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Remarks by Sarah Ruff on the occasion of the marriage of her sister, Sydney.

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hello there, everybody. AS MOST OF YOU KNOW, I’M SARAH RUFF, AND I’M SYDNEY’S BIG SISTER. BUT UNLIKE SYDNEY, I’M NOT ONLY UNACCUSTOMED TO PUBLIC SPEAKING, I’M ABSOLUTELY *TERRIFIED* OF IT. I WAS ALL COOL WITH THIS WHOLE “MAID OF HONOR” THING *UNTIL* THEY TOLD ME I HAD TO GIVE A SPEECH. SO PLEASE BEAR WITH ME AS I ATTEMPT TO PUT SOME ACTUAL SENTENCES TO­GETHER TO HONOR SYDNEY AND ROBERT’S MARRIAGE.

NOW, SYD AND I HAVE BEEN VERY CLOSE ALL OUR LIVES, AND I’M PRETTY SURE SHE’S FORGIVEN ME BY NOW FOR THE TIME, WHEN WE WERE [AGES, RESPECTIVELY], WHEN I BIT HER ON THE [LOCATION OF BITE]; AND THAT TIME, WHEN WE WERE [AGE & AGE] WHEN I ACCIDENTALLY BROKE HER THUMB — I SWEAR TO GOD, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT . . . IT REALLY WAS!

AND LEMME TELL YOU: IT’S A VERY [DAMNED] GOOD THING THAT SYDNEY’S SO FORGIVING AND UNDERSTANDING. [TO YOUR SISTER] DO YOU REMEMBER, SYD, THAT TRIP WE TOOK TO BOSTON WHERE SOMEONE MYSTERIOUSLY CUT SUDS**\*** YOUR HAIR IN THAT HOTEL ROOM ONE NIGHT? I HAVE NO IDEA WHO POSSIBLY COULD’VE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT.

 AND THEN THERE WAS THAT TRIP WE TOOK TO [NAME OF CITY/PLACE] AND OUR ALARM CLOCK ACCIDENTALLY WENT OFF AT MIDNIGHT AND YOU JUMPED OUT OF BED AND STARTED RUNNING AROUND LIKE A DECAPITATED CHICKEN LOOKING FOR YOUR PANTS? I’M SURE YOU REMEMBER THAT, TOO, DON’T YOU? WHO COULD FORGET SUCH FUN TIMES, EH?!

BUT MY DEAR SYSTER SYDNEY’S NOT ONLY A FORGIVING PERSON, SHE’S ALSO THE KINDEST, MOST LOVING, WARMEST, AND MOST HARD-WORKING PERSON I’VE EVER

KNOWN. SHE’S ALSO FUNNY AS HELL, WHICH I’M SURE COMES IN MIGHTY HANDY WITH ALL THE SPEECHIFYING SHE DOES AS A [NAME OF HER PROFESSION] — I ONLY WISH *I’D* INHERITED THAT GENE FROM OUR PARENTS! SYD ALSO LOVES DOGS, AND SO DOES ROBERT, WHICH IS A VERY HAPPY COINCIDENCE. THEY USED TO DOG-SIT A LOT TOGETHER, AND I’M SURE THEY’LL HAVE DOGS AND BABIES ONCE THEY SETTLE DOWN IN THEIR NEW HOUSEHOLD — THOUGH IN WHAT ORDER I WOULDN’T HAZARD A GUESS.

NOW, AS YOUR MAID OF HONOR, SYD, I’VE GOTTA TELL YOU THAT, IN MY OPINION, YOU’VE LANDED ONE HELLUVA GREAT MAN AS YOUR HUSBAND. I MEAN, HE LOVES DOGS AS MUCH AS YOU DO, AND HE ALSO LOVES TO COOK — COULD ANY BRIDE ASK FOR A BETTER COMBINATION? BUT SERIOUSLY, I’VE COME TO KNOW AND love and appreciate ROBERT as a man of substance, who loves and cherishes YOU truly and deeply, WHO’S COOL WITH ALL YOUR QUIRKS AND FOIBLES AND IDIOSYNCRACIES, AND WHO TAKES

AWFULLY GOOD CARE OF YOU. WHAT MORE COULD A BIG SISTER ASK FOR?

 [GESTURING/TURNING TO THE GROOM’S PARENTS, IF THEY’RE IN ATTENDANCE] AND TO YOU, MR. AND MRS. [ROBERT’S LAST NAME], I MUST SAY THAT YOU COULDN’T *POSSIBLY* HAVE RAISED A MORE LOVING AND GRACIOUS AND COMPASSIONATE SON AS ROBERT. HE’S SO VERY, VERY LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS PARENTS, AND YOU SHOULD BE VERY, VERY PROUD OF HIM.

AND FINALLY TO YOU, SYDNEY AND ROBERT, I OFFER MY HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS, AND I WOULD ONLY REMIND YOU OF WHAT CHEF GUSTEAU SAID NEAR THE END OF THE PIXAR FILM, *RATATOILLE*: “YOUR ONLY LIMIT IS YOUR SOUL.” NOW IN CLOSING MY LITTLE SPEECH — THANK *GOD*! — I’D LIKE TO PROPOSE THIS TOAST, [TO THE AUDIENCE] IF YOU’LL ALL PLEASE JOIN ME. [RAISE A GLASS] TO SYDNEY AND

ROBERT: I PRAY THAT GOD WILL BLESS THIS MARRIAGE AND KEEP YOUR LOVE STRONG. MAY YOUR LOVE BE EVER INCREASED, AND MAY IT NEVER BE SUBTRACTED. MAY YOUR HOUSEHOLD MULTIPLY, AND MAY YOUR HEARTS NEVER BE DIVIDED. MAY YOUR GRASS ALWAYS BE GREEN AND YOUR SKIES FOREVER BLUE. MAY YOUR DOGS NEVER POOP ON THE CARPET OR PEE IN THE HALL. MAY YOU LOOK BACK ON THIS DAY ALWAYS AND REMEMBER HOW VERY MUCH YOU LOVED EACH OTHER RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT. AND FINALLY: MAY YOU LIVE AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND NEVER WANT FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE. GOD BLESS THE TWO OF YOU!

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**\***I have no idea what this means, so if it’s inappropriate or unintelligible in this context, please feel free to remove this reference.