**Moropane Speech [EZ Speech No. 16494]**

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Remarks by Mr. Dinky Moropane at the 55th birthday celebration for his wife, [NAME].

hello, everybody! i’m so very grateful that you were all able to join us here on this most auspicious and joyous occasion — the occasion of my wife, [name]’s 55th birthday.

now, [name] morpane is a most remarkable women, and i come here this evening to sing her praises. and perhaps the highest praise i can give her — aside from the fact that she’s an absolutely *wonderful* wife and mother — is the fact that she knew right from the start of our relationship that i’m an avid, and that — as a consquence — she was a “widow” before we were even married — a golf widow, that is. and, happiest of happies, she didn’t mind it a bit. somehow she understood instinctively that i not only loved the game of golf, but that i *needed* it.

if there are any golfers with us today — and i know who you are! — you know what a terrific stress-reliver golf can be. There’s just something about smashing a golf ball with all your might that’s downright therapeutic. and [name] seemed to understand this in a most profound way, even though she herself doesn’t play. that’s one of the reasons i so cherish [name], because she “get’s it,” she understands why ***i*** need to play.

now, having said that, it must also be said in all honesty that [name] is a quite possessive woman. while i can assure you that she’s got absolutely no reason to doubt my loyalty and fidelity to her, she still manages — after, what? [no.] years of marriage — to get upset and sulk around the house for days if i should ever return home a little too late for her liking after a night out with friends or at the office. and god forbid if i happen to glance at another woman while we’re out together at our gym! talk about jealousy: Do you know that, soon after we were married, she found my cell phone and deleted all the female names from its directory — including a bunch of my business associates and other commercial contacts!

[to your wife] well, [name], i hope you’ve learned by now that you’ve got nothing to worrry about with me. i love you so much, and there’s not another woman in this world i’d rather be married to, or who could possibly make me happier than you do.

you’re everything a man could ask for. you’re a wonderful housekeeper and a dutiful wife. you took the time and trouble to visit my late sister, [sister’s name] in my old village to learn how to cook some of the traditional foods of the [name of tribe/people/sect] people that i love. Needless to say, she could have lived the entire rest of her life without ever tasting [1st traditional food], [2nd traditional food], or [3rd traitional food]. but she knew that these were some of my all-time favorite dishes, and so she mastered the art of cooking them. [to your wife] i can’t tell you, [name], how much this has meant to me!

what else can i tell you about my heartthrob, [name]? well, i can tell you she’s got a black belt in shopping. as much as i love to golf, [name] loves to shop. whenever we travel overseas together, we simply go our separate ways: me to the nearest pub for a beer or two, and [name] off to the nearest shopping center. and of course, like all inveterate shoppers, [name] never uses a list. women don’t need list to shop for themselves. they always know exactly what they need and — more importantly — what they’ve simply *got* to have, don’t’cha know? — especially if it’s something that none of her friends has yet. needless to say, I’ve learned long since that it’s a large and dangerous eerror for any man to get in the way of hungry female shopper on safari to the nearest sale.

i do marvel, [name], at how wonderfully you’re able to amble so seamlessly and effortlessly between the many roles you’re called upon to play every day — loving wife, mother to our [number of gener of childlren], full-time employee at [name of her place of employment], and wonderful dinner hostess and party planner. you’ve got it all, my darling, and i couldn’t be more grateful that you’ve managed to put up with me these last [no.] years.

i know it couldn’t’ve been easy for you. there were many obstacles before and after our marriage. there always are when two people from different cultures try to carve out a life for themselves together. but she’s stood strong against all the societal pressures and family suspicions aimed toward us over the years, and her love and devotion has never faltered. [name] has a brave heart and an iron will — and these are only two of the many qualities i admire about [name].

[to your wife] so thank you for everything, [name], for everything you’ve given me, for your patience and understanding, and for being the best wife a man could ever hope for. your love means the world to me, and i hope only that i have been, and will continue to be, worthy of it.

thank you.

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