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Good evening, everyone. I'm Dustin. And I'm Felix. Hank asked us both to be his best man, because he could not choose, and because he knew neither of us could do this alone.

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So we're splitting it. I'll tell you the story, and Felix will tell you what I got wrong.

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Three summers ago, the three of us went camping at a lake. Hank had a tent he'd bought online, and he promised it was a three-minute setup.

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It took ninety minutes. At minute sixty, the tent folded in half with Dustin inside it. Dustin was holding a pole, and he wouldn't let go, so for a while he looked like a very serious flag.

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That is not what happened. I was holding it up for the team. Anyway, here's the part that matters. Hank didn't complain once. He read the instructions out loud, in a calm voice, like a pilot, and by dark we had a tent. It leaned a little. We called it the Tower.

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We slept in it for three nights, and it never fell down again. Hank said that was the whole secret: you keep going until it stands, and you don't blame the tent.

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Joy, we've watched Hank be patient with a tent, with traffic, and with the two of us. We think that makes him very qualified for marriage.

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He also has never once been late to help. When Dustin moved last year, Hank showed up at seven in the morning with a truck. When Felix's car broke down, he drove two hours to get him.

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Joy, what I'd like you to know is that you have made Hank the happiest we have seen him, and we have known him for twenty-two years. He smiles at his phone when it buzzes. We didn't know he had that smile. Felix says he saw it first, but I saw it first. He didn't.

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Hank, here's our promise to you. If the tent ever folds, we'll hold the poles. If the instructions are missing, we'll read the picture. And if you ever need two best men, you only have to ask, because it turns out we're better as a pair.

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Please stand, everyone. We'll count to three, and then raise your glasses to Hank and Joy. One, two, three!

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