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Remarks by Mr. John Tran at the wedding of his daughter, Kali.

well, hello there, everybody! it’s so great that we could all be together tonight for this WONDERFUL occasion. yes . . . my little girl’s getting married, and HER MOTHER and i COULDN’T BE HAPPIER.

now, any of you fathers out there who’ve walked YOUR daughter down the aisle at her wedding knows the temendous mix of feelings GO through at a time like this. on the one hand, yes, you’re losing a daughter — though, of course, she’ll never stop being, at least in your mind, “daddy’s little girl.” but on the other hand, you couldn’t possibly be *happier* because you realize that your little girl’s marrying the man of her dreams, a man of substance who loves and cherishes your daughter truly and deeply, just as you’d PRAYED her husband would. and gaining such a wonderful son-in-law as michael [mike?] fallert makes kiana and me happier than we could possibly express.

NOW, ANYONE WHO’S KNOWN KIANA OR MICHAEL FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME IS SURELY CONVINCED THAT THE LOVE AFFAIR BETWEEN THESE TWO NEWLYWEDS WAS TRULY A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN, FOR THEY HAVE SO VERY MUCH IN COMMON, BESIDES THEIR MUTUAL LOVE OF ALL THINGS DISNEY, WHICH YOU CAN OBVIOUSLY TELL BY THE THEME THEY SELECTED FOR THEIR WEDDING.

TO TELL THE TRUTH, THEIR MATCH WAS *ACTUALLY* MADE — OR AT LEAST FINALIZED — AT DISNEYLAND. KALI WAS THERE WITH A BUNCH OF HER GAL PALS WHEN SHE NOTICED A GROUP OF FOLKS NEARBY TAKING PICTURES, AND IT LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE TAKING PICTURES OF *THEM*! AS THE TWO GROUPS MOVED TOWARD EACH OTHER, OUT FROM THE PICTURE-TAKING CROWD POPPED HER BOYFRIEND, MICHAEL, WHO FELL TO HIS KNEES, PLUCKED A RING FROM HIS POCKET, AND ASKED KALI TO BE HIS BRIDE. IN THE HISTORY OF AMBUSHES, THIS WAS WITHOUT A DOUBT ONE OF THE GREATEST! HOW FITTING THAT KALI AND MIKE BEGAN THEIR JOURNEY AS A COUPLE IN THE SHADOW OF A MAGIC KINGDOM.

BEYOND THEIR SHARED LOVE OF DISNEY, THEY’RE BOTH ENORMOUSLY PASSIONATE, CARING, AND COMMITED PEOPLE. THEY BOTH WORK HARD AT EVERYTHING THEY DO, AND NEVER QUIT BEFORE THE JOB AT HAND IS DONE. THEY BOTH CARE DEEPLY ABOUT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR FRIENDS, MANY OF WHOM THEY’VE HAD FOR YEARS.

AND THEY’RE BOTH ABSOLUTELY GA-GA ABOUT DOGS. IT’S SO GREAT THAT NEITHER OF THEM TURNED OUT TO BE A CAT PERSON OR, WORSE, SOMEONE ALERGIC TO PETS ALTOGETHER! LET’S HOPE THEIR DOGS END UP BEING AS COMPATIBLE WITH EACH AS KALI AND MICHAEL ARE!

[TONGUE-IN-CHEEK] NOW, AS EVERYBODY KNOWS I *NEVER* GIVE ADVICE THAT ISN’T ASKED FOR. BUT IN THIS CASE, I’ll RESCIND THIS POLICY ONLY TO TELL YOU, KALI AND MICHAEL, THAT THERE ARE TWO SIMPLE KEYS TO A HAPPY AND LONG-LASTING MARRIAGE. THE FIRST IS COMMITMENT, AND THE SECOND IS HONESTY IN ALL THINGS.

IF YOU GUYS REALLY MEANT THAT “TILL DEATH DO US PART” vow, THEN YOU KNOW THAT NO AMOUNT OF DAY-TO-DAY TRAVAIL, OR EVEN THE OCCASIONAL CRISES OF LIFE, CAN TEAR TWO PEOPLE APART who ARE truly in love with each and WHO ARE deeply COMMITTED TO each OTHER’s happiness.

AND I’M SURE I DON’T HAVE TO TELL either of you HOW IMPORTANT HONESTY is, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OTHER. AND REMEMBER, MICHEAL, THAT WOMEN *honestly* BELIEVE THAT THE LAST WORD IS ABSOLUTELY THEIR BIRTHRIGHT. SO DON’T MESS WITH THAT, SON, for YOU’LL DO SO ONLY AT YOUR PERIL.

AND with THOSE BITS OF profundity, i’d like to close my remarks with a SHOUT-OUT of thanks and appreciation to [name], KALI’S MAID OF HONOR AND ALL HER BRIDESMAIDS; and to [name], MICHAEL’S BEST MAN AND ALL HIS GROOMSMEN, FOR MAKING THIS EVENT SO VERY, VERY SPECIAL. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

AND FINALLY, I’D LIKE TO OFFER THIS TOAST: [RAISING A GLASS TOWARD THE BRIDE AND GROOM] KALI AND MICHAEL:

MAY YOU NEVER FORGET BAMBI’S OBSERVATION THAT *“LOVE IS A SONG THAT NEVER ENDS,”* AND SO MAY *YOUR* LOVE BE ENDLESS — ALWAYS ADDED, AND NEVER 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.

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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