

RS 20th Anniversary Speech

Word Count: 450 (discounting “beats” and scene direction)

Time: Approx 3 minutes

My name is Rocky and I'm here today to celebrate 20 years of being married to the love of my life, Jyoti.

Doesn't she look gorgeous everyone? (start the clap, then slyly say:) Did you know she hates being the center of attention? (BEAT)

For the last 20 years, one of the most important things I've done is try and tell Jyoti how much I love and care for her just so she understands how thankful I am that she chose me to be her husband.

The way I see it, I am the guy who won the lottery. Jyoti is stunning inside and out. She is so hard working, smart, and we all know how beautiful she is: over time that part seems to get better and better which makes me feel so fortunate.

In the early days of our marriage we wanted to take things slow, so we both began by working over 100 hours a week for residency and medical school. (BEAT) Then we thought, how can we add more pressure to the mix? So we decided to have a baby and live separately in three different states. (BEAT) I went to Baltimore, Jyoti to Michigan for training, and our newborn went to live with my parents in NJ. What could go wrong? (BEAT) Also thank you mom and dad! (BEAT)

Training to be doctors and having three children was like one big out-of-control roller coaster. But there is NOBODY I would rather have to be by my side than Jyoti. Some people crumble under pressure, others, like my wife, become diamonds.

Jyoti, you are the most genuine person I have ever met. You are smart, emotionally intelligent, responsible, honest, determined, independent, and kind. You are a fantastic mother whose values and guidance are the North Star for our children. I know I am not always the easiest person to be with. I can be demanding and act like a baby when I don't get what I want. But throughout it all you have always been patient, understanding, and forgiving. I am eternally grateful for you. I love you.

I don't know how I landed you either, but one thing's for sure, I'm blessed that you chose me and never gave up on me. I really did win the lottery.

Tonight we are so happy to celebrate this huge milestone with all of you. Everyone here has had a profound impact on our family's lives. We love you all very much. Thank you all for being here today. Now without further ado, I am ready to party!!

Who here is ready to party with me? (BEAT)

I SAID WHO HERE IS READY TO PARTY? (expect cheer)

Cheers to you all and cheers to my wonderful wife Jyoti!!