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MAN-SHOWER

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AT RISE, STEWART, a sheepish looking fellow, sitting on a stool, holding a plastic swan. Next to him, HAL, his brother in law. HAL is wearing a terry-cloth robe and holding a brown grocery bag and a plastic swan.

THEY are in STEWART'S basement. There is a card table with an ice bucket, a fancy gift bag with curly ribbon, tissue paper, the whole nine; and three stools.

STEWART

You have completely misinterpreted this entire situation.

HAL

The invitation said "Man-shower," I thought it was some kind of themed costume party. You alright?

STEWART

Sure

HAL

You look down, brother. Isn't this a party? Even without the costumes, I thought this was still gonna' be a party.

STEWART

Who has a costume party?

HAL

I... the invitatuions--

STEWART

Stacy sent out the invitations. You think I would invite you to a man-shower?

HAL

I don't know. I thought you might, being one of them theatre types. Thought it was a neat idea, actually, little brother.

STEWART

In-law...

HAL

What?

STEWART

Nothing.

HAL

Naw, I heard you. I know you ain't my real brother, but that don't mean I gotta say, "in-law," every time I'm talkin' to you. I'd be talkin' forever. Some people might find it endearing or somethin'.

STEWART

Thanks for the swan.

HAL

It's actually more of a stork, kinda thing. I thought it was a duck, Ain't the stork a duck?

STEWART

No, man. The stork is a stork.

HAL

Oh...Guess that makes sense. Got some other stuff you might like, though.

HAL gives STEWART the grocery bag. He pulls out a Ziplock with a used breast pump in it.

STEWART

Thanks

HAL

Got that at the yard-sales yesterday. Thought you could use a breast-pump. I mean, Stacy could use it, you know. It was only 75 cents.

STEWART

Are you crazy?

HAL

What? You can sterilize it.

STEWART

No, the breast-milk... thanks for the pump, I guess. Probably won't give it to Stacey.

HAL

Yeah, keep it for yourself, if you know what I mean.

STEWART

I'm trying real hard not to... Seriously, what's with the breast-milk?

HAL

What,? Is it thawing out? Might want to get that into the freezer.

STEWART

Tell me this isn't breast-milk from the twins.

HAL

Yeah, Nancy's puttin' out a lot more than the twins are needin', and I figured you might like it. I use it in smoothies and stuff. Saves a lot of money.

STEWART puts the melting breast-milk back in the grocery sack, and begins walking off-stage.

STEWART

I'm gonna go put this in the freezer...

As he gets toward the edge of stage,

...Or the trash can.

HAL

I heard that.

HAL sits for a beat in awkward silence until MANNY, a big Indian American dude with a chip on his shoulder, and a WAL-MART bag in his hand, comes in.

MANNY

Hey...Where's The stripper?

HAL

I don't know. Maybe she's pregnant, too. So, she might be late.

MANNY and HAL share a look.

MANNY

What's with the swan? You bring it in that fancy gift bag?

HAL

It's a stork, and I think that there is from Gene. He couldn't make it.

MANNY

Lucky him.

HAL

It's supposed to be a stork.

MANNY

Whatever. Where's Stewie?

HAL

Went to throw away some titty-milk I gave him.

MANNY

You gave him leftover titty-milk from the twins?

HAL

Yeah.

MANNY

What the hell were you thinkin'?

HAL

Well, I was thinkin' that it might be funny. He thinks I'm serious, though. So, I just went with it. Told him I use it to make smoothies.

MANNY

That is funny, actually.

HAL

I thought so. Tryin' to lighten him up. Acting like something crawled up his butt and kicked him... Hard.

MANNY

He oughta' be. He's havin' a kid. What's he doin' havin' a kid?

HAL

Been married for a year. Isn't that what's supposed to happen?

MANNY

Don't even get me started on that.

HAL

You know what they say, if your parents didn't have kids, there's a good chance you won't...

Pause

HAL (CONT'D)

Think about it...

MANNY

What's he got to be worried about?

STEWART returns.

STEWART

What's who got to worry about?

