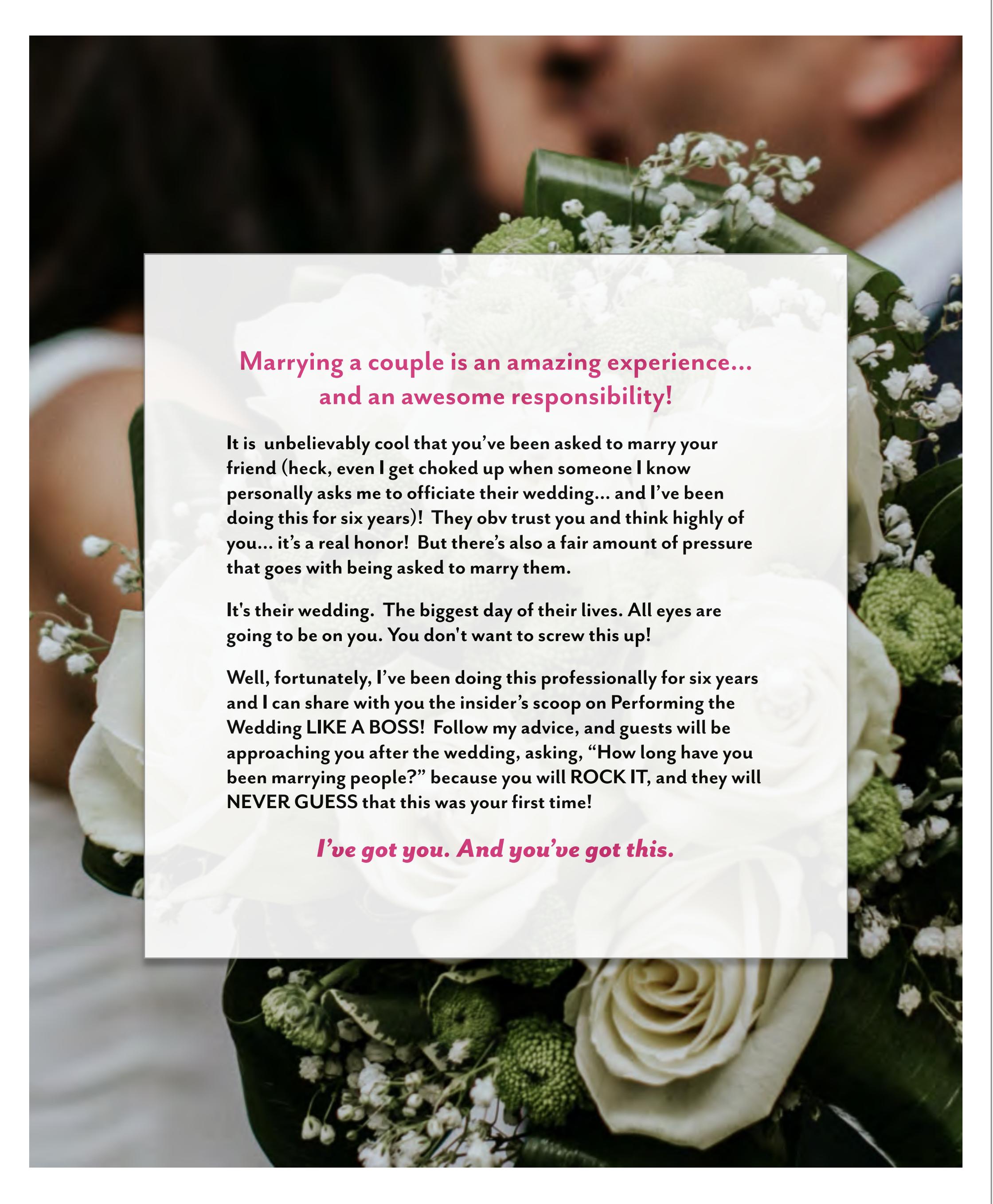


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Wedding Ceremony Coaching

**How to Perform a Wedding
Ceremony LIKE A BOSS**



**Marrying a couple is an amazing experience...
and an awesome responsibility!**

It is unbelievably cool that you've been asked to marry your friend (heck, even I get choked up when someone I know personally asks me to officiate their wedding... and I've been doing this for six years)! They obv trust you and think highly of you... it's a real honor! But there's also a fair amount of pressure that goes with being asked to marry them.

