**BEST MAN SPEECH**

**FOR**

**DONALD NORTON**

Hello everyone.... Is something **funny**? (**Wait for the laugh**). It’s a great honor.... uh... a real pleasure??? .... **Okay**... I agreed to show up in **THIS**... even though I lost a bet.... to honor my brother Shane and his beautiful, **SANER** .... **I HOPE**... **bride**, Stacey on this truly **RARE** and special occasion. Every day, **THOUSANDS** of people say “**YES**” to a **dress**... me??? I said “oh... **CRAP** (**can you say that? If not, OH FUDGE? OH DAMN?**). But I honor my bets... even the ones I lose. You know, I thought this **MIGHT** get a little awkward... but then I thought... historically speaking, some great and powerful men have made their mark on the world in clothing that might seem, well... you know... (**motion your hands downward to show the dress**). Julius Caesar wore a toga... and those Ancient Romans had some pretty wild times, didn’t they??? ... And how many of you saw the movie “Braveheart?” I gotta tell you.... this breeze is pretty refreshing... (**Wait for the laugh**)... And another thing... to be perfectly honest, Ru Paul’s Drag Race is eventually going to run out of contestants from their more traditional pipelines.... (**Wait for the laugh**). Shane... **SWEETIE**... you got me on this one... and remember, now that I **KNOW** how **good** I look in a dress... and you **DON’T** ... Payback is gonna be a **BITCH** (**too harsh?**) .... **Just. You. Wait.** (**Slow clap and wait for the laugh**).

There’s something really important I have to acknowledge before I go any further.... although no representatives are **CURRENTLY** in this room, and although they **PROBABLY** don’t even know we’re alive... although we **DO** scream pretty loud, I want to acknowledge the entire franchise of the LA Dodgers for giving us some much needed time for Shane... and me... to attend this wedding. (**Wait for the laugh**)... the bad news? They don’t have the night off... the **GOOD** news?? They’re playing in **THIS** time zone today... and as luck and irony would have it... they’re playing the Nationals... again... . so let’s move this right along, give me some laughs, and let me take off this damn dress... my Dodgers gear and my online connection to the game are ready to go... **STAT**!!! (**maybe take out a dodgers hat, put it on ... with the dress... and wait for the laugh**).

Shane, I can’t think of anyone I’d rather share my DNA with.... welll... maybe (**Name two or three of your friends or famous people he might envy and wait for the laugh**).... There’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, both of whom are pretty **GREAT** guys, and of course there’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.... he **REALLY** gets my jokes... (**Wait for the laugh**)... By the way... **NONE** of them would ever **THINK** to have me wear a dress... but **YOU**, my **BROTHER**.... you’re my friend, my confidante... my wardrobe consultant... and you **ALWAYS** have my back.... yes.... it **WAS** you with me in 2004 .... you little life saver you... you came to my defense when those three **LUNATICS** yelled at my girlfriend in Dodger Stadium... **BROS BEFORE THROWS**!!! (**And wait for the laugh**). And you also know there probably isn’t **ANYTHING** I

**WOULDN’T** do for you..... **AHHHHH** Wait a minute... there is maybe one thing... remember when you were a kid and you “made me” take you to the **WORST. MOVIE. EVER. MADE**??? Remember “**Street Fighter**???” ... Yeah... welll... uh... **NO**.... I **DID**, however, hear somewhere that if you want to see how much your wife **REALLY** loves you, take **her** to see that movie and see if she makes it through!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

And... speaking of.... Stacey, I want to take this opportunity to welcome you to the family. I really appreciate how much you and Shane love each other and I look forward to getting to know you better.... as we say...”Come for the Dodgers madness, stay for the wardrobe changes!!” (**Point to your dress again and say**) Knowing how artistic you are, maybe next time Shane tricks me into wearing a dress, we can get a little more creative with the accessories??? (**Wait for the laugh**).

Shane... sometimes people enter our lives that we Just. Can’t. Get. Rid. Of... you know... rhymes with “**Shmachelor Smarty**?  **WINK WINK**. (**Wait for the laugh**). And there are others, in spite of what they may do, who are real genuine gifts in life. I know I am thankful to have you as my brother and I can’t wait to see how your married life with Stacey unfolds.

I’d like to invite all of you to raise a glass as I propose a toast:

To Stacey and Shane, here’s to a life filled with love and color, joy and partnership, lots of baseball and football, and more than anything your hearts desire. Congratulations! We love you!!! ...

and **THAT’s** the **END** of my **DRESS**... I mean **ADDRESS**!!! (**Wait for the laugh**).

Thank you all!!