



Betty
and
Romain's
wedding
dinner

Thank you



Good evening everyone!

I can't believe we are all gathered here tonight...after more than 15 months of preparation, and trust me it is not **THAT** long. In this room, there are people Betty and I have known for over 30 years, and some people we met this morning! We have guests from 9 different countries – it reminds us of the waiting room in the Immigration Office in Seoul!

Jokes aside, we are delighted everyone made it to this wedding celebration. We would like

to start by saying a big “thank you” to each and every one of you for your presence and support.

Technically, Betty and I have been married for over 2 years, but we wanted to organize this event to spread the joy with our loved ones and also tell the world that, once again, Love wins!

For anyone who doesn't know the backstory — it all started as a little travel romance 5 years ago, and there's been a few bumps on the road leading us to be here as husband and wife tonight.

In the beginning, she was in Taiwan, and I was in Korea, so for the first year, we had to fly

to see each other once every few months. And then BOOM! Covid...couldn't fly anymore...We even considered developing our own vaccine at some point so we could reunite faster!

Since the travel restrictions didn't show signs of being lifted anytime soon, Betty took a gamble and moved from Taipei to Seoul... but spent over a year bouncing from one short-term visa to another to stay in the country.

So yeah, it was not easy at first. And when you are not sure what the future looks like for you and your partner, sometimes it makes you ask yourself "Is all this craziness worth it?".

The answer is yes. You see, it is a little like assembling an IKEA kitchen without instructions: you are confused, you don't have the right tools, you are missing a screw, maybe two, oh no the drawer is upside down, you are frustrated, you have no idea what you are doing...but you keep going no matter what, because you want that kitchen finished before dinner time!

So yeah, here we are...the metaphorical kitchen! But to be honest, we had quite some help putting it together, and we would like to take a moment to thank a few people who made a big difference.

Sandy, Jason: Do you like France so far? You came all the way from Taipei to celebrate with us, I can't believe it. Thank you for raising a kind and loving daughter like Betty. She brings positivity and happiness into the life of everyone around her, me the first, and it's all thanks to you. I am not only honored to be part of the Lo family but also feel blessed you let me steal her from you! Sharing is caring, right?

Maman, Papa: I counted: we have been on the phone 246 times since January last year when we started planning this wedding. That's a total of 2 days and 24s. Thank God for 5G, am

I right? Apart from that, you have been our recon team for the venue, our emotional support hotline, our surrogate wedding planners...and let's not forget all the physical labor you did for us! Yeah because guess who wrapped a 100 honey pots?...those two over there! Thank you so much!

Benoit: You have been part of my life for 13 years now, and you have known Betty the longest among our guests tonight. I can't believe you flew from Seoul to be here with us today. Words just can't describe what it means to us. I love you, man. Less than Betty, but still love you!

Adrien: You probably had no idea what was coming for you when you accepted to be our MC. The past few weeks must have been quite an adventure for you, with all the planning, phone calls on the train, drafting scripts, etc. Now you are ready to be Google's next CEO! Today wouldn't be today without you. Thank you so, SO much!

Justine: If it wasn't for you, Betty would still be at the dress store today, trying to make up her mind between a white dress and...another white dress. Thank you for keeping her (and us!) from going crazy!

I would like to add a special

mention for all the amazing people backstage: Gabrielle, Alexandre, Antoine, everybody at Le Cadet, Isaac, Valentin, Laetitia, Pia & Wesley, who made Betty the prettiest girl tonight, Eddy, Alexandra...without all of you, we would be doing this at McDonald's! Thank you so much!

And wait: how bout everyone else in this room?! Whether you are close family members or friends of friends, whether you live 5 minutes walk from here or 15 hours flight away, your presence here means the world to us. Merci beaucoup!

Now, we just have a few requests for you: be in love, be crazy, and

please PLEASE, help us make the rest of tonight something we will never forget.

Thank you!

Speech 4



Mesdames et messieurs, ladies and gentlemen,

My name is Jason Lo. I am Betty's father. And this is Sandy, her mother. Today, we gather here to celebrate Betty and Romain's wedding. I stand before you and my heart is filled with joy and pride. As I see them embark on a journey toward happiness.

Betty is my precious. From the first moment she was with us, our family was filled with laughter, warmth, happiness, and love. She had always been a sweet girl.

I'll tell you a story. One day, when she was little, I took her to a convenience store. I bought her a soft drink for 10 Taiwanese dollars. I took out a one-hundred-dollar bill and gave it to the clerk. He gave me back 90 dollars in coins. Betty grabbed the coins from my hand and dropped them all into the charity box. She was so little she didn't even know how much 90 dollars was. I never taught her to do that. She did it by her nature. And I was so proud of her.

