

An anatomical illustration of a human heart, rendered in a dark, textured style. The heart is shown from a slightly elevated, front-facing perspective, with its major blood vessels (aorta, pulmonary artery, and pulmonary veins) clearly visible. The illustration is set against a black background and is surrounded by a series of radiating dashed lines that create a sunburst or starburst effect around the heart's perimeter.

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INTRO



Hello, bonjour, buenos días, u hallo mitenang.

We are here today to celebrate a love story.

First, for those of you who don't know me, I'm Sue, and I will be your storyteller on this joyful occasion. I am happy to admit that love stories like the one of Loris and Tobias are my favourite to tell.

During the ceremony, I will be alternating between French, Swiss-German, and English. For those of you who don't understand one of these languages, please refer to the translation provided on arrival.

So, over the next 40 minutes, you will hear how we got here- the many twists and turns it took for us to be invited to the "Stufenbau" to celebrate the truly special story of these two. In order for you to experience the story without missing anything, I invite you to let the very capable team of photographers and videographers capture today's chapter of Loris and Tobias's story. All photos and videos will be made available to all of you.

These days, a lot of couples meet via a dating app. I'm sure many of us can tell all kinds of stories about people we met on Tinder, Purple Moon, Grindr or Badoo- Horror stories, funny anecdotes, but also stories of how things just worked out very naturally.

As we all know, the story of Tobias and Loris is of the latter category. And while not all of those stories become fairytales, this story definitely has. Although it would be more appropriate to call it a vampire fairytale.



PART I: THE FIRSTS



Once upon a time on their first date, Tobias and Loris both instantly knew they had just met someone special. "Tall, confident and sunny," are the words Loris used to describe his first impression of Tobias, which I find not only fitting but also so very sweet.

Tobias, however, told me that he didn't feel so sure of himself that day, mainly because he was wearing an eye patch following an operation. But it was also because Loris exuded his usual self-confidence. Impressed as much as intimidated, Tobias let him guide the conversation. Unsurprisingly, Loris wasted no time in taking the reins. Talking and talking and talking... to hide his own stress.

It took a good thirty minutes for him to discover that Tobias was in fact not a native French speaker! Loris felt a bit embarrassed for taking up so much space he did not realize that earlier. But he was also pleasantly surprised, because if Tobias's love for the Romandie is equal to anything, it's Loris's love for German-speaking Switzerland. And that was only the first common interest they discovered. Along the way, Loris and Tobias built their story in four languages, choosing the paths they wanted and using the materials that felt right to both of them.

For those of you who have a partner- you surely all remember your first kiss with them, right? Well, Tobias and Loris sure remember theirs. They went to a concert by FM Belfast in the "Dachstock" in Berne with Jan and Janine. Loris was originally going to go back home to Lausanne that night, but as it is when you're really into each other, that plan changed.



After the concert, they got hungry- as you do after a great night out with someone special- and decided to get fast food before going to Tobias's place. They didn't bother to turn on the lights to share their late night snack in Tobias's pitch dark kitchen- why do I find that so fitting for these two? They then went to bed, where Tobias gathered his courage and kissed Loris for the first time. What struck him particularly was that when he touched Loris's arm, he felt goosebumps erupting there. Tobias had never experienced such "physical honesty" before, and it still fascinates him today.

Right? I feel like the start of this story is as simple as it is endearing.

Following that significant event came a few more exciting and fun "firsts."

There was the first time Tobias visited Loris in Lausanne.

Tobias particularly remembers the dessert Loris made for him: Chocolate bananas. He found that he'd never eaten a dessert so simple yet so delicious. "Simple, rich and pure," he describes it, and equates it to how being with Loris felt already in these early days. Also, on this day, Loris showed Tobias a lot of Nightwish songs that he loves. Tobias was already aware of the band, but he would come to love them with Loris. As a fellow Nightwish enthusiast, I very much approve.

There was the first time Loris discovered he could find cows cute.

Tobias took him to one of his favorite spots near the home where he grew up- a cow pasture between Bärswil and Shoppyland. And while Tobias explained that he finds the cows really cute, Loris found to his surprise that he agrees.

There was, the first longer party Tobias spent with Loris's friends at Halloween in Bulle.

It was then that Tobias was introduced to Loris's universe, full of metal music, love of horror and all things dark. They had a good time playing games while drinking (and playing drinking games), and at the end of the night, Loris and Tobias walked to Loris' mother's house. Once in bed, they decided that they wanted to have nights like this for as long as possible.



This is also why we are celebrating their story at this time of year, in the middle of spooky season. Halloween is their anniversary, which fits because everything about it is so quintessentially "them;" the dark and spooky, the eerie, as well as the natural beauty of all things mysterious and chilling.