It's their wedding. The biggest day of their lives. All eyes are going to be on you. You don't want to screw this up!

Well, fortunately, I've been doing this professionally for six years and I can share with you the insider's scoop on Performing the Wedding LIKE A BOSS! Follow my advice, and guests will be approaching you after the wedding, asking, "How long have you been marrying people?" because you will ROCK IT, and they will NEVER GUESS that this was your first time!

I've got you. And you've got this.

“PRO TIPS” FOR PERFORMING A WEDDING CEREMONY

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REHEARSE. TAKE CHARGE. I absolutely recommend that you rehearse the ceremony before the wedding. If there’s a planner/coordinator, you can run the rehearsal together. Have your script in hand, be confident (not cocky) and let people know that they can trust you to lead them through the ceremony. Practice anything that involves movement or props (entrances, when to hand off bouquet, the vows, and the rings) - these are NOT things that you can easily wing! Don’t underestimate how nervous everyone will be on the day of the wedding, but know that running through the ceremony ahead of time will minimize their “deer in headlights” looks.

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ARRIVE EARLY. CHECK IN. SET UP. Get there at least an hour early and give yourself plenty of time to get ready. Find the DJ/Musicians/Sound Person and introduce yourself. Unless this is a tiny wedding, you’re going to need a microphone, and they’ll be providing it. Do a sound check and talk through any music cues so you’re on the same page. Set up any props (candles, sand, etc.), make sure you’ve got the license ready for signing right after the ceremony, and check to make sure someone has the rings.



