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Betty & Romain

# Speech 1



The Romapeño is a jalapeño pepper from the gender Diboinus Wildus that grows on the hills of the Parisian suburban city of Gif-sur-Yvette. Without proper handling, it can burn hands, mouths and also lower part of the body. For a long time, it was one of the spiciest pepper in the world. Its high spiciness is due to an extremely difficult maturation at the unripe adolescence stage, rendered difficult by its poor integration with the other peppers, resentment against the world of humans, and a love for hardcore forms of music.

If like me, you've tried the Romapeño at the beginning of the 2010s, you may have been completely seduced by the exquisite gustatory experience. Delicious, complex, fun, witty on the palate, but also just too spicy. Second to third degree burns may have subsequently occurred, making you desperately wanting to go for more while knowing you will get burned anyway.

Aware of its spiciness, the Romapeño began a quest for a cook able to handle and lower its spiciness on the island of Taiwan. And finally, on a fine day of December 2018, through an application bringing lonely peppers together, Tinderiño, he found her, the per-

fect chef, Betty.

Betty had a whole set of kitchenware and seasoning to counter the spiciness of the all-too-spicy Romapeño. More than anything, she had an incredible set of culinary skills : soft hands to bring down its burning crimson color to a beautiful softer red, a soothing voice to bring down its spiciness, and incredible listening skills to understand why the Romapeño was so spicy.

Romain and Betty, I think that by now, you understand the metaphor.

When I met Romain 13 years ago, he was a diamond in the rough. Intelligent, passionate, funny, full of a burning energy, but also rough and unpredictable. He also



had his secrets and traumas, some I was never able to decipher. The profound brotherly love that I feel for him was at times shaken by miscommunication and rough words from both sides.

This diamond needed to be chiseled, perfected. The pepper needed to be cooked properly.

And then he met you, Betty.

Betty, you are a smart, talented and incredibly patient human being. From the conversations that we had, I know that you are an exceptional listener. And as much as, during random parties, you lend me your ears for my drunken rants about my love life in Korea, I know that you have lent your ears (and pepper cooking skills)

to Romain as well. Through love, selflessness and sacrifice, you've made him better, more loving oothers, but above all, more loving of himself. Thank you for making Romain an even better version of himself. On a side note, I know Romaivery well, and he's madly in love with you.

Romain, we've been through so much together. I have so many memories with you in Korea that you became an inherent part of my life and midentity. Sometimes, I look in the mirror and I say to myself, I am, too, a Romapeño, I am a pepper.

Together we drove on the road of a friendship that at times was rocky, but I'm proud and profoundly happy to observe that 13

years later, we're still here. And today, to celebrate the most beautiful day of your life, I'm doing this speech. Thank you, my dear friend, for your renewed trust and congratulations for your wedding to one of the sweetest, smartest and most open-minded girl I've ever met.

# Groom's vow



My dearest Romain, or as I usually call you, Shrimpy,  
It feels like yesterday when you got down on one knee in front of the waterfall in Montpellier 2 years ago. My first reaction was, 'Are you sure?' I was just so overwhelmed by joy that I froze because it was a moment I had been secretly wishing for. I remember a rainbow appearing on the waterfall after the proposal as if the universe was smiling down on us.

It wasn't always smooth sailing in the beginning, because there was literally an ocean between



us. When the waters got rough, we held on to each other, knowing it was worth fighting for.

From the moment I met you, it felt right, like we were meant to be. The spark between us was something different, something undeniable. Sometimes I can be quite indecisive, but to become your wife was the easiest decision I've ever made.

My feelings for you haven't changed since Day 1, and the butterflies in my stomach, I think they are permanent residents by now.

A friend once asked me if I believed in soulmates and if I knew you were the one. I did -- whether it was the time you did the surprise visit to Taipei and showed

up next to my workplace or the countless little gestures you do, I knew. In those moments, it was as clear as day, like knowing your favorite band.

