

Dear all,

I would like to start by thanking Steffen and Romi for welcoming us and asking us to be part of this memorable and magical moment. The union of 2 magnificent souls.

I met Steffen and Romi end of 2017 when I arrived in Zurich, where we both stayed in service apartment for a month.

Our service apartment had free flow of wine for apero.

After noticing that free wine was cheap, one evening I headed to the rooftop for a glass or 2 or 3. This swiss and sour wine managed to create a moment of friendliness, unity, and happiness and that was my first encounter with these 2 amazing characters.

But most importantly I noticed their precious black and white slobbery +1, Bello the untrained.

I used to have a dog, so I immediately hit it off with Bello. I remember that Steffen and Romi were so loving with him but also clumsy in attempting to make him follow any kinds rules, he was their precious. As dog whisperer, I took the opportunity to show off my skills and help in Bello education to become his godfather. The bond with Steffen and Romi started.

From that point onward, both became for me a beacon of hope and happiness with their contagious love and kindness. Their unconditional love was really inspiring and comforting.

When I met Romi, I told myself that she is strong, ambitious, stunning, very skilled in the art of selfies and pouring champagne, opinionated, is impressive in being always right when is wrong, later I also discovered that she cheats at Uno, but I am digressing. She is a real sparkle, full of joy and it is contagious.

When I met Steffen, I found part of myself in him. The positivity he showed and the way he carries himself. I saw this gentle giant who speaks softly and has this quiet but strong energy and is always ready for outdoor adventures. I told myself, he is a good man, and we will be friend. I discover a generous, kind, and compassionate man.

In 2017, today and in 10 years, I tell myself that I would like to see them with more puppies or else.

I admire the way they love each other that show their true level of commitment and passion. You have been living across continents and several countries multiples times such as Canada, US, The Netherland and Switzerland at some point of your relationship. You are an inspiration of dedication to all of us. You are going through difficulties like a wrecking ball.

Commitment is not always a very “sexy” word. Commitment is to “do what it takes to make the relationship successful”.

To make sacrifices and view yourselves as a team working on the project of a lifetime where you will have to find ways to compromise.

In a marriage, disagreement is inevitable, but remember, conflict is optional!

To both of you, your individual strength, passion, and love for each other that I had the chance to witness and be part tells me that you are heading together toward beautiful sunsets, full of prosecco, selfies, unique moment, and memories together.

It makes me happy to know that all of us here and the one could not be here today had and will have the chance to witness you grow together old and wrinkly. For all of us, being part of your journey is and will be unforgettable.

You are perfect for each other, the way you look at each other now with sparkles and tenderness is shining on us.

We love you dearly. I am thankful and grateful that you allow me to officiate this ceremony and I would like now that you give us the honor to exchange your vows.

Vow Stefan

Vow Romi

Before concluding I would like to say “Alf mabrouk ! Ma3a kamil moutamannyati”

I now declare your husband and wife.

To all, may I present you Mr. and Ms. Berkenkopf.