

Ladies and gentlemen,

If I could have your attention--and if not, I'll just assume you're more interested in the cake--I'd like to say a few words. For those who don't know me, I'm the bride's older brother, and today I'm living proof that she does have at least one good decision-making moment in her life--choosing me to embarrass her today!

Now, let me just say, when my sister introduced us to her new 'friend' a few years ago, we knew he was different. First of all, he laughed at Dad's jokes, which we all know takes a very special kind of patience and talent.

As a brother, it's been my job to tease, protect, and annoy her, sometimes all at once. But as her now-husband knows, he's taken over some of those duties. Good luck with that, because if you think getting the last piece of cake at a family dinner is hard, wait till you have to decide who controls the TV remote.

But seriously, looking at how happy you both are today, I have to say it's truly heartwarming. You complement each other perfectly. Like two peas in a pod--or maybe more like peanut butter and jelly.

While you venture into this new chapter holding hands, just remember: marriage is like a walk in the park. Jurassic Park.

In the spirit of this joyful occasion, let's raise a glass to more love, laughter, and fewer disagreements over who left the milk out! To the happy couple!