Funny best man speech: how to get laughs, with a full example

A funny best man speech gets three laughs from one true habit of the groom, then turns sincere. Specifics, a callback and a joke at your own expense will do more than a list of one-liners. Keep it to about three to five minutes, and never let the last line be a dig.

Checklist

- [ ] Where the laughs actually come from
- [ ] A three-laugh structure
- [ ] A full funny best man speech
- [ ] Notes on the example
- [ ] Testing a joke on a mixed room
- [ ] When a joke dies
- [ ] Why the sincere turn still matters
- [ ] Laugh one, in the first thirty seconds. A small, true observation. Not a warm-up about how nervous you are, unless the nervousness is itself the joke and it is short. The room decides quickly whether you are fun to listen to.
- [ ] Laugh two, inside the story. This is the main one. Set it up with the detail, land it, then say what it shows about him. The point is what makes it a speech rather than a standup bit.
- [ ] Laugh three, as you turn to the couple. A lighter line that uses the same detail, then stop joking. The sincere sentence comes next, with no wink.
- [ ] One habit, three visits. Indecision is the joke. The toaster sets it up, the bakery pays it off, the vow turns it into a compliment. If you remove any one of those, the speech still stands. If you add a second unrelated gag, it starts to wobble.
- [ ] The partner gets a line that is funny and a line that is not. Amina's toaster comment is the third laugh. The next paragraph is straight. Do not wink through the vow.
- [ ] George is in the joke. Late for the train, attempting the restaurant exit since 2014. The groom is not the only target.
- [ ] Nothing private. No ex, no stag, no body, no money. The teasing is about how he thinks, which is a kind thing to tease.

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