There also was the first time Tobias stepped foot into Loris' childhood room at his father's.

It was plastered with Shakira posters. He learned then that Loris is incredibly serious about his love for Shakira's music: As we all know, Loris can pretty much sing all of her songs, word for word. Mind you, that is a total of 149 songs (yes, I counted!) Tobias was impressed, not just because learning so much music, so many words by heart is quite a feat. But also because it struck him that Loris is a bit of a collector- of music, of things he loves, and of cherished memories.

And with that, let us listen to one of those songs, to share in Loris- and by now also Tobias's- appreciation for the music of Shakira. It's a song they both love equally- and I'm sure Tobias knows the lyrics as well as Loris does.

"Ciega, Sordomuda" - Shakira



PART II : SERIOUS MOMENTS



Huh, that really wakes you up, doesn't it?

Just like the many fun and exciting "firsts," another important part of a relationship are the more serious moments. The things you learn from and with each other, and the difficulties that end up making you realize how serious you actually are about each other.

One such moment for Tobias and Loris was another first: Their first of many conversations about sex, intimacy and vulnerability. It was an honest exchange that Tobias remembers as being surprising, scary, yet also incredibly validating. This kind of open honesty would become a constant in their relationship, which- I mean that's just exactly how it should be, isn't it?

Inevitably when you are with someone for a while, you will experience devastating events together as well. The loss of Loris' grandfather Gabriel and also his grand-mother Anne-Marie were two such events. Both times, Loris was able to count on Tobias' support- he describes Tobias as his rock, always there if he needed him, yet still confident in Loris's own resilience. For Loris, that presence was very reassuring and comforting.

Tobias on the other hand was deeply impressed by how Loris handled the passing of two loved-ones. At both his grandfather's and also his grandmother's funeral, Loris gave a touching eulogy, sad yet beautiful. He didn't hide his grief, he gave it room and the appropriate gravity, let his family relive memories they shared with the deceased and therefore became a touchstone for everyone in that difficult moment. Not for the first time, Tobias saw why Loris's family and friends loved him so in moments like this.



His eloquence, his emotional maturity and human presence strengthening and reassuring everyone around him.

We all know Tobias is a gentle person- but did you know he has a fiery side, too?

How many of you have a memory of Loris getting angry? Yeah, we all know he is a passionate person who makes his thoughts known. However, one core memory for both Loris and Tobias is a moment where Tobias was the one who exploded in furious rage. The details don't matter, but for Tobias, it was an important learning experience about what it means to show strength. In the conversation that followed Tobias's very uncharacteristic outburst, he found out that he doesn't need to raise his voice for Loris to hear him. On the contrary, Loris appreciates that Tobias's strength doesn't show through loud words but in his calm kindness. I admire them both for teaching each other in such uncomplicated, non-judgmental ways, it's truly inspiring.

Loris greatly enjoys being around people- so much so, that he sometimes forgets to eat while drinking and having a good time. Of course, that often ends with him getting accidentally drunk. In those moments, Tobias happily takes care of him while Loris makes strange requests- for example, he asks Tobias for "pañuelos" – handkerchiefs in Spanish- or sugar. Yeah, I don't get it either, but that's not the point, is it? Loris describes Tobias as his "hero" when thinking of those moments- even if Tobias sometimes does nothing more than bring him a pañuelo- whereas Tobias just loves that he gets to take care of the man he loves. Isn't that just wonderful?

In everyday life, Tobias is great at showing Loris his love in relation to food. He surprises Loris with Emmi Café Latte and pain au chocolat, or welcomes him home after a hard day dealing with the world's misery with a home-cooked meal and a Bloody Mary on a really hard day. Sometimes, the purest form of love shows in the little things- yet to Loris, those small attentions are big acts of love he appreciates every single day.



In general, unwavering support is a comforting constant both Tobias and Loris have always freely given to and greatly appreciated about each other. Whether Loris was running for the state council (Ständerat) in Switzerland, writing two books, becoming president of the "Fribourg association of psychologists", or getting his doctorate at the same time as his postgraduate training – he could always count on Tobias being there in all moments of crisis, stress and also celebration.

Loris for his part is just as involved and supportive to Tobias in all his endeavors, whether it be his associative involvement with ABQ and the Network gay leadership, his own doctorate, his Masters in data science or his bachelor studies (for fun) in psychology. Somehow, he always finds the perfect balance between encouraging and – you saw it coming – challenging Tobias. When Tobias is seeing too many issues, Loris encourages him to stop finding problems where there aren't any. And when Tobias is desperately trying to find the right path to follow, Loris challenges him to forge his own path instead.

I find that pushing each other to be their best selves while also being a safe haven for one another is a wonderful way to build a support system between partners. And Loris and Tobias truly excel at that.



