**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**MARCELLO MORELLI**

Hello everyone... I am Marcello and, as most of you probably know, I am Alex’s younger brother. It’s really great to stand up for Alex at his wedding to Kristie, and finally... after a lifetime of being Alex’ kid brother, I can now safely say... in front of all of you... and I have **WITNESSES**... that while Alex may be the groom, I am truly... literally... **FINALLY**... recognized as the **BEST MAN**!! (**Wait for the laugh**) ... of course, in Kristie’s eyes... there’s only one. Best Man... and .... **HINT**... it’s not me... now he’s a husband... an everything... her “official” **LEADING MAN**. For their lifetimes... Kristie and Alex, tonight is **YOURS**... a celebration to kick off a lifetime of love, health, happiness and partnership.... and we are all so happy for the both of you.

I’m sure some of you have heard the expression, “I’m smiling because you’re my brother. I am **laughing** because there’s **nothing** you can do about it” (**Wait for the laugh**). The truth Is, I really cannot imagine my life without you in it.... no... **REALLY**. From the minute I opened my eyes and realized what was going on around me, there you were... (**Name three things Alex used to do to you**)... either playing \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with me... even sometimes letting me win... but not **THAT** often... fighting with me about\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or teaching me... about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and most of the finer things...and stranger points of life.... Well, Alex, we’re older now... hopefully a little wiser.... and honestly, I wouldn’t have changed a thing... about you... or our bond.... and the way we got... and still get along....

Over the years, I have observed you, Alex... like an exotic bird in the wild....or even like a local pigeon daring to survive life on the L.I.E. (**you’re from Long Island, yes?? If not, pick a local highway and wait for the laugh**) ... and like those rare, exotic birds... and pigeons.... you are **UNIQUE**. While some may think you might have a short temper.... and I **HOPE** you don’t go off on me after this speech... (**Wait for the laugh**), I have always seen the best in you. You’re generous, kind, supportive, outgoing.... I know you’d give the shirt off your back to someone in need.... I know you would teach anyone what you know... you make friends with most.... you have that... **Gift of “Gab**?” Look **THAT** up in the dictionary and there’s Alex’s picture... i **KNOW** you can talk to **ANYONE** about **ANYTHING**... for **ANY** length of time, and both of you would be smarter, and richer for the experience. I also know... as do several of us here.... that... **SURPRISE**... you’re a fantastic artist, and although you currently work in construction, knowing there’s a whole other side to you... one that is creative, special, and observant to the sights and sounds around you, makes you a very special person.

I also know how unique you are.... not as a brother.... not as an artist.... but as a comrade and co-worker. For ten years, I was lucky enough to work alongside you. I miss those days.... I got to learn even more about you. I got to admire your work ethic and your common sense. I got to really know what it meant to have someone watch out for me and have my back. I will never forget those days we shared at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. They were some of the best years of my life.... so far... at least I’m lucky enough to have a standard to strive for in the future. And if all of that wasn’t enough, Alex, I will never forget your support, encouragement, and guidance as you helped me set up my own company and get it running.

Alex, someone like you deserves only the best... and sure enough, along came Kristie.... and now I have a new sister to welcome to the family... Kristie, I want to congratulate you.... in showing your great taste .... in **HUSBANDS**...(**Wait for the laugh**). ... Lucky for us!!! You two make a beautiful couple, and I know, as we all get to share many happy times and family connections, our extended family will grow stronger and tighter.... I also want to mention that while there’s a rumor that you may not like cake.... I want to thank you for going through with this beautiful wedding... I hear the cake we’re about to have is .... **AMAZING**!!! .... Give me a heads up if you don’t want your piece!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

I would like to invite you all to raise a glass as I propose a toast: to Kristie and Alex... while life may not be a Broadway showstopper, the two of you are an **EPIC**, handsome... graceful couple. To **OUR** superstars... may you dance together through a life filled with love and happiness, fun and partnership, good health, great times, and may the hits keep coming!!! Congratulations!! We love you!!! Thank you all!