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Remarks by Maid of Honor, Van Nguyen, on the occasion of the marriage of her cousin and dear friend, Nam Dinh.

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hello there, everybody. i feel so honored to be asked to say a few words here this [afternoon/ evening] at nam and tri’s wedding, but truly, this is a triple honor for me.

the first honor is that not only is nam my cousin, but she’s also my dear, dear friend. we grew up together, as you probably know, and i can tell you, we’re way more like sisters than like cousins. she’s been an absolute blessing in my life. we’ve gone through a lot together over the last [number of] years, and it’s been a huge honor for me to have shared such a big part of my life with her.

then, when nam announced that she was finally going to get married to tri — they’d been seeing

each other, long distance, for about [number of] years — and she asked me to be her maid of honor, i felt so happy and blessed all over again. and so that’s why i feel triply honored tonight: first, to be nam’s friend . . . second to be her maid of honor . . . and now to be asked to say a few words at her wedding.

[pause]

there are so many wonderful things i could say about nam, i hardly know where to begin. that she is gorgeous, elegant, beautiful and chic goes without saying. just look at this lovely bride! [gesturing to tri] tri, my friend, you’re one lucky son-of-a-gun to have won this wonderful woman’s heart! but here’s the thing: this gorgeous woman is as beautiful on the inside as she on the outside. she is loving and caring and giving and sensitive and supportive, and

she’s always been there for me, through all the ups and downs of our lives. she was at my bedside when i gave birth to my [son/daughter], [name of baby], and i’m looking forward to being there when you and tri have kids.

now, to be perfeclty honest, i must tell you that one of the most endearing defining characteristics of nam’s personality is her sweet tooth. and oh, what a sweet tooth it is — particularly when it comes to chocolate! nam ***loves*** chocolate. chocolate and coffee. in fact, when they were deciding on the menu for this [afternoon’s/evening’s] festivities, here’re the courses nam herself recommended:

*for the appetizer:* red velvet cupcakes.

*for the main course:* chocolate eclairs.

*for salad:* cocolate mousse.

*and for desert:* chocolate ship cookies, washed down with some strong espresso coffee.

[pause for laughter]

i’m kidding, of course — but i’d bet a dollar to a krispy kreme donut that she’d be perfectly happy with a menu just like that!

and there’s something else that nam’s really sweet on, and that’s a one mister tri dinh, her now-husband. he is, according to her, the sweetest man she’s ever known, and i can tell you: she looks like a kid in a candy store whenever she’s around him.

but tri’s a lot more than sweet. he’s calm and patient and outgoing, and very hardworking. he loves his family, and he’s a very family-oriented man. tri loves nam unconditionally and is totally

considerate of her feelings and needs. as in the case of all true lovers, tri feels and acts always as

if nam’s happiness and well-being are equally important to him as his own.

i truly believe that the marriage of tri and nam dinh, was a match made in heaven. and as the two dinh families merge together thru this wedding in the vietnamese tradition, i see a wonderful future for both of them. [if you speak vietnamese:] in the word’s of an old vietnamese blessing: "trăm năm hạnh phúc,” which means, "may you find Happiness for 100 years". [raising a glass] so let’s all raise our glasses to the newlyweds, mr. and mrs. dinh, and let us drink with cheer to love and laughter and to happily ever after. i love you guys from the bottom of my heart!

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