PART III : TRAVELLING



In the years they've been together, Tobias and Loris have traveled quite a lot. Obviously, that means they've accumulated many memories all over the world.

Both Loris and Tobias remember a sunset turning into night on a beach on Corsica. They talked about space. An occasion for Loris to confide in Tobias how conflicted he feels about the universe. He's in awe of its vastness, but the implications of its infinity scare him. The fact that a fiercely confident, unfaltering person like Loris is so humble in facing his own insignificance in the universe deeply touched Tobias- and still does.

One time, the two of them went with friends on a roadtrip in the UK. In a Karaoke bar in Edinburgh, Loris took the stage to sing Selena Gomez's "Can't keep my hands to myself," in front of Tobias as well as Ana and Anaïs. Tobias doesn't like the song, he finds it flat and simple. But with his voice and by giving it his all, Loris made it come alive - flat turned into spectacular. And therefore, it suddenly felt to Tobias like the song was written just for him.

Tobias is a passionate cook, as I'm sure you all know. So it's no surprise that his favourite part of their holidays together is related to making food- pancakes for breakfast to be more exact. But, first things first: Even on vacation, Tobias is always up earlier than Loris. Once he's awake, he can't go back to sleep. I feel him on that one, it's the exact same for me.

So, when they're on holiday, Tobias will explore local supermarkets and improvise his way through semi-equipped AirBnB kitchens -*as silently as possible* -to make pancakes.



Once Loris is ready to start the day as well, they then enjoy those pancakes together while watching Netflix. A blissful morning routine, which I imagine makes every travel destination feel like home in a way.

Loris is generally in awe of Tobias' eagerness to understand the things Loris loves and why. One particularly endearing instance was the roadtrip in a camping car they took across Loris's beloved Finland. On that trip, Loris got to witness Tobias fall in love with Finland, too. Sharing his passion with him and seeing Tobias get excited about it as well is an experience Loris greatly cherishes.

On a road trip from the US to Canada, it's kind of a given that one listens to car radio. However, on their way through Maine, Tobias and Loris's musical choices were as monotone as the dry, barren landscape around them: All they were hearing was Christian country rock- and you know how they feel about religion. Which is why when they finally crossed over to Canada, their relief upon finally seeing trees and mountains in winter-wonderland Canada was made palpable by a song they could sing along with.

“Nothing breaks like a heart” - Miley Cyrus

I can totally see Tobias and Loris listening to that song in the car, feeling every note while the changing landscape welcomed them to Canada, can't you?

However, sugary pop is not the kind of music our grooms listen to most of the time...

“Shadow Moses” - Bring Me the Horizon

That is more like it. Both Tobias and Loris greatly enjoy the vast and multi-faceted world of metal music. They've enjoyed many metal concerts together, from Nightwish to Ice Nine Kills. As a lover of music myself, I am very happy for them that they get to share this passion for such a specific genre. It's a deeply impactful thing to share and bond over in various ways.



PART IV : THINGS TO LOVE



Once you have been with someone for a long time, there are certain aspects of a relationship that you will never stop finding funny, endearing or fascinating. Of course, Loris and Tobias have listed a ton of those little big things that make their love so precious to both of them.

I've mentioned before that Loris loves taking his time to wake up. Tobias actually envies him for the ability to loaf around in bed in the morning- and it invariably warms his heart to see Loris's cutest and silliest side in those moments. It's a side of Loris only few people know, and Tobias loves the humor Loris displays while half-awake. Whether it be using a little boy voice to say "I like soup" or rolling himself up in the blankets and declaring "I am a Burrito-" Loris always makes Tobias laugh and fall in love with him even more in those lazy morning hours.

Loris remembers that back at his old place in Riaz, Tobias often had to chase the family's cat Mimi from their bed. Mimi is in Tobias's words "the cattiest cat there is," meaning he was very possessive and it would often take quite an effort to chase him out of bed so Tobias could take Mimi's place close to Loris.

Another common- almost nightly- occurrence is the thing with Tobias and TRYING to read in bed. Loris will always notice that Tobias is getting tired and warn him to put the book down but Tobias will invariably insist that he's fine and keep reading- until inevitably, a few seconds later, the book will fall on his head because he falls asleep while reading.



Tobias is a great fan of Loris' two-part story "Maelstrom". Spoiler alert. In the end of the first tome, the character Angel dies tragically- a character that represents Loris's emo adolescence. Tobias wishes he'd known that side of Loris- which is according to Loris "luckily not the case"- and feels nostalgic about it, on Loris's behalf. He's in awe of Loris's imagination, his ability to bring his inner thoughts to life, to give shape to the abstract. Tobias believes that this is also why Loris is so invested in politics and dialogue. Loris is able to imagine a better world and has an unstoppable drive to try and make it real.

