

Real men . . .

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Weddings are very emotional for brides. If during this rigorous planning process she ever starts crying you should hold her close and tell her you wrote her a poem or something but that you lost it.

This usually shuts her up and it shows that you are a kind and considerate guy.

Make it to the wedding on time. If anyone compliments you for your promptness, say, "Well, I figure the sooner I get here the sooner we can get this over and get on with the honeymoon."

After saying this wink, punch someone on the shoulder and make an obscene face.

The kind of wimps that go to wed-

dings love this kind of stuff and it's usually good for a few free drinks at the reception.

A lot of people you don't know will be shaking your hand and hugging you. Enjoy it. The next day most of them will be talking about you behind your back. This back stabbing continues for the rest of your life, but the handshaking and hugging is a once in a lifetime thing, except at funerals.

Occasionally someone that you like will show up at the wedding, usually because his wife or girlfriend made him come.

Take him off to the side and apologize and tell him you know what he's going through. Then to make him feel better, swear that no matter what, you won't go to his wedding.

If he is married, you don't have to say this, because you didn't go to his wedding. Real men don't, you know.

During the wedding itself, shut up. Be polite and stand tall. Say what you are supposed to and look lovingly at your wife. Remember, if it wasn't for loving her you wouldn't be here in the first place, but don't hold that against her.

Every once in a while you have to think of someone other than yourself. This then, is one of those thirty minutes periods. As long as you don't make it a habit you can splurge with the emotions once in a while.

There will be singing at your wedding. It will probably be bad, as they wouldn't let your friends in a rock band play their rendition of "Under My Thumb."

Once you are pronounced man and wife, kiss the bride, look deep into her eyes, the look up and howl. Turn to the best man, who will be there under protest, as all real men are, and he will toss you a wolf mask. Put this on, pick

up your bride (if possible) and run down the aisle with her.

All the guys will laugh and the women will gasp and you will be thought of highly or lowly all around.

After the wedding you have to stand in a reception line and everyone will come by and congratulate you. It's pretty boring.

To spice it up say things like, "Well we had to get it over with before the baby started to show, you know."

Or, "I'm just glad all my relatives could get out of prison for the ceremony."

These statements and others like them will really liven up the conversation at the reception.

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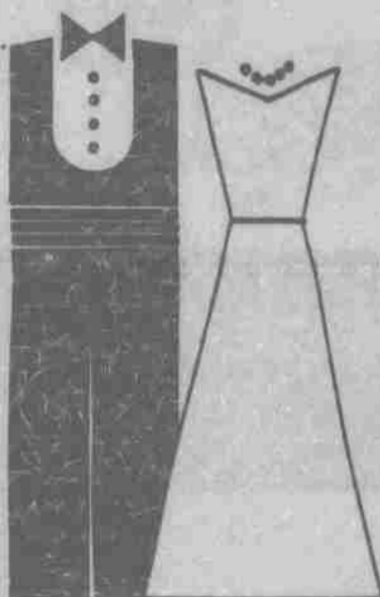
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