**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**ARTHUR BANIAN**

Hello everyone! For those of you that may not know me, I am Arthur and I am really happy and very honored to be Dan’s best man. Being here today, in this beautiful place, on this historic river, celebrating Sunny and Dan’s wedding, reminds us that although we all may have had a.... let’s say... **challenging** year ... **so far.**.. love wins... and family, friends, health, and happiness are everything. Of course, getting married during a global pandemic presented its challenges.... Sunny and Dan had to figure out how to arrange and rearrange plans, how to work within the new rules to insure safety and compliance.... and they had to cut the guest list.... **NO**... Wait a minute... that was because of Covid 19??? **OHHHHHHH** ... I thought less people agreed to attend because they were scared of what a **keto-centric** wedding feast might look like.... (**Wait for the laugh)** but I think we can all see that this couple and their determination to be married, inspires all of us. To Dan’s family (**Name father, mother, and brothers**), \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and to Sunny’s family, I want to wish you all big, heartfelt congratulations. May this be the first of many happy, healthy, exciting extended family gatherings. To Sunny’s family and guests here, who have traveled from far and wide, I want to say, **yeoboseyo** (**that means “hello” in Korean**), **eoseo** **osibsio** (**That means “welcome” in Korean**), and, of course... for those of you really trying to get a better understanding of Dan, **BEOTEO JOM NEOMGYEOJUSEYO”** ... please forgive my pronunciation.... which, I have been told, means, “Please pass the **butter**” (**Wait for the laugh**).

As I said earlier, I am really honored to be here as Dan’s best man. We’ve known each other for almost our entire lives.... I guess you might say we go back to almost the beginning of our lives.... the **PRE-K** years.... no... **NOT** before kindergarten... that would be **REALLY** long... I mean **PRE-KETO**.... Yes. I suppose I’m a unicorn of sorts. I actually knew Dan when he still ate **sugar**.... (**Wait for the laugh**). We've been best friends since middle school and we’ve had a great friendship and a strong bond throughout our lives. No matter where life or circumstances may lead us, I know one thing for sure, and that is that it’s an honor to “stand up” today for this great guy. (**Do you want to say**)..... of course, in the past, we might **NOT** have been able to stand up for each other.... but that was then and I **SWEAR** I don’t remember **a thing**...(**and wait for the laugh**).

Yes. Dan and I have had... and **will have**, some great times together. I’ve witnessed him go from an adventurous, inquisitive kid to an adventurous inquisitive young man, one so dedicated to learning... to always knowing **MORE**... I don’t know if many of you know this, but Dan **ACTUALLY** managed to spend an **EXTRA** year in college (**Do you want to name the school?**)..... \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I still wonder what drove him... his natural **THIRST** for knowledge.... or his dedication to “the college experience???” (**Wait for the laugh**)

One day, back in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Dan’s life as he knew it, was about to change... He met Sunny and I think we can all agree that her name says it all. Sunny, thank you for coming along when you did, for recognizing all the good that my best friend is, and for being you. Dan is smart, enterprising, dedicated to life’s pursuits, and passionate about all that he believes in. You definitely complete him and together, you’ve shown us just how powerful love, humor, respect, and determination can be.

(**Propose a toast here**)

Ladies and gentlemen, I want to ask you to raise a glass as I propose a toast... Dan, you can raise a Diet Coke (**Or name a non-alcoholic keto friendly drink he likes and wait for the laugh):**

To Sunny and Dan...Here’s to a life filled with love and health, happiness and prosperity, wisdom and partnership, friends, family, and more than you might every wish for! Congratulations!! Thank you all.