Loris loves Tobias's dark humour – of course he does- and the way Tobias bursts out laughing. He's also in love with the fact that Tobias is a voracious reader, always eager to learn more, know more, understand more.

A favorite memory of Tobias's is a late evening at the National in Berne. He joined Loris and some friends after they'd attended an assembly by the FSP (Federal association of psychologists). It became clear to Tobias then that Loris can count on a tightly woven network of professionals who respect him and like him. The realization of how many doors are open to Loris professionally filled Tobias with pride and happiness.

You know, I never understood the whole Pokémon hype- to me it's just a very complicated card game that spawned equally complicated video games- neither of which I can even pretend to master in the slightest. Tobias however is very well informed in that regard. Loris loves the fact that Tobias's eyes light up with excitement every time a new Pokémon game comes out or just when he talks about the subject and proudly presents his favorite creatures and his success in training them (in the game). Isn't it lovely when a partner finds your unusual obsessions endearing?

Life plans are a funny thing. They seem so important, so heavy sometimes, but then again, they can become clear in an instant, in ways that feel completely natural and easy. That is what happened to Tobias on a trip to Salem, Massachusetts. He and Loris had visited the interesting Temple of Satan and were on their way to Quebec in a rental car. They made a stop at a shopping mall, and at Hot Topic, Tobias ran into a pair of baby socks with little skulls on them. Spontaneously, he went and bought them, for the first time feeling warm and confident at the idea of having kids- with Loris.



PART V : THE VOWS



In a fairytale - even one with vampires in it- , there is usually no proposal before the princes get married. True to form, that is also true in Tobias and Loris's story. The two of them discussed the idea of getting married and agreed that it is something they both want. To an extent, it is as much a political statement to them as it is a celebration of their love. And the fact that up until recently, the law prevented them from having such a celebration, that is all the more reason to have one. Love is love.

Once it was clear that they were both on the same page, Tobias bought two rings and presented one to Loris with the following beautiful words:

"This isn't a promise for things to come, but a celebration of what we've already lived through."

And with that, we've come full circle. We were all invited here today by Tobias and Loris to celebrate everything you've just heard, in happy anticipation of everything this wonderful couple will do, experience and achieve in the future.

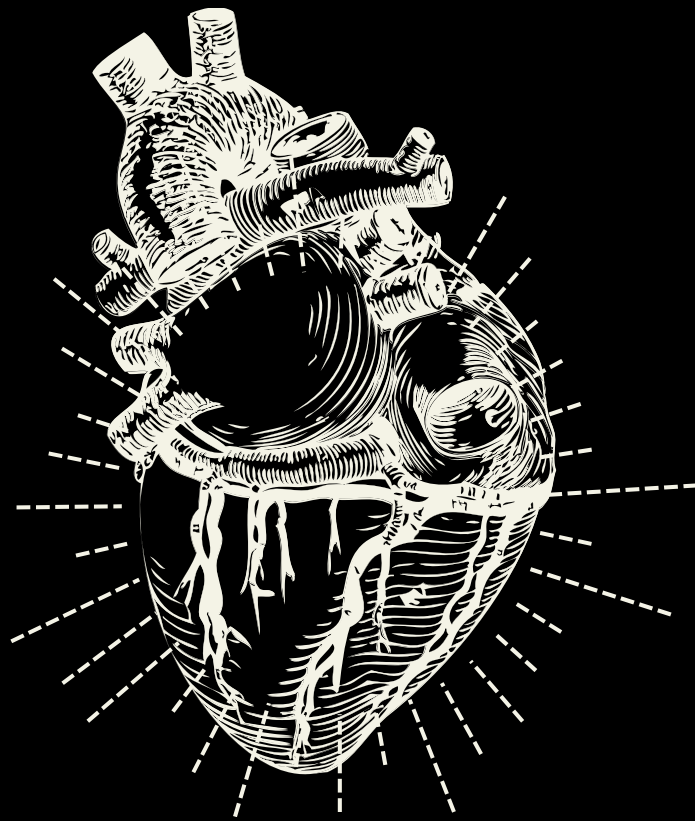
I will now pass the mic over to the happy grooms. Because of course those two eloquent secret romantics have prepared some more beautiful words for each other on this day.

(Exchange of vows)



No power of authority has been vested in me, and that isn't necessary. Your love story is powerful enough on its own. Though I speak with the love of someone who has had the honour of witnessing your story unfold.

Therefore, all that remains is for me to confirm what you have already chosen for yourselves. I happily pronounce you, Dr. Tobias Rohrbach and Dr. Loris Grandjean, husband and husband. To make it official, you may kiss.



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Chance structures chaos and we are but aggregated stardust suspended in immensity. Life has no inherent meaning. Everything is probability and statistics.

