



Adam Ruins Everything: Script:

Minister: Friends, family, we are gathered here today to celebrate the union between Emily and Murph.

Murph: Are you sure we won't have any interruptions?

Emily: Don't worry, I took care of Adam.

Minister: And it is my distinct honor to unite Emily and Murph in the most holy of traditions.

Adam: I object! Nearly all wedding traditions are nothing but pointless and expensive displays of wealth.

Murph: Adam we don't have time for this.

Ashley: Um actually we do, I budgeted it into the schedule.

Murph: No not this time, okay? My engagement was one thing, but I've been dreaming about this day my whole life. My friends are here. My very traditional family is here.

Father: You're making us proud son!

Mother: Of course we would have preferred a Catholic priest but...

Murph: This is tradition Adam. The dress, the ceremony, the cake: It all symbolizes true love.

Adam: Nope those traditions represent one thing: Money. In fact this entire ceremony has been hijacked by a greedy industry looking to make a buck.

Murph: But this is the way weddings have always been!

Adam: Wrong again, American weddings were once informal affairs held in homes or at community events like barn raisings or corn husking bees.

Minister: I hereby pronounce you man and wife. You may now eat the corn.

Murph: Nice try Adam but that's not a real wedding. She's not even wearing white. That means she's not a virgin.

Bride: No you lout! It means I'm not rich.

Adam: Back then white fabric was almost impossible to clean so a white dress was only meant to be worn once.

Bride: Poor folks can't afford that. We got to make our dresses last. Brown don't show the dirt.

Queen: It wasn't until I, Queen Victoria, wore a white dress to my wedding that other brides began to copy me to show off their wealth, but even then it was strictly for the well-to-do.

Bride: She thinks she's so good in her more-than-one-dress. And her more-than-one-lung.

Adam: Even white wedding cakes were all about bragging. White sugar back then was so expensive it was basically edible bling.

Queen: My cake is as white as all my friends.

Murph: Well, Emily's wearing a white dress and we're not rich.

Adam: Nope but you're making it rain like you are, and all because of bridal magazines. Meet Vicki Howard she's the author of Brides incorporated and an expert in wedding commercialization.

Vicki: Weddings used to be simple affairs, but then bridal magazines encouraged brides to marry like the wealthy and created a wedding industry of unrelated products like silverware, gifts for the home, and even early wedding gowns.

Adam: And they did all this when Americans were at their poorest.

Vicki: It was the birth of an entire industry and now the cost of weddings keeps skyrocketing.

Ashley: Give me that. Listen, people want the finest on their big day and that comes at a price. It's not like we're cheating people.

Adam: Oh no that's exactly what you're doing. The wedding industry systematically overcharges young couples just because they can. One study found that a majority of flower shops photographers, ooh and cake shops...

Baker: No way Jose!

Adam: Charged more for a wedding than they did for a birthday party of the same size. It's called the wedding tax. Basically anything Ashley here booked for you is a rip-off.

Ashley: Um I have to go... uh and count mason jars or something.

Murph: That's insane. How can they get away with this?

Adam: Well this culture of spending is now so pervasive, if you don't do it, your family will be pissed.

Mother: Where are the floral centerpieces? You can't have a wedding without floral centerpieces!

Murph: Mom, they were two grand extra.

Mother: You're breaking your mother heart.

Murph: Tell Ashley to put it on the Discover. Well maybe going through this whole expensive ordeal together will make us stronger as a couple.

Emily: Ooh sorry babe, researchers at Emory University found that the more you spend on your wedding you're actually more likely to end in divorce.

Murph: How do you know that?

Emily: This was my bachelorette party.

Adam: Oh yeah that was fun.

Emily: But has a point. I mean no one we paid to help plan this wedding gives two craps if we stay together or not.

Ashley: That is not true. I care very deeply about Emily and Smurf. The Discover card was declined. Should I use the Amex?

Murph: Remain calm Murph. It's your special day. It's your special day! Don't go nuts at your own wedding. Even though...

Adam: Is he okay?

Emily: Oh yeah that's just his think and walk.

Murph: No not today Conover. Because guess what buddy, I just figured out your a little lesson.

Adam: Oh well tell me. I love to learn.

Murph: A century of advertising has distracted us from what's really important. It's not about the money or the gifts or the thread-count of the table runners. It's about love. All this, it's just about you and me declaring our eternal undying love for each other. That's what weddings used to be about and that's what I want our wedding to be about too. Because I love you Emily and I always will.

Audience: Aaah.

Emily: Ah, babe, I love you too.

Murph: So Adam you want to take back that objection?

Adam: Oh gosh, I wish I could but science says your feelings are almost certain to change. Want me to tell you about it?

Murph: Oh please do! Please do!

Ashley: All right people this is gonna be a while, so let's just start the dinner course and we will finish the ceremony later. Okay? Thanks.