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Good evening, everyone. I'm Bea, and I would like to take full credit for this wedding. Tamsin and Odette are both going to tell you it was a coincidence. It was not. It was a spreadsheet.

Part 2 2 / 11

Tamsin has been my best friend since the first week of our first jobs, when we both reached for the last chair in a training room. I met Odette at a trivia night in the basement of a library. Her team was called The Quiet Ones. They were not quiet. They were also winning.

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I watched Odette answer a question about bridges, a question about volcanoes, and a question about the national bird of a country I had to look up. She did it with a calm that I admired very much. I thought, I know exactly who needs to meet this person.

Part 4 4 / 11

The next week, I invited Tamsin to the same trivia night and seated her at the Quiet Ones' table. I said it was a team-building exercise. Tamsin said, 'I don't do trivia.' I said, 'Just sit.' She sat. Odette looked up, said 'Hi, I'm Odette,' and Tamsin, who knows everything about everything, said, 'I, um.' And then nothing.

Part 5 **5 / 11**

That was the first time in eleven years I had seen Tamsin without an answer. Then the host asked, 'What is the capital of Australia?' and everyone else at the table said 'Sydney.' Odette and Tamsin said 'Canberra' at the same moment, looked at each other, and my plan worked so well that I had to leave the room and sit in the hallway.

Part 6 **6 / 11**

They have been together four years now. They say they would have found each other anyway. I disagree. I believe in my spreadsheet.

Part 7 **7 / 11**

For the record, the spreadsheet had a column for each of them. Odette's said: Kind, funny, knows when to stop talking. Tamsin's said: Kind, funny, needs someone who knows the capital of Australia.

Part 8 **8 / 11**

Tamsin, you are the smartest and kindest person I know, and the only one who has ever been speechless at a trivia night. Odette, you made her speechless and then you made her happy. Those are two separate skills, and you have both.

Part 9 9 / 11

I should add that this has not been a one-way gift. Tamsin once drove ninety minutes to get me when my car quit, and she brought a thermos of tea, a blanket, and a deck of cards. We played six hands before the tow truck came. That is the kind of friend she is. She turns a breakdown into a party.

Part 10 10 / 11

Odette, welcome to our circle of friends. We have a very large group chat, a very loud holiday table, and a rule that nobody is allowed to say 'actually' before they have eaten. You'll do fine.

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Everyone, please raise your glass to Tamsin and Odette. May every question you ever face be one you can answer together, and may the last chair always be big enough for two.