Yet to say that I believe in nothing is not accurate. On this black and tormented ocean that is existence, I believe in the direction we decide to give to our boat. In the end, a probability is simply a measure of the number of chances that a phenomenon has of occurring, and it is in this potentiality that the divine resides.

Our love, Tobias, is the best example of this. Our meeting was nothing special. It was trivial in many ways. Two people looking for a connection whose paths crossed. It was in what followed that the extraordinary began. Day after day, we invested our energy in taming each other, recognising each other, getting to know each other, respecting each other, accepting each other, loving each other. And now, 9 years later, I stand before all those I love to celebrate us. In front of this black altar to proclaim our interstellar love to the world. In front of you.

Tobias. Your love is the dam that holds fast when the cosmic void threatens to crush me. You are my haven. When I look at you smile, my whole being shivers. Your laughter lights up even the darkest corners of my soul. Your hands on my body can pull me out of the deepest pits of darkness and your kisses... ah your kisses... They taste like the heaven I don't believe in. With you, I believe. With you, I can face anything. With you, I'm invincible.



Could I live without you? Of course I could. You taught me how. The sparkles in your eyes when you tell me - always at the most random moments - how beautiful you think I am have taught me to accept (and love) my body.

The gentleness and patience with which you accept my anger - fierce and unjust though it may be - has taught me that I am worthy of love in spite of it.

The kindness and tenderness with which you listen to me both vomit on the vanity of life and marvel at what it has to offer have taught me to understand myself better.

Your love has given me the freedom to explore and grow. Tobias, in the security of our love I have become a better man. A man who is sure of himself and his abilities, aware of his limits and his fragility. Our love has lifted me, no matter what happens.

I could live without you, yes. But the question is, do I want to live without you? No. The very thought rips my guts out. With you, I'm experiencing what my mind couldn't even fathom: every day that goes by, I fall a little more in love with you.

A potentiality is not a reality, but it can become one. And that is what our love has become.

I don't believe in much, but I believe in us.

I love you.



VOWS TOBIAS TO LORIS



What few of people know is that I often dream of your funeral.

Wrong occasion, I know...even though our dress code might say otherwise.

You know that I don't believe in the meaning of dreams, not really. But as a scientist, I can't deny a pattern. So having this repeated dream has me wondering.

Wondering about the big questions; wondering about the impact you have on who I am and who I will be—and, above all—wondering about how absolutely wild and probabilistically unlikely it is to even be with you here.

There are almost 9 million people in Switzerland and over 8 billion people on this planet.

And that's when it gets really scary.

What about the vastness of cosmos? What atoms and particles needed to collide, what planets to explode and die and be born just for our paths eventually to coincide?

How do we escape the randomness and great indifference of it all?

And what does it even mean for two tiny beings like you and I to choose each other—and to do so each day.

And it gets worse. What about multiple or parallel universes? In how many are we together? In how many are we happy?

This horror—the true horror—is the sheer impossibility of our love.



Yet here we are. Together. In this life and this universe and in this moment.

Your face is the first and last thing I see before I fall asleep.

Your joyful snicker when you watch Youtube videos or memes warm my heart.

Your fierceness and care and love carve the path before us.
You're the force of nature that cuts down any obstacle.
You and I can face cosmic horror.

Us standing here shows that we are our own answer to these questions.

So no matter how much the universe bends and breaks. No matter if the world starts burning (and it Australia it actually might). No matter if one of us dies, or leaves, falls out of love, or gets sucked into a black hole or parallel universe.

We will have had our place together. We will have existed. Together. And this cannot be undone.

My incredibly humble vow today is to be here with you, and to love you, and to do so irreversibly.

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SPEECH ANDREAS



Dear wedding guests,
Dear son Tobias, Dear Loris

First of all, I would like to say how happy I am that my son has found and married such an outstanding person. Loris, you are now formally part of our family; you already carry the name Rohrbach.

Well, it's a bit difficult for me to speak in front of you all now, the famous nervousness doesn't stop at me.

I wish you both all the best and all the happiness in the world for your wedding.

Go your way into the future together, stick together, respect each other and don't let anything come between you.

So carry on as you have been doing so far.

Marriage is a mixture of light and dark (hopefully rarely, never). You will encounter both.

And always remember: your love and understanding for each other cannot be taken for granted. See this as a gift from the other person to you. It is more valuable than anything else and you will be grateful for it.

Madeleine, Yves: thank you for raising such a great son. But also thank you for welcoming ours into your family. Together, our two families will now continue their journey through life.



Dear son, your mother and I are very happy to know you at the side of this wonderful man. We are sure that you will find security and safety with him.

We have faith in both of you and you will certainly know what to do even without our advice.

