**WEDDING SPEECH**

**FOR**

**PATRYCJA MORELLI**

Hi everyone!! It’s so great to be here, to celebrate Natasia and Jeremy and their wedding, and to see and be here with all of you!! I think we can all agree that we’ve had quite a ride so far this year and it’s refreshing and exciting to have such a good opportunity to dress up.... even if just a little... more about that later!!!!.... and to be together with family, friends, kids, and neighbors.... all connected through these two beautiful people!! (**Do you want to congratulate the immediate families of the bride and groom? If so...**) I’d like to congratulate Natasha’s parents, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ... you’ve gained a **SON...** and a really good one at that!! To Jeremy’s family (**Do you want to name them? If you don’t really know them, maybe just name his parents**), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ congratulations to you as well.... both families are now extended and connected and may there be **tons** of good times and memorable family gatherings ahead for all!!

For those of you that may not know, Natasia and I go waaaay back... wellllll maybe not **THAT** far back...it was 2004.... we were “livin’ the life”.... working at the “hot” store in the Hamptons... and it was **hot** all the time it was open... not just during those summer months. We worked at Calypso St Barths and I was happy to take Natasia under my “wing....” We had a blast.... It wasn’t enough that we had to dress the mannequins... we also played dress up with all the new clothes.... there was always some **GREAT** stuff to play with... and... why waste an opportunity?? We also **posed** **AS** mannequins in the window... don’t worry... we still made plenty of sales!! Natasia, I have to say, we had some wild choices to use for “dress up” back then, but through it all, I never saw you look as beautiful as you look today.... marriage agrees with you!! Our time together at Calypso was just the tip of the iceberg.... our adventures continued from our dance parties to our travels to Rhode Island.... we relished our PNJ time...thats Patrycja Natasia Jenna for those that may not know... We made those hangovers look good... dousing them with pickles and whatever we could get our hands on. I will never forget our beach days, living for our bagel and egg sandwiches, always with plenty of nice, cold iced tea..... and boy did we spill that tea!!! Not the beverage.... the gossip.... the events of our lives... plotting and planning and commiserating through the ups and downs of our individual and shared lives. ... And how will we **EVER** forget our time as roommates... we lived in Astoria together for a few years and that continued to strengthen the foundation of our friendship... boy, have we seen and done a lot together.... and here we are, sixteen incredible years later, and the bond keeps growing stronger....

.... And thanks to destiny, other bonds were about to be built and strengthened... I will never forget that night in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when we met at Tao and I got to meet a really nice guy named Jeremy. I knew instantly you two were made for each other.... it wasn’t **just** because he’s a Sagittarius like me... and here we are and the dream continues.... only it’s not a dream... this is real and it’s wonderful, and you and Jeremy have “only just begun...” (**if you want to make a joke you can say**).... Do we have any Carpenters fans here today?? (**And wait for the laugh**).

Natasia, even though you grew up as an only child, I hope you know that you’re like a sister to me. I’ve watched you go from a “working stiff...”... I meant when we pretended to be mannequins!!! (**Wait for the laugh**) to a talented, determined, strong willed businesswoman, one who appreciates style and knows how to share her taste, her vision, and her great merchandise! (**I did a little research and I think I discovered that Jeremy is connected to the Bread Café. If this is correct, do you want to say the following? If not, just leave it out**). I also have to say that when we “made our rounds” all those years ago, tearing up the town, a couple of things were very obvious to me.... I’ve already said how devoted we were to bagels.... and I always knew that one day you’d be a huge success... and would most probably be “**rolling in dough**...” funny how things work out...To Jeremy and the Bread Brothers Bagel Café.... there **ARE NO ACCIDENTS**!!! Sometimes the dreams you wish for really **do** come true and are even better than the wish!!! Just remember... **Love wins**... even over a **THOUSAND AND ONE** varieties of cream cheese!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

(**Do you want to propose a toast? If not, you can just say the end**) Ladies and gentlemen, I invite you to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

To Natasia and Jeremy.... Destiny brought you together and true, deep love sealed the deal. May the two of you have a long and happy life filled with love and health, family and friends, and **cats**.... (**mention the name if Natasia has a cat now**) ... can’t forget \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, partnership, understanding, wonderful adventures, and lots and **LOTS** of bagels!!! Congratulations!! We love you! Thank you all!!