**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

**ELAN SIEDER**

Hello everyone, for those of you that may not know, I am Elan, and I have **TWO** amazing sisters... tonight one of them primped and prepared, made sure everything was perfect, and has spent the better part of the past year anticipating this very special day.... and then there’s Janae.... (**Wait for the laugh**). The truth is that I am one of the luckiest guys I know... I have a fantastic family... we’re **REALLY** close... my parents did an amazing job watching over us, giving us tons of love, encouraging us....I couldn’t have asked for two better best friends than Aubrey and Janae... and because of that... through it all, I used to wonder... “Two sisters are great... Can you imagine if I had a **third**???” .... (**If you want, as an aside you can turn to your mother and say**)... You can stop rolling your eyeballs, Mom.... (**and wait for the laugh**).... in so many ways, tonight my dreams have become **reality**... **WELCOME COLE**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**). I’m **kidding**!!! In all seriousness, Cole, you know how much I love you and how eager I have been to officially welcome you to the family... I will never forget when Janae first introduced you to us... you fit in immediately... and I really have discovered how great it is to **finally** have a **brother**...

Growing up as the powerful, talented, great looking, smart... **ahem**... older brother wasn’t always a picnic... but we had fun... we cared about each other... and Janae demonstrated that care in so many unconventional yet revealing ways... I can’t help but see a connection between Janae’s compassion and willingness to care for people...that would be me... at a ridiculously young age....and her incredible nursing career. I believe her childhood behavior predicted her career choice... Who will **EVER** forget how she loved to take care of me... there was that one time... she was maybe five or six years old... I had just gotten home from soccer practice and I needed to kick back and chill... so I started playing Nintendo and generous, thoughtful, kind, caring Janae offered to give me a scalp massage.... who would say no???? Life was **GOOD**... She had her squirt bottle of water, moistened my hair, and with her little yet eager hands began to give me the scalp massage of a lifetime... squirt... rub... squirt... rub... I was really relaxing.... until the squirts stopped and a strange “aroma” filled the air.... apparently, when the water runs out, Janae switches to **spit**.... be forewarned, Cole!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

There were so many great times we had growing up... Janae was more like a brother to me.... I know that’s hard to imagine as we look at the gorgeous bride we see tonight... but she was up there in the “Tomboy Hall of Fame!!” We’d always played sports together... not only was the sibling bond strengthened, but playing with Janae also really boosted my self confidence... I really felt good knowing I was able to beat my **baby sister** in a game of 1 on 1 in basketball!!! (**If you want you can add**)... Now I can play with Cole and beat him... **SAME DIFFERENCE**!!!

I also have to say that growing up with Janae was a unique experience... I have never met anyone that was **SO RIGHT** or knew **SO MUCH** about **SO MANY** things... our father even created the legendary talk show, “Janae Knows Best...”. Fortunately her conviction about so many theories has softened through the years, but the one thing Janae **REALLY** knew **BEST** about is Cole... and here we are.

You know, Janae and Cole, when it comes to love and marriage, I’m no expert... unlike **SOME** people I know... \***cough**\* Janae \***cough**\*.... but I **DO KNOW** about life and motivation and living with the greatest of intentions and focus... and while marriage to some might be looked at as the ultimate frontier.... the last, greatest **battle zone**, I thought I would turn to David Goggins, fabled tough guy, marathoner, badass Navy Seal, to find some wisdom... “If you can get through doing the things that you **hate** to do, on the other side is **greatness**...” Cole, I’m looking at **YOU**... She’s **STILL** my baby sister so **listen up**.... Do those dishes!!! Throw out that trash!!! Don’t leave your damn socks on the floor!!! (**Or Name other habits Cole might have and wait for the laugh**).... you’re **ALL** **IN NOW**!!!! And we Sieder’s are **WATCHING**!!!! And remember... Happy wife, happy life!!!!

I’d like to invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast... “To Janae and Cole... Here’s to a life filled with love and happiness, health and good fortune, and more than you might ever wish for...” Congratulations!!! We love you!!! Thank you all!!