But if you ever need advice or help, you know where to find us. Don't be afraid to ask. Our door and heart are always open for you. We will always be there for you and support you, both of us.

We wish you a wonderful and unforgettable wedding and all the best for your future together.



SPEECH MADELEINE



[ES]

Amado loris, hijo de mi corazón,

Fuiste el primero en enseñarme lo que es el amor incondicional. Y no fue fácil entre nosotros. Recuerdo cuando te molestaban en la escuela porque eras diferente y yo te dije un día tu diferencia será tu fuerza y así fue.

Supiste enfrentar con valentía todos los desafíos que la vida te puso en tu camino. Me acuerdo también cuando me anunciaste que tenías diabetes. Yo estaba aterrorizada y me dijiste: “Mamá, todo va a salir bien, no tengo un cáncer incurable y existen muy buenos tratamientos” y lograste manejarlo con tranquilidad.

Hijo querido, estoy muy orgullosa del hombre en que te has convertido, te admiro y te deseo una maravillosa vida para ti y tu amado esposo Tobías. Has luchado por ella y le mereces lo mejor.

Tobias, mi querido yerno, no podía soñar con mejor pareja para mi hijo, tu dulzura, tu cariño y tu amor para él me llenan de felicidad.

Les deseo de todo corazón, muchísimas felicidades que continúen siendo tan unidos como hasta ahora y mantengan viva siempre esa chispa de amor que los caracteriza.

Con mucho amor y felicidad.

Besitos

Madeleine



[EN]

Beloved Loris, son of my heart,

You were the first to teach me what unconditional love is. And it was not easy between us. I remember when they bullied you at school because you were different and I told you one day your difference would be your strength and so it was.

You knew how to face with courage all the challenges that life put in your way. I also remember when you told me that you had diabetes. I was terrified and you reassured me: "Mum, everything is going to be fine, I don't have incurable cancer and there are very good treatments" and you managed to handle it with calm.

My dear son, I am so proud of the man you have become, I admire you and wish you and your beloved husband Tobias a wonderful life. You have fought for it and you deserve the best.

Tobias, my dear son-in-law, I could not dream of a better match for my son, your sweetness, your affection and your love for him fill me with happiness.

I wish you from the bottom of my heart, many congratulations, may you continue to be as close as you are now and may you always keep alive the spark of love that characterizes you so.

With much love and happiness.
Kisses



SPEECH ORIANE



To my older brother and my brother-in-law,

I'd like to start by addressing you Tobias, now officially my brother-in-law even though I've always considered you as such. Thank you for coming into my brother's life and making him so happy. For me, the definition of love is bringing out the best in another person. And that's what you're doing with my brother. So thank you and I hope you stay together in adversity for a very long time to come, as you've always done so well.

Loris, my big brother and my example for 28 years, time is too short to tell you everything I'd like to say (I'm also giving Dad a bit more time). I'm not the most comfortable person when it comes to public speaking, but I wanted to say a few words to you. Despite our very different characters, we've always remained united. I have so many wonderful memories of my childhood and that's largely thanks to you. You were and always will be my example. One of the many reasons is that you are a fighter and a winner. The proof is today, you won your fight to be able to live this day with your husband. Even if you should never have had to fight it, I want you to know that I'm proud of you and I admire you in everything you do.

You're only 30 and you've already achieved so many great and beautiful things. You're about to reach a new milestone with your work in Australia. I'm going to miss you so much, and I wish you every success. I'm reassured by the fact that you're going to come back anyway, and I'm already looking forward to it. I wish you a life full of ups and downs with Tobias. I love you. I love you both.

Your little sister ♥



SPEECH YVES



On Saturday the 9th of January 1993 at 00.44 you were born at the maternity hospital in Riaz. It was a joy and, of course, a responsibility for us young and new parents.

I don't know if your strong character is due to your dad's clumsiness when he plunged your little head underwater during your first bath! Perhaps it was my clumsiness that gave birth to your love of water! And yes, the baby swimming era was born.

At last it was a first step in life for you and for us parents. The stages of Life are part of your Life and of our Life.

So now that your life path is well established, you have, and it was much later that I realised that your life path was being built.

Your time at FC Riaz football club didn't produce a new Messi. In fact, your passion on the pitch was to pick all the little flowers that the players would crush!

It was after this footballing experience that your passion for the artistic and theatrical side of things became part of your life and our lives. Your overflowing imagination at times when you enjoyed dressing up as a fairy, whether simply at home or at carnival, will remain forever engraved in my memory!

Those moments were followed by a period of Gruyère rock with your dance partners Alicia and Laetitia and theatre with your director Alain. There were also those long secret years of writing with Lolita, which gave birth to 2 books in 2020 and 2023.



