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Hello everyone, if I could grab your attention for just a moment. For those of you who may not know me, I'm Taylor's younger sister, Ava and I have the honor of standing before you today as Taylor's maid of honor. Taylor, as we stand here on this breathtaking day

- IF THE WEATHER IS NICE: our entire family wants to tell you "WE TOLD YOU SO!" Taylor was certain that we would be caught in a downpour because her "weather app is always right", but check it out - the sun is shining and your wedding is picture perfect.
- IF THE WEATHER IS NOT NICE: surrounded by the love of our friends and family, I am overwhelmed with joy to be here with you today and watch you take this step into the next part of your life.

For as long as I can remember, Taylor has been my role model - and sometimes the most annoying sister ever - but mostly my role model. From my makeup guru days where I would steal your high end products for my "Youtube makeup tutorials", to my partner in crime, favorite person to shop with, and the best person to go to for advice, it has always been filled with laughter and endless love. My entire life, you have always been more than just a sister to me; you have been a second mother to me; while Mom and Dad were always consumed with Dillon, it was so comforting to know you were there for me. Thank you for letting me live in New York with you for a month during COVID, and for not getting upset with me when I steal all of your cute clothes. You were able to balance being a sister, a guardian, and a best friend perfectly, which is something only you could manage. You are the most supportive and dependable person, and I am so excited for you and Jeff to get married. That is, so we no longer have to deal with your constant drama and exaggerations... good luck Jeff! Kidding, of course. Jeff is such a lucky man to get to know you, you are both filled with laughter and love and I know that your time together will be so incredibly exciting.

I remember the first time Taylor ever told me about Jeff. Taylor sent me a text that sounded like I was turning on a true crime show. I got this text from Taylor on June 25, 2021, and she said: "Want to know something you can't tell mom or dad or AJ"... OF COURSE! Taylor, spill! I anxiously watched the three dots on my screen as she continued to type. "Take this to your GRAVE Ava" - is she trying to write a mystery novel? "I'll be so angry if you tell" come on Taylor... It's getting old. I am sure you are all anxiously waiting to hear what's next, just like I was. "I started dating this guy, and he's taking me to Turks and Caicos on July 20th. Lmao! He paid for the whole thing." At first, I was so excited for her. I thought, omg she is going to get so tan! But then, I began to worry. Who is this man? She's not telling my parents she's leaving the country? WHAT? I respond: "Is it like a random guy?" "I mean, it's been like a month", she replied. I said: "Omg. Don't get killed".

Taylor may be the queen of drama, but she is also the queen of intuition. She knew there was something so special about you, Jeff; she was flying to a foreign country with a man she had only known for a month, but thank god she did, and that I didn't stop her. So Jeff, thank you for taking my sister to Turks and Caicos and for not killing her. I, along with everyone else here, appreciate it. On a real note, thank you Jeff for loving Taylor the way you do. It is evident how happy you make her and how much you care for her. Your kindness and care is seen in little things - the way you look at her, the attentive way you listen when she speaks, and the way you give her your dinner meal if hers doesn't turn out as she had hoped. You are genuinely the most cheerful and happy person I have ever met, and I look forward to seeing you both that happy together for the rest of your lives.

As the two of you set out on this journey, I have no doubt it will be filled with all the beauty life has to offer. Together, you have found the balance between drama and humor, between strength and kindness. May we all raise a glass to the newly wed couple, to a lifetime of trips to Nantucket, Kiawah, and Turks. I am so happy for the both of you.