Last-minute best man speech: write it tonight

Stop searching for the perfect joke. Spend about an hour: dump six memories, pick one safe story, write who you are, the story, one line about the partner, and a toast. Aim for two to four minutes. Read it aloud twice, put prompts on cards, and stop rewriting.

Checklist

- [ ] Would his gran and her parents be fine hearing it?
- [ ] Can half the room follow it without a back-story?
- [ ] Does it show a trait, not just a funny accident?
- [ ] Can you tell it in under a minute?
- [ ] The one-hour plan
- [ ] The structure that saves you
- [ ] How to pick a safe story fast
- [ ] A worked last-minute example
- [ ] Four-line emergency version
- [ ] Rehearse without burning the night
- [ ] Who you are — name and relationship, one smile.
- [ ] One story — setup, what he did, what it shows.
- [ ] The partner — one specific observation.
- [ ] The toast — both names, one wish, sit down.

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