

Real men don't eat quiche — or go to weddings

In which a real man describes the trials and tribulations of the wedding process.

Real men don't go to weddings. Basically, that's a rule to live by. Occasionally though, a real man gets married and has to go to his own wedding.

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I know, it happened to me. I'm a real man. Being a real man, I would never read a book called "Real Men Don't Eat Quiche."

But I don't eat quiche. Quiche is for Vice President George Bush.

Real men aren't sexist. Out loud. Weddings aren't that bad, really, and besides, if you're a real man, too, the only one you'll ever have to go to is your own, so sweat through it.

Your bride-to-be, her mother, her mother's sisters, her cousins, her friends, her neighbors, her little sister and her older sister will be planning this wedding for several months in advance.

Your mission, as a real man, is to remain blissfully unaware that there is even going to be a wedding in the first place. If someone asks you how the wedding plans are coming you im-

mediately respond, "Have another beer. Great game, huh."

If your fiance's parents ask you about the wedding you have to respond differently. You say, "Have another mixed drink. We're out of wine."

Then, just so they won't call you a lazy good-for-nothing you get up and show them where the plastic company cups are and get down a bottle of whiskey. Then say, "I don't know where the pop is. It should be in the refridge."

This shows that you never use mix. You just drink it straight, or mixed with beer.

And forget all those comments her folks make about you being an alcoholic unkept swine. They are just being affectionate.

At the wedding you have to wear what my old man calls monkey suits. This means you have to get measured for a tuxedo. At all costs, pretend this is one of the worst inconveniences on your time and better sense than can be imagined. This makes them appreciate your effort that much more.

Never like the tuxedo color or style they pick out and if they make you pick out the style pick out the one they like the least. Then they'll just pick out the one they wanted in the first place and you can complain all the way to the altar.

Always be nice to your mother-in-law because if it weren't for her you might never get a home cooked meal again.

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