MANNY

You, and it's nothin'. I'm sure you've got it all under control. Welcome to the world of breeding.

HE hands STEWART the WAL-MART bag.

HAL

You get any beer in?

MANNY

No, I got tagged by Stacy at the door. She took my sixer. Doesn't she know that's probably how she got pregnant?

HAL

Hey...

MANNY

I guess we could chew on ice.

HAL

Yeah, she took my bottle of Jack when I came in, too.

STEWART

Thanks for trying.

HAL

Hell, anything for a bro, man.

STEWART

What is this? Lube?

MANNY

Yeah, you're gonna' need that for a while.

HAL

Nah, he's been married long enough. He oughta' be used to that, by now.

MANNY

So, you thought about what you're gonna do when your baby comes out with beautiful brown skin?

STEWART

That why she's been vomiting for nine months?

MANNY

Touche'.

HAL

She really been throwin' up for the whole nine?

STEWART

Yeah.

HAL

Nancy only threw up for the first six weeks.

STEWART

Lucky her.

MANNY

What's with the robe?

HAL

I thought it was a costume party.

MANNY

You get him the used breast pump, too?

HAL

Yeah, men can lactate, you know.

MANNY

No they can't.

HAL

Yeah. I Googled it.

STEWART

Are you serious?

HAL

Yeah. Only thing is... it tastes like cheese and beef jerky!

MANNY

Yeah, I saw that on Oprah last week.

Silence...as the other two stare at MANNY.

MANNY (CONT'D)

What? She's on during my lunch break....

Silence...

C'mon, she's...What?... Peyton Manning... Brett Favre... John Madden... WWF... The Civil War... Porn... The Godfather!

HAL

Yeah, that's more like it. Much--

STEWART

Oh, my god, I'm gonna be a father!

MANNY

Stewart? You alright, man?

HAL

What's up, brother? You alright?... Hell, he's passing out.

STEWART is hunched over, and passes out face forward into HAL'S arms. HAL tries to pick him up, then wiggles him around a little.

MANNY

What're you doin'?

HAL

I don't know. Tryin' to wake him up? He's heavier than he looks.

MANNY

Slap him!

HAL

Naw, let's pour some ice on him or something.

HAL grabs a handful of ice, and throws it down the back of STEWART's shirt. This doesn't work, so he slaps him. This wakes him up, right as HAL is reaching back for the second strike.

MANNY & STEWART

NO!!!

HAL stops short of slapping Stewart again.

STEWART

You tryin' to kill me?

MANNY

Hey, Stew. You freakin' out?

STEWART

A little.

MANNY

Well, stop. This is what you wanted, isn't it?

STEWART

Thanks, Manny, you're a real comfort. Really.

MANNY

Sorry.

STEWART

No, really, I can't think of a time I felt more secure--

MANNY

You need to sit down before you have an aneurism.

STEWART

I'm gonna have an aneurism all over your face in a second!

MANNY & HAL

What?

STEWART

Nothing. Sorry.

MANNY

Relax. Nobody starts out knowing all this stuff. Not like you need a license to be a dad.

MANNY's cell phone rings. He answers.

MANNY (CONT'D)

Yellow... It's Gene. He wants to know if you opened his gift, yet...No, we just got done pulling Stewie out of an epileptic seizure... No, he was just flippin' out.

STEWART

I was not--

MANNY

Shh... Yeah, it's sitting right over there.... Yeah... Sure...

MANNY takes a look in the gift bag, then walks, bag in hand, over to HAL.

HAL

What?... Oh...

MANNY

Yeah...we're on it. Thanks for calling, Gene.

STEWART

What? What's goin' on?

MANNY

Relax. We got this. Just sit, little bro. Hal, would you do the honors?

HAL

I'll do you six better.

HAL grabs the swan, pours the ice into it from the bucket. Then, he pulls a sixer out of the gift bag, puts three of the beers in the swan, and hands the others out.

HAL

Looks like the ugly duck was a swan after all.

STEWART

It was always a swan.

HAL

Whatever.

STEWART

Thanks, brother.

HAL

To the man-shower!

ALL

The man-shower!

They drink... THE END