agree that family is **everything**, friends are a very close second and are like family that we choose, and although we wish and really believe that those we love will be with us forever, we have to be real... on occasions like this, of course our thoughts turn to those that are no longer with us.... **technically**... naturally I’m referring to our mother, Gloria and our brother, Heath. Both were taken from us way too soon, but they both live on in us... they’re in our hearts, our memories, our gestures and mannerisms, our DNA, and they will always be a part of us. Their voices still resonate within us and always will, and I am sure that wherever they are, they’re celebrating too... I believe they are up there somewhere, smiling down on this reception, loving the aroma of the flowers and the food, laughing at the jokes, and most of all giving this marriage their blessing.

So, Steven, I guess this is the part where **I** give **YOU** some marriage advice, but you know what? I think you’ve **GOT** this... just remember there’s **TWO** of you now... do your best to be mindful and respectful as well as loving and playful. Remember to consider your tone of voice when you and Aimee have discussions... even **REALLY** **IMPORTANT** ones that get **ANIMATED**...i know... I know... we’re from **Brooklyn**... we **START** at an **ELEVEN**... on a scale of 1 to 10... (**Wait for the laugh**). Oh. Wait.... I just realized something.... almost everyone here **IS** from **Brooklyn...DEF CON FOUR** is our **whisper!!!** All I’m saying is be conscious.... be considerate... do your best to really **LISTEN** to Aimee...and know that the two of you.... the dynamic duo.... have the ability to conquer **ANYTHING** ..as long as you do it together. A famous philosopher once said, “Its not the lack of love, but a lack of friendship that makes unhappy marriages.... friendship.... powered by lots and lots of love... that’s an unbeatable combination...

Steven, you and Aimee have received the best gift life has to offer... each other...

And for the best description of all... look in the lyrics of Ed Sheehan’s song, “Perfect”

“I found a love for me

Darling just dive right in

And follow my lead

I found a girl beautiful and sweet

I never knew you were the someone waiting for me... “

Ladies and gentlemen, I’d like to ask you to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

To Aimee and Steven, May the two of you share the best days to come... and may you both have more than anything you might wish for... love, health, happiness, friendship, and endless, fascinating conversation... Here’s to **YOU**!!! Congratulations!! We love you!! Thank you all!!