Later she grew up to be a big girl—kind, loving, compassionate, generous, and pretty as always. I looked at her and I wondered who the luckiest man in the world

would be to marry her. Well, the answer is here. Romain, I am sure you know how lucky you are to marry Betty. And Betty, I know you feel the same way too, to marry the best husband in the world. I congratulate you both.

Romain, you've not only won my daughter's heart but the hearts of our entire family. We like you, not because you are tall, but because you are one kind, gentle, wise and considerate big boy. I am joyful as we have not only gained a son-in-law but also a dear friend. For the past some 25 years, I have done my utmost to treasure and protect Betty. And today, I hand her over to you. I trust you will love her and cherish her as much as I

do. Welcome to our family.

As to advice, I have no advice for you. My parents didn't give me any advice. You will learn to support and cherish each other all by yourselves. The only thing I can tell you is that marriage is like a roller coaster ride. It goes up and down. But it is fun. So, enjoy! And don't fall off!

I want to take a moment to express our deepest appreciation to Dominique and Alain, who have warmly welcomed us into their lives. I sincerely hope that in the near future we could manage a trip when we all go together, with the kids, maybe grandkids too. That would be the most

wonderful thing to do.

And now, I ask you all to raise your glasses, let us toast to the happy couple, wishing them a happy and eternal marriage.

Cheers!

Speech 5



Good evening, everyone,

Firstly, thank you all for coming, sometimes from afar, to be with Betty and Romain on this important day for them.

How to sum up 36 years of life with our Romain in 4 minutes? You might say, "Start from the beginning."

Approaching thirty and anticipating parenthood, we had read and understood everything about babies. The pregnancy went smoothly, for me, Dominique

was incredibly serene. She had decided to give birth in Toulouse. I missed the delivery, my mistake. So, I learned of Romain's arrival on a train platform in the early morning.

The first time I saw this little man, all my certainties were shattered. Nothing and no one can prepare you for that. After figuring out what we wanted to do, we learned to adapt to the baby who would dictate the rules for weeks, nights, months, and then years. Humility was a great lesson, as was the feeling of time slipping through our fingers. He was quickly joined by his brother; our hearts didn't balance; they simply expanded to encompass

them both.

We quickly resumed traveling: Creta, Corsica, the Club Med years, the Pierre et Vacances years, the first slopes in Avoriaz. Parents were quickly overtaken as the little ones grew up. And time continued to fly by. We went to Cuba, Florida, Canada. And then our tours of European capitals on November 11th: Barcelona, Amsterdam, London, Berlin, Brussels.

And then there was drawing. Romain, in high school, wanted to do comics. "Get your degree first," retorted the conservative parents. Senior year: it was time to decide. It would be Strate Col-

lege, but it was far. We found an apartment in Meudon, which would be his home for five years, one of which was spent in Detroit. He would later tell us that he felt like a little bird thrown out of the nest by unworthy parents. We accepted it; we watched our Romain grow from afar, mature, and fend for himself. Then we went to Korea; Skype was my friend.

Wonderful moments: a four-week road trip through Australia with the four of us, two weeks hopping from island to island in Fiji. Romain sketching in his inseparable sketchbook. And then more difficult moments: a bike fall while we were in Seoul. What to do? It was August, and Olivier,

his former drawing teacher, was our savior. Not easy from a distance.

Simple, priceless moments, like sharing a pizza in our favorite restaurant in Meudon. A weekend in Tokyo, where I heard our Romain babbling in Japanese with a laughing taxi driver. Climbing Halla san together, the volcano on Jeju Island, or riding horses in the Mongolian steppes. Some small miracles: a mission in France to attend and celebrate his Strate diploma. Job hunting, eventually returning to Korea and staying there just as we left for Russia. He would have to fend for himself again. The SAQ and then LG years, and

time seemed to fly by faster and faster. With Jérémie now in Switzerland, bringing all four of us together became a challenge. A Christmas in Moscow, then our sixtieth birthday celebration. Miraculously, I was in Seoul for his thirtieth birthday, which we could celebrate together. Covid didn't make things easier; thank you, Zoom. A shadow behind the webcam, we met Betty.

We met her in person at Christmas just over two years ago. We were in Geneva, and the kids were together, a rare happiness that we savored without moderation. Betty was adorable, always smiling, cheerful, a real joy.

We were fortunate to have them with us again in La Rochelle last year, this time with the opportunity to get to know Betty, to enjoy her curiosity, her smile. A ray of sunshine in the house. She won over uncles, brothers, and future cousins, in Paris, Bourges, Toulouse, Bordeaux, or in Touraine, her tour de France of families and friends. We never got tired of it; she is just too far away.

Thanks to Sandy and Jason for welcoming Romain into their family. We will have had too little time to get to know each other. I sincerely hope that the near future will give us the opportunity to reunite somewhere on this

planet.