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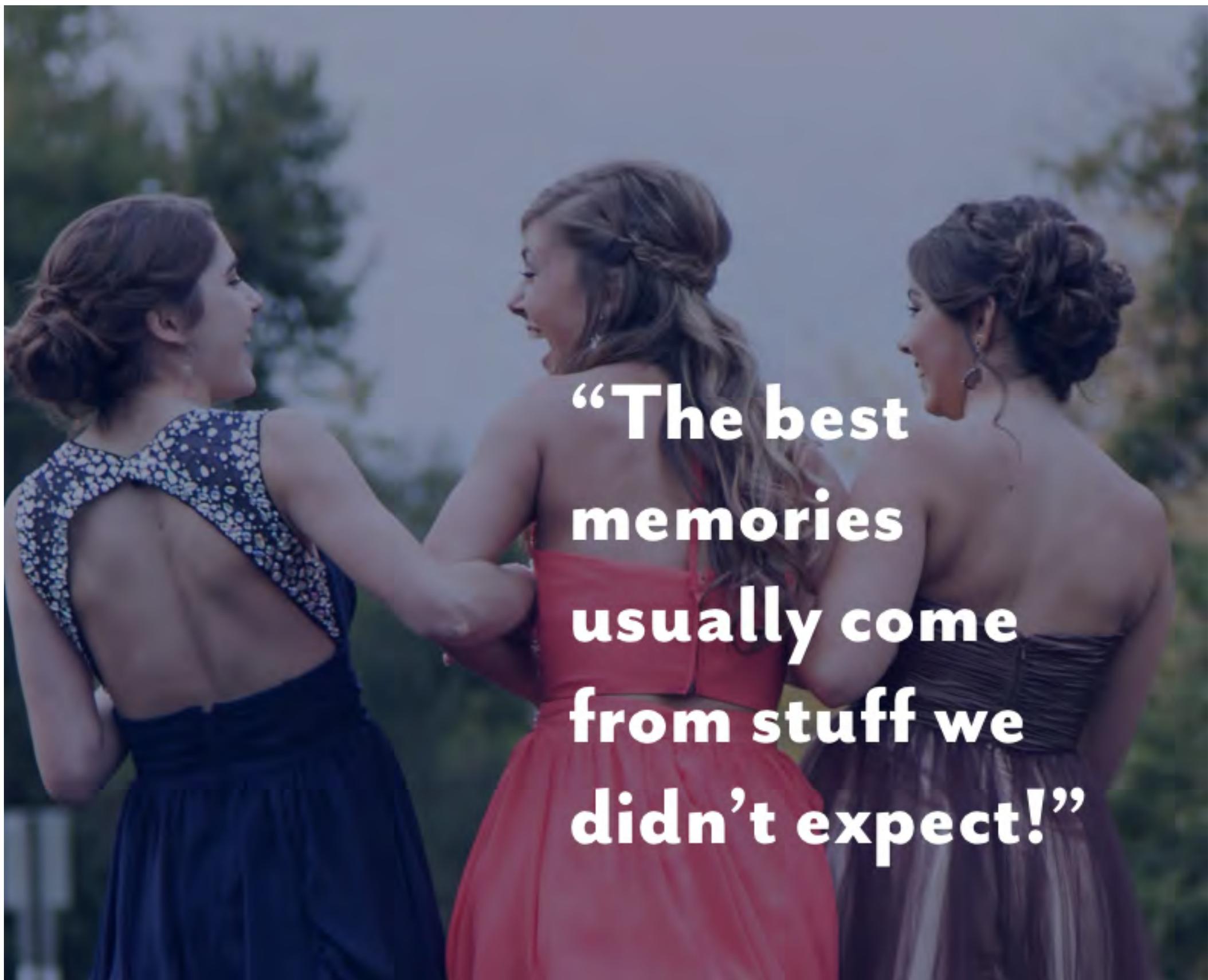
TAKE A MOMENT, THEN GAME FACE. Take a few minutes before the ceremony to read through your script once more, go to the bathroom, and take a few deep breaths. Tell yourself that you've got this! And then, think about your friends and how excited you are to marry them, and **GO DO IT!**



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TELL GUESTS TO STAND FOR BRIDE'S (OR COUPLE'S) ENTRANCE, THEN BE SEATED BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE CEREMONY. STEP OUT OF THE WAY WHEN THE COUPLE KISSES. These are the three biggest rookie mistakes made at weddings by first-time officiants. Don't let them happen to you. Put notes in your script reminding you of these important actions, and you'll look like a pro.





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BE CONFIDENT. TAKE YOUR TIME. HAVE FUN. Smile and make eye contact. Get your nose out of your script. Don’t rush but take your time. Let your enjoyment set the tone for everyone else. Be calm and confident, and you’ll help the couple do the same. And if something goes wrong (because something almost always goes wrong), smile and just keep going. The best memories usually come from stuff we didn’t expect!



Hey there! I'm Claudia, the Ceremony Coach.

Marrying a couple is a uniquely formal-and-yet-personal thing, and having the inside scoop on how to approach it can be invaluable! Whether you're anxious about performing the wedding or a seasoned public speaker, knowing these Pro Tips will boost your confidence and help you to Rock the Ceremony!

If you'd like some more of the inside scoop on Marrying Your Friends and could use some more tips and support, I'd love to help!

When I got into marrying couples seven years ago, I thought I'd died and gone to heaven! What could be better than helping couples celebrate love on the best day of their lives? But I've also discovered that I love sharing my expertise with people marrying their friends, so that they can be confident in creating and performing an awesome wedding ceremony!

Are you ready to jump in? Stay tuned for details on how to work with me!

P.S. – If you're being asked to plan the ceremony or write the script for the wedding, I offer a coaching package for that as well ("Ceremony Planning")! You could spend hours scouring the internet to find out what goes into a ceremony, or you could just get the real-world scoop from a pro! Here's the info.