

SCENE 6

RICHARD is on the phone to ANNELI. ANNELI is sat on a toilet, with the lid down.

RICHARD

Are you serious?

ANNELI

Yep.

RICHARD

She's not coming.

ANNELI

Yep.

RICHARD silently pumps his fist in victory, in a 'get in' sort of fashion.

RICHARD

Oh, thank god!

ANNELI

What do you mean?

RICHARD

I've got some good news for you.

ANNELI

I literally cannot imagine what would constitute good news right now.

RICHARD

I'll give you three guesses.

ANNELI

I don't know! Have you and Maria have actually joined forces and this is just an attempt to make me go grey ten years earlier than planned?

RICHARD

I think you'd look good grey, actually.

ANNELI

Richard, I'm warning you, if you've done all of this because of some weird fetish-

RICHARD

It's not that, obviously. Two more guesses.

ANNELI

Is this all just an elaborate ruse so we don't have to sit through Cillian's probably offensive father of the bride speech?

RICHARD

What about mine? You wouldn't want to be deprived of the joy of my genuinely hilarious speech.

ANNELI

It's okay, you can give me a private performance later.

RICHARD

(suddenly very interested)

Oh yeah?

ANNELI

Yeah, you can even make it a double bill. Act one, speech. Act two, the terrible and irresponsible things that the wedding party get up to once they're too drunk to think sensibly.

RICHARD

Maybe I could change Maria's mind. Let me speak to her!

ANNELI

Ah, now he's motivated. Stop distracting me, I'm so stressed that I'm horny, but I'm also too stressed to be horny, which is all very confusing and that's really helping no one right now. So, what's the actual supposed good news.

RICHARD

I was just with Callum and he's basically reached the same conclusion as Maria.

ANNELI

Fuck off.

RICHARD

Nope.

ANNELI

Shut the fuck up.

RICHARD

Not planning on it.

ANNELI

Fuck me!

RICHARD

Now that on the other hand...

ANNELI

Those absolute shit nuggets! Argh!

BLACK OUT.