We don't have children for ourselves, easy to say. Ultimately, if we're honest, it's our children who made us grow up. We were never perfect, but Dom and I are very proud of what you've become, and we are very happy to welcome Betty into our family and see you both so well together, carving your path, full of projects. As Dom has already said, please: Enjoy the journey!

And I propose a toast to wish all the possible happiness to our two lovebirds.

Speech 6



"Marriage is solving together the problems you would not have if you were alone."

I want to tell you the story of how I saw my brother grow into love, from when we were children to this beautiful day.

Let's start with the world of children.

We grew up always together and we had a fantastic time playing video games, painting figurines and at the skatepark.

I remember long nights playing Magic cards, or listening to the latest episode of comedic shows on the radio, dying of laughter at the antics of Niluge or Naheul-beuck.

Of course, as the oldest of the two, he also bullied me with rubber spiders.

When I had my first heartbreak, I doubted he would ever understand matters of love. I was wrong.

Growing up into adults, I learned a few things about Romain.

I was impressed with his ability to make valuable and durable

friendships. Some of his high school friends are here today!

He made friends everywhere he went, always intriguing them with silly stories and his trusted sketch book. I remember that lonely emu, drawn in the middle of the Australian bush. His view on the world sparks interest.

So with matters of love and empathy, he certainly has been doing something right.

Here is what I see today, Betty and Romain are welcoming us into their life. It's just start, it gets better from here.

The tenets of a good team, in my

view, are open communication, trust and perseverance.

Romain and Betty share a common life music, they have persevered through the hardships of distance, cultural adaptation and building a common life in Korea (of all places!)

Betty, especially, has shown curiosity, humour, kindness and a genuine, jovial willingness to engage with the world (and our family!)

With these two, I realized this was love and kinship when they showed us they have built their own little world. We don't always understand when they share pri-

vate jokes or when they burst out laughing out of nowhere, but it certainly is a pleasure to behold.

Personally, I believe this is a very good sign for your durable love story.

Through childhood, growing up and seeing them together today, I have learned a lot about my brother's heart.

Betty, Romain: you are powerful adults, never lose your beautiful inner-child, keep being a team and you will solve any problem in your life and love story.

The winds of change may rock your world, you two will raise the

sails and ride them gleefully.

Thank you.

Speech 7



Romain, we met at judo, when we were only 7 or 8 years old, or a few years later in middle school. Time has flown by!

It must have often felt like "a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away" to you. And yet, here we are at your wedding, just a few kilometers from where we started, and only a few years after those first moments we spent together.

But enough with the clichés. Today, Romain, you've married Betty. And it's Betty that we intend to share some childhood

memories of the man she has married. Because there must be some traces left of that not-so-distant Romain!

We propose a somewhat playful format: 4 truths, 1 lie; and probably some advice along the way...

Since adolescence, Romain has been using his drawing talents to captivate his friends' imagination.

The power of imagination... We used to play role-playing games when we were kids. Thomas was the master gamekeeper, but Romain was definitely the one who could help visualize the characters. He already had remarkable

graphic talent: I lost the portrait Romain had made of my mad scientist on Tatooine, and it's a big regret for me!

Some memorable evenings were hosted at Romain's parents' house. He wasn't necessarily the most sober; a crate of his little brother's Lego paid the price.

The anecdote is true... but it wasn't Romain who was on the wrong side of the blocks. It was indeed one of our childhood friends, but not your dear master of ceremonies, nor any of your humble servants. Anyway, I promised some advice. If you have a child, remember to wash the Legos! And let them have the house to

themselves occasionally: it may entail some risks, it's not necessarily the best for their health, but it makes for fun memories... and it doesn't prevent them from becoming well-balanced adults.

Romain likes sports that aren't really sports.

Romain practiced a... activity... called baseball for a few years. If you ever settle down somewhere and there's space, expect to be throwing a ball around with Romain.

Romain almost had a crush... on my mother.

That's obviously false, but it con-

tains a truth my mother sometimes brings up. It proves that Romain knows how to leave an impression, and also knows how to be charming. You've experienced it, Betty!

It's time to put away the grandparents... Because while we're on the subject of the elderly - Mom, if you're listening... - Romain definitely knows how to handle the elderly; this time targeting Thomas's grandparents!

There was a time when Romain and Thomas were looking for work. Gently. By going for a walk to Mont Saint Michel, probably to benefit from the well-known help of cold water in getting your

thoughts straight. It turns out it was also the city of Thomas's grandparents. And the time wasn't very good for the family. After explaining the situation to Romain, he greeted it with words full of wisdom that resonate today on this wedding day: "you know, they've had a good life, and despite all that, look at the bond they share today!".