Allow me Loris to return to the period of your adolescence that entered my Life. And maybe that's when I, dad, didn't always understand that period when we discover our hearts' desires. Your discovery of love I hid from myself! Why ? Because my son found love with a person of the same sex! Aberration and imbecility on my part, hiding behind the opinions of others, especially my friends. The others didn't matter to me! But my friends! It was my family and my real friends who simply opened my eyes and my heart by showing me that no matter what attractions you have, the important thing is to feel good and to be happy with the person you love.

For my moments of incomprehension and doubt towards you, I ask your forgiveness.

This Happiness now, which is also ours, you met in October 2014 in the person of TOBIAS. This proof of Love is this union and this wedding day with the person you love and who has a special place in my heart.

To conclude, I wish you all the best for your future projects and above all for the LOVE of your couple. I'll end by saying: To you LORIS and to you TOBIAS: I LOVE YOU.

Dad



SPEECH JAN UND JANINE



(Jan)

Janine and I would love to say a few words to you, dear wedding couple.

We are going to say them in our native language. As for you guys that do not speak swiss-german or any Germanic language bad luck for you

If you want a short translation or just would like to know the gist of it, Don't hesitate to ask us afterwards.

Tobsi, maybe you remember how you practically picked me up and spoke to me? I can still see it so well in front of me (and yes, I was still very shy back then). From then on, the two of us became inseparable and you became a bit like the brother I never had. We were constantly going to school, playing yugio duels and Lord of the Rings all night long, listening to Nelly Furtado on a loop (or anything else that was annoying to Malou) and much more. So for me, as for you, you have become an important constant in my life. Then, for the first time in high school, we were on completely different paths.

(Janine)

I first met Tobi at the Gymnasium Hofwil (high school). After he came back to Switzerland from his exchange year in America, he was assigned to our class with two other new so-called "newbies". After a quick hello, Tobi found his way to a free seat that was next to me. After just a few minutes, it was the beginning of our wonderful and enduring friendship.



Only a few weeks later, we really got to know each other. How exactly that happened, I can't tell you now...But one thing I know for sure: I had already heard about the constant called Jänu. Tobi knew that the three of us would be great together, which was definitely confirmed after the first time hanging out. Since then, the three of us have grown together very quickly and we've had so many fun and wonderful moments together, such as on our last trip to Cinque Terre in June of this year. Or at the Christmas "party", which was more like a Christmas drink, where we played airplanes on the floor and I've never had such a huge blue spot in my life.. I'll spare you the rest of the funny stories here...

With the meeting of Loris aka Lolo, you have met yet another most important person or "constant" in your life over the last few years. We have been able to observe how a delicate little plant of affection and sympathy has grown over the years into a deep bond and strong love.

(Jan)

In the years that we have known each other, we have witnessed so many big decisions and been part of different stages of life and important events. So it gives us great pleasure to be able to share in and commemorate such an important moment in our lives (your wedding).

In this sense...we congratulate you from all our heart and we look forward to all the other experiences that we have shared and will continue to share; to be a constant in your common story, now and in the future.



SPEECH ANA AND ANAÏS



(ANAÏS) Dear Loris, dear Tobias,

At last you're getting married. At last you can get married. We've been waiting for this for ages.

(ANA) Not since we knew Loris and his high school emo haircut, or Tobias since they met on Grinder.

(For those interested, yes, you can find love on dating apps).

But still, we've been waiting for your wedding ever since we discovered Yves Nidegger's passion for his goldfish Bubulle.

(ANAÏS) With Loris and Tobias, we've grown up together, travelled together, lived together and now we're getting married together. Oops, YOU'RE getting married.

(ANA) Loris,

You've come a long way since we first met you. You wanted to be a lawyer, but that didn't really work out for you. But at least you've managed to become a doctor, which is still class even if it's only in psychology (wink).

(ANAÏS) And it even seems to have made you nice. Your clients would describe you as patient. That's crazy.

(ANA) Because, Loris, we know you're always right.

You remind us of this with a lot of love.

Of course, you tell us this so that we trust what you say, not just for the pleasure of winning an argument.



(ANAİS) There are, however, some aspects on which we're willing to admit you're right. In particular, your love for Finland, which we share with you today...

(ANA) And now you're probably thinking, "Well, I know, I'm right".

(ANAİS) But it's not just Finland that you've shared your love of. As a great music lover, you introduced us to the Holy Week of Eurovision. Today it has become our Super Bowl, a real family tradition.

(ANA) Between music of all kinds, taste in clothes, video games, films and series, the world of Horror, queer culture, you've made us discover and love your passions, your universe, everything that drives you.

(ANAİS) Speaking of drive, let's get back to that whacky thing that is your patience. Because in all fairness we do not know it that well your patience. And don't even get me started on the objects. Throughout your life, your computers, your mobile phones, your remote controls, they don't know your patience. Your strength, on the other hand, is another story.

