Funny best man speech stories: how to pick ones that land

Choose one or two stories that show character, not a highlight reel of chaos. Run each story through a safety test: would his gran and her parents still like him after hearing it? Tell it with a clear setup, turn and point, then move on. Jokes without a story often feel thinner in a mixed room.

Checklist

- [ ] Would the couple still enjoy this sober tomorrow?
- [ ] Can half the room follow it without a five-minute prequel?
- [ ] Does it show a trait you admire, even while people laugh?
- [ ] Does it need an ex, a fight, a crime, or the stag do to work? If yes, cut it.
- [ ] Competence in the wrong place: he packs perfectly for your crisis and forgets his own charger.
- [ ] Loyalty under mild absurdity: he drives across the country for a boring errand.
- [ ] A habit everyone recognises: lateness, snacks, spreadsheets — told once, specifically.
- [ ] The partner as punchline-free upgrade: what got easier or kinder after they arrived.
- [ ] When did he show up when it was inconvenient?
- [ ] What is he famous for among friends that a stranger could still understand?
- [ ] When did you first meet his partner, and what did you notice without being told?
- [ ] What habit of his became funny only after it helped someone?

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