Romain is undoubtedly someone who has his share of complexity, but what emerges from the memories we've shared here is actually someone simple, kind-hearted, and delightfully quirky. Lucky you, Betty!

Speech 8



I recall the occasion when my wife and I were introduced to Betty back in November 2019, in Taipei.

Romain was positively brimming with excitement, much like an adolescent, and took great pride in introducing us to Betty, whom he had met a few months prior.

We had a delightful evening with our local guide, filled with fond memories, and it was evident that they were a well-suited pair.

Yet, as we bid farewell to Taiwan,

we couldn't help but wonder how a long-distance relationship between two individuals who barely knew each other would endure.

However, Romain has always had a knack for consistently surprising people, and the greater the challenge, the more committed he becomes.

The story of Betty and Romain is truly inspiring, proving this at every turn. They navigated through the trials of a long-distance relationship, uncertainties about the future, separation during the Covid pandemic, challenges in securing employment in Korea, visa complications, but today, they stand together, able to

wholeheartedly dedicate themselves to their lifelong love.

When I first met Romain in 2012, he was quite a different character than he is now. Sporting a Kpop-inspired haircut (hairstyles have certainly evolved over the years!), and a fashion sense that was up for debate. He was often found working overtime and weekends, following the Korean tradition, alongside some rather eccentric colleagues (let's hope they're not present tonight!).

I recall the endless conversations and debates with Benoit about the meanings of Korean words or expressions, although these occur far less frequently now, as Ro-

main has mastered the language of his adopted country over the years.

I later discovered that he kept several notebooks filled with his precious language learnings, not only Korean but also Russian and probably Mandarin now!

Romain's personality encompasses many facets: he's a social magnet, a true entertainer, adept at dad jokes, but also someone who can withdraw for months to immerse himself in completing a car design project, producing a musical album, or conquering an old-school video game with every side quest completed.

His musical tastes are as varied as the backgrounds of his friends, ranging from metal and rap to Jpop, with friends ranging from local old restaurant owners to Seoul influencers and celebrities.

I'm certain Betty will have a blast and never grow bored with a husband who probably feels like several people rolled into one.

To Betty and Romain, I extend my sincerest wishes for a joyous and enduring marriage, and I hope you both treasure this unforgettable day.

Speech 9



Dear friends, family, and guests,

Today, I stand here before you to celebrate a wedding that is dear to my heart. I am honored to be able to speak on this special occasion and share a few words about the Love with a big L that unite Romain and Betty.

Allow me to take you back to a time when adventure and unexpected encounters sealed the fate of our two lovers. It was in Taiwan, a beautiful country that played a crucial role in this love story. During this trip, Romain

had the chance to meet an extraordinary woman, someone who captured his heart at first sight. This special lady, as you may have already guessed, is our dear Betty.

I still remember the day I saw these two souls unite during their first date in Taiwan. It was a magical moment, a spark that ignited the fire of love in their hearts. And the next day, during their second date, I had the privilege of witnessing the beginning of their story. It was an honor to be present at this pivotal moment, to see love take shape before my eyes in a Tesla's car. Their love was so intense inside the vehicle that it seemed to electrify the

atmosphere to the point where the Tesla could have started even without a battery.

On December 28, 2018, less than a month after meeting Betty, Romain bravely chose to follow his heart and pursue this new blossoming relationship. Since that day, their love has only grown, flourished, and inspired us all. They are a couple that exudes harmony and happiness, and I can only be filled with joy seeing their happiness materialize today, through their marriage.

But the story doesn't end there. After their fiery encounter in Taiwan, Romain and Betty had to face a challenging reality: they

lived thousands of kilometers apart. Romain resided in Seoul, while Betty was based in Taipei.

For two long years, they maintained a long-distance relationship, bridging the gap through video calls, passionate messages, and visits as frequent as possible. But as we all know, true love is capable of overcoming the most arduous obstacles. Romain and Betty have gone through trials, sometimes heart-wrenching, but their love remained unwavering.

One of the greatest difficulties they had to face was related to visas. Betty wished to join Romain in Seoul, but the adminis-

trative formalities proved to be a real challenge. However, they never gave up on their dream of living together. Their perseverance and love guided them through these trials until they finally found a way to overcome the obstacles that stood in their way.

And today, we rejoice to see them here, united in marriage, ready to embark on a new chapter of their lives hand in hand. Their determination to overcome the difficulties of distance and administrative formalities testifies to the strength of their love and their commitment to each other.

Dear friends, let us raise our glasses to celebrate this love that has crossed continents and borders, to celebrate the determination and strength of Romain and Betty. May their marriage be a testament to their unconditional love and a promise of happy days to come.

To Romain and Betty, I send you my sincerest wishes. May your love continue to shine and inspire all those around you. May every moment of your life be filled with happiness, companionship, and eternal love.