(ANA) We're not going to complain, better the objects than us...

OK, we're reading you a bit... but you know all about tough love, don't you?

(ANAİS) (ANA) and I wanted to say a big thank you.

Thank you for letting us join your life.

Thank you for pushing us to be the best version of ourselves.

Thank you for protecting us when it's necessary and lecturing us when it's necessary.



(ANA) Thank you for listening to us, because yes that's your job, but not with us.

Thank you for making the last 16 years of our lives unforgettable.

And thank you in advance for the countless years you'll be spending in our lives being the life of the party.

You are our brother, you are our whole life.

(ANAÏS) Tobias,
We've known you for less time, but we don't really remember our lives before you. Or we do, but we think you were already here.

(ANA) Thanks to us, you've improved your French. That is, if progressing in French means learning slang or verlan. In any case, you've learnt all the possible insults.

(ANAÏS) In return, you've taught us so many things, in German...or not... but above all you've contributed to our knowledge of German-speaking Switzerland. Thanks to you (and maybe a little Janine), we know that Bümpliz is not Bern and that Züricher-german is cholera.

(ANA) Don't worry, Tobias, we've learnt that we should say Grüzi and not Grüessech (smile and thumbs up).

(ANAÏS) Tobias seems nice like that, but deep down he's a little bitch.

(ANA) Tobias, you've got the face of an angel, soft and soothing features. But what a surprise it was when you started to feel at ease and to say all the dirty things you could in French. We were also very dismayed when you started playing low blows at us in the board games.

(ANAÏS) On the other hand, we weren't at all surprised to see that Loris was getting preferential treatment...

(ANA) But Tobias, you've given us a lot too.

For me, you were my sports buddy during my few years at university. You're still one of my biggest supporters.



(ANAÏS) For me, you're the little brother I can annoy for no reason and with whom I can always put my feet up together. (Yes, when you put it like that, it's very strange, but I swear there's a story behind it).

(ANA) For both of us, you're a friend we can count on, a member of the family even.

(ANAÏS) You tamed us from day one and since then it's been impossible to imagine our lives without you.

(ANA) Loris and Tobias

Your love has nothing to prove.

(ANAÏS) With Tobias reading Loris's messages, always first.

(ANA) With Loris talking lovingly about all Tobias's achievements.

(ANAÏS) You're the couple who inspired us, who made us want to experience what you're celebrating today, who showed us that when you're with the right person it becomes easy and it's wonderfully beautiful.

(ANA) We don't have the words to say how happy we are that we're all getting married today, sorry YOU'RE getting married today.

LORIS AND TOBIAS, WE LOVE YOU.

(ANAÏS) Here's to your love and may the next few years be as rich, funny and wonderful as the ones you've already had.



SPEECH LÉONIE



Story of how we met: It was at university; in 2014; one day at the beginning of the semester, I arrived in a new class at 8 a.m. (an important detail for those who know how much Loris and I love mornings). I don't know anyone, it's the total unknown. Suddenly, oh glimmer of hope, I see a vaguely familiar face, Loris here, who at the time I'd only met from afar via a group of friends. I approach him and ask (purely rhetorical question) if I can sit down in front of him, and there I find myself face to face with the coldest, most closed-off Loris in the world. And he looks at me with a contemptuous gaze that seems to say, "Who are you to dare approach me?"

So I find myself with him, embarrassed beyond belief, torn between the desire to flee and the desire to punch this guy who at least could make an effort.

Loris, I wish I could have told you that day that by letting me sit so kindly next to you, I would, almost 10 years later, be standing next to you at your wedding.

So here we are today, and this is my opportunity to thank you, Loris and Tobias, from the bottom of my heart, for this magnificent evening, but above all for offering me the wonderful inspiration that you are.

With you; I can believe in life, believe that even if it's sometimes so hard; it can also transcend us and that with the right person; everything can be overcome.

Tobias; thank you for your brilliant mind; your intelligence that elevates me and your calm that lulls me; it's a pleasure to walk with you down this road of life.



Loris; words fail me; I feel they'll never be enough. Loris, you know; you know everything I think. Thank you for being this haven in my life.

Thinking about the world; life and death with you is one of the greatest privileges I've ever known, and there are few things that animate me more than the fire that ignites whenever we're together. Loris with you everything is better, everything is sweeter. And you know; it's an honor to be here with you today and to witness your love for Tobias.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you both for making me feel that love is as much a matter of fact as a whole world to construct.

Thank you for giving me the strength to believe in a world where it is sometimes complicated to do just that. You are the answer to so many of my doubts. Thank you for giving me the hope that with the right person, all ills can be cradled.

