**Speaker:** Mark Vandal

**Speech Type:** Best Man

**Speech Preface:**

Since you want this to be more of a roast along with being the Best Man speech, be sure to be smiling right away when it is your time to give the speech. While people are clapping while you stand to give the speech, it would be wise to shoot a glance at your brother like “you’re in for a good one” and make it very obvious to everyone with that glance so hopefully the crowd catches it and it foreshadows what is about to come.

**Speech:**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen, it’s a pleasure to be here tonight witnessing this great event between Todd and Brooke. For those of you who don’t know me, I am the groom’s big brother and best man. So, that makes me a little more important than most of you. I have been asked to keep the story's about Todd clean, and to try not to embarrass him too much, but growing up as Todd's older brother I realized I just can’t. I mean, what is the point of being the best man if you cant make fun of the guy a little bit.

I’d like to thank Brooke's parents(insert names) for hosting what so far has been an absolutely beautiful wedding. We might not know each other that well yet, but I can honestly say that from the kindness you have shown so far you are truly amazing people that I admire.

Now for the fun stuff, what do you all say? (laugh a little while saying this so people understand it is going to get funny) It couldn’t have been easy watching your only daughter marry someone like Todd, I mean look at the guy, don't let the tux fool you. I tried warning Brooke in the beginning to run while she could but she just didn't listen. Brooke, don't say I didn't warn you.

I first met Todd when I was 3 1/2. I was sitting on the floor at home watching cartoons when along came in this crying whining needy little baby, well at least the Doctors said he was a baby, the verdict is still out on that. I vividly recall thinking, “what have my parents done to me”. Today, I keep asking myself the same question. I don't want to take all the credit, but basically his whole lie I have taught him everything he knows. When he was a “baby” I taught him how to crawl. I feel like sometimes I still catch him practicing that, he’s a slow learner. Growing up we had an in ground pool. You know, because our family was classier than those above ground pools. One day he went outside and jumped in the pool in his “sleepers”, yes I said “sleepers” for some reason he called them that, I think it was from the lack of oxygen from being in the pool. As a child he fell out of the back seat of our parents moving car and was sitting in the middle of St. Mary's Rd. Looking back on it now, I think our parents were trying to get rid of him.

Growing up he enjoyed playing sports with me and my friends. He was my shadow, except he didn't go away when it got cloudy. Throughout high school and until mid twenties he worked at McDonald's. At McDonald's he was a "player" with all the girls. He would have girls crying at work as they were all jealous of him talking to other girls. His favorite line was "You couldn't handle it' and they all fell for it. He nick-named it “the truth” because he knew girls can’t handle the truth. He even had a girl come in on her day off, pick up his car and go wash it. Every Thursday night he went to his favorite bar "Boogie nights" where he was a VIP. Of course his entourage of girls from McDonald’s went. Todd would party until early morning and then realize that he was supposed to work later on that morning. He would have one of his girlfriends call pretending to be our MOTHER and say he was sick and not able to work today. Once he over used this excuse he would fake an ankle injury and go to the doctors and get a doctors note. I as well worked at Mcdonald’s as a manager and the other managers would always ask me early in the week if Todd will be in on Friday. Brooke, you really are getting a keeper it sounds like.

After a while Todd realized he was not a person who could work at a job with structure and a schedule. Hell, he had been through the entire pool of girls and realized he needed to do something else. Todd decided to buy an existing landscaping company. This was perfect for him in the beginning. He can continue his life as a "bar star" and work only when it snows. He then realized that landscaping is something he is actually very good at and can actually make a living doing it. Heck, he can even move out of our dads house. When Todd started the company he had 1 truck and a couple of employees and today he has 4 trucks and up to 15 employees at certain times. I must say though that that he does an exceptional job of hiring. Only hires blondes to do the grass cutting and they don't even have to speak english. Recently Todd became a father to a beautiful baby girl, Kailynne. He will be an excellent dad. He is smart and cunning in case you haven't been able to tell so far, furthermore he truly is an exceptional person. She will have him wrapped around her little finger. If Brooke says no to her Todd will definitely say yes. He always had a problem saying no to woman.

It seems though he really found a keeper with Brooke. She lays out his clothes for the day and packs his lunch. When we play tennis Brooke packs his bag for him. Recently, we were in Minneapolis on a business trip and every morning he would ask where is my hat, where is wallet, what should I wear today and on it went. I don't know how she does it. I guess that is why they are getting married, she keeps him together, clearly he needs her in his life.

Todd likes to do this kinda backwards and I say this in the nicest way, because I would say for most people this wouldn't work. Most people get married, buy a house, get a pet and then have a baby. Key words in that sentence being “most people.” Well Todd preferred it a different way. She moves in, brings her dog and along with his 2 dogs they now have a farm, gets her pregnant and then they get married. Way to stick it to the system Todd, you really showed society you can be different and still be functional.

In all honesty everyone, Todd and Brooke are going to make an amazing couple, they are both so loving and caring and the compliment each other so well.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, if you will raise your glasses with mine. I would like to propose a toast, a toast to the longevity of Todd and Brooke’s marriage, to the love and respect that these two share with each other now and forever more. The love that you two share will set an example for all those who come in contact with you.

(Toast)

And Todd, one last thing I would like to remind you of. Today, when Brooke said “I do,” what she was really saying is, “ I don’t do ‘that’ anymore.”