I hope everyone gets to experience this kind of love and find the love of their lives, their "one" because it's like discovering the perfect melody in your favorite song—it's endlessly comforting, impossible to forget, it's something you never get tired of and it makes you smile from your heart. With you, not a single day goes by without laughter.

It's been over five years together and you still manage to make me giggle like a schoolgirl.

You've shown me the bliss of feeling cherished and valued, provid-

ing me with a sense of safety, respect, and appreciation. You understand me like no one else can – with just one look you know when I'm anxious, and you know exactly how to calm me down. You encourage me to be more brave even when it's scary... that includes talking on a mic in front of 100 people.

I love how we find happiness in the little things. We lift each other when one of us is down. Our inside jokes and silly traditions—it's what make us "us".

You've always called me your clover because I bring you good luck. As I stand here today, I feel like the luckiest person in the world to call you my husband. I can't wait to build a family to-

gether because I know that you will be an amazing father.

I vow to continue to serenade you with hugs and post-it notes everyday

I vow never to give you movie spoilers

I promise you will always have my support

I promise to be the partner you deserve and never take you for granted

It's hard to express everything I want to say in a few minutes, but that's okay, I promise to spend the rest of my life making sure you know how much you are loved every day.

I can't imagine a life with anyone else but you, and

I would rather share one lifetime



with you than face all the ages of  
this world alone.

I love you.

# Bride's vow



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## Speech 2



Good evening, bonjour, everyone,

Thank you, Romain and Betty, for inviting me to this beautiful setting in France for your wedding. Believe it or not, this is my very first time attending a French wedding, and the experience has been absolutely incredible. Honestly, I was so unsure about the local customs that even brought a red envelope, just in case! You know, "When in doubt, give cash!" And let me tell you, choosing an outfit kept my wife up all night more than any thriller movie could.



Now, let's talk about Betty, our superstar People Head at Slasify. Having worked with Betty for years, I can confidently say she handlepressure better than a deep-sea submarine! No matter the chaos at work, she manages to smile it off. It's like she has a superpower that turnstress into confetti.

And then there's Romain, what a guy! Our first meeting wasn't in a typical setting but crammed into a karaoke room during the World Cup iTaiwan. While our friends belted out tunes, we were glued to a tiny iPad cheering on France. A big round of applause to the French team, thoughI could go on about football all night, but I better cut to the chase before

this turns into a sports commentary. Romain has been nothing but wonderful, patiently enduring my very basic English all evening. It's clear he's a keeper.

As someone who's been happily married for over ten years, here's a little piece of advice: always play nice and respect each other. It's not just the secret sauce to a happy marriage; it's like a daily dose of magic.

So, here's to Betty and Romain, may your lives together be filled with as much laughter, love, and joy as possible, and hopefully, less stress than a day at our office! Let's raise our glasses to a long, happy, and truly fabulous life together. Cheers to the lovely bride and groom.

# Speech 3



Thanks everyone, you came, some of you from very far away, to support Betty and Romain and witness them tying the knot.

When Romain came back from his first vacation trip to Taiwan he was delighted. So, when he announced 2 months later that he would spend the next vacation in Taiwan again, then ...we knew something deep was going on.

Indeed, we started to see pictures of Betty. Then came the Covid nevertheless Betty decided to join Romain and live in Korea, she courageously passed the first 2 week confinement in

complete isolation and then, visa expiration does it to you : you have to exit the country to get a new visa and come back for a second confinement, which she did: then I thought that these 2 were deeply committed, in such, respond to Khalil Gibran's precept.

when love beckons you, follow it, even if its paths are steep and difficult.

I will not patronize on what you need to be a terrific couple, you have it all already : open mind, curiosity and respect, mutual admiration learning to make concessions, helping each other hurdle after hurdle sharing joyous moments, not only, as St Exupery said, looking in each other's eyes



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