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Hello, everyone. I'm Raj. Miguel and I have been best friends since we were eleven, which means I have a lot of material, and Sophie has asked me to use none of it. Sophie, don't worry. I'm going to use one story, and it makes him look great.

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It was Thanksgiving, and Miguel had decided to cook for twelve people for the first time. He'd read three recipes and watched four videos. He was ready. He put the turkey in the oven at noon, set a timer, and then, I'm sorry to say, went for a walk with me to look at the new park down the street.

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The walk lasted an hour. The oven, it turned out, was set to broil. When we got back, the smoke alarm was singing, the kitchen was gray, and the turkey was black on the outside and still pink in the middle. Twelve people were due in forty minutes. I looked at Miguel. He looked at the turkey. And then he started to laugh.

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Here's what I want you to notice. He didn't panic, and he didn't blame me for the walk. He called his mother, ordered four pizzas, and opened every window. When the guests arrived, he met them at the door with a big smile and announced the first ever Pizza Thanksgiving. Nobody cared about the turkey. They cared that he was happy to see them. We still talk about that dinner.

Sophie, you were at that dinner. You were the one who sat in the corner with a slice of pizza and told him it was the best Thanksgiving you'd ever had. I was standing right there, holding a pizza box, so I can confirm it. He told me later that was the moment he knew. I'd like to point out that it all started with my walk, so I'd like a little credit.

That's my best friend. He turns a smoking kitchen into a party. He's the person who makes every room feel like it was waiting for him. He makes a bad day into a story you want to tell.

Sophie, you're going to have a lot of dinners with this man, and some of them will go wrong. I promise you he'll make every one of them fun. Miguel, you picked well, and so did she. Everyone, please lift a glass to Miguel and Sophie.