

# Strange BUT True

True stories from around the world that are hard to believe

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## Plastered Groom

All about a man, a wedding, a honeymoon, and a joke.

James played a joke on his friend that all went horribly wrong. Here he is to tell us about it.

### The Plan

I'm a medical student and just recently a good friend, Mike, was getting married. He chose me to be his best man. We've known each other since childhood so it was the natural choice. My main tasks were making sure that Mike got to the wedding on time, and organising the stag night. As is traditional, we had the stag night planned for the night before the wedding. Of course that's always a dangerous thing to do, but Mike's a very traditional guy, and likes to do things the way they should be done. Mike knew I'd be playing a few tricks on him, but he probably didn't expect anything quite as bad as what actually happened.

### The Party

The stag night started off very well. First of all we had a meal at a Mexican restaurant. By the time we left we were **fairly drunk** from all the **tequila slammers**. Next we **headed off to** a local pub. I'd arranged for a **strip-o-gram** to come along. That was great fun. She was dressed as a police officer. At first, Mike didn't realise who she was, but when she started **removing her clothes**, he soon understood. We took **loads of photos**. Anyway, the night went on, we got drunker and drunker. In fact, Mike got so drunk that by about 12 at night, he couldn't walk any longer – he was completely **plastered**. Now it was time to put our plan into action.

### The Treatment

First, we got Mike back to our hotel. Then, we put both his legs in **thick, hard plaster**. The next morning, the day of his wedding, he woke up with the plasters on his leg. "What **the hell** happened?" he asked in a panic. "You had a really bad **fall** and we **rushed you to hospital**," I explained. "But don't worry. It's nothing too serious – just a question of days."

I'm plastered.



So, poor Mike had to **hobble down the aisle on crutches, much to our amusement**. Later, he spent the whole of the **reception** sitting on a chair. We had decided that we would tell him the truth when he arrived at his hotel room – Mike had given me the number of the hotel so that was all right. Or so I thought.

### The Honeymoon

After the reception, everyone **cheered** as the happy couple **drove away**. A few hours later, and thinking that **enough was enough**, I rang the hotel to leave a message. But to my horror, Mike wasn't there. I later found out that Mike, being a careful guy, had deliberately given us the name of the wrong hotel. He was worried we might **turn up** to play a few more jokes. So, in the end, poor Mike spent his **honeymoon** with his legs in plaster. It wasn't until four days later that he found out what had happened.

Poor guy!

## GLOSSARY

**fairly drunk** *exp*  
quite drunk

**a tequila slammer** *n*

a drink of tequila in a small glass. You are supposed to drink it quickly and all at once

**to head off to** *exp*  
to go to

**a strip-o-gram** *n*

a person who is paid to take off his/her clothes. Often they are dressed as police officers/fire officers, etc, and they go wherever you send them (usually pubs)

**to remove clothes** *exp*

to take off clothes

**loads of photos** *n*

lots of photos

**thick** *adj*

not thin

**plastered** *adj*

very drunk. Also, in plaster (see next entry)

**plaster** *n*

a thick, hard, white material used to cover a broken leg or arm in order to protect it

**the hell** *exp inform*

this expression is used to show you are angry

**a fall** *n*

if you have a "fall", you fall to the ground

**to rush someone to a place** *exp*

to take someone to a place quickly

**to hobble down** *exp*

to walk in a place with difficulty

**an aisle** *n*

a corridor in a church that goes to the altar

**on crutches** *n*

with sticks to help you walk because you have

broken a leg

**much to our amusement** *exp*

if something happens "much to your amusement", it makes you laugh a lot

**a reception** *n*

a party with drinking/dancing, etc after a

wedding ceremony

**to cheer** *vb*

to clap (hit your hands together) and to shout

"hooray!"

**to drive away** *phr vb*

to leave a place driving

**enough was enough** *exp*

it was time to stop (the joke)

**to turn up** *phr vb*

to arrive

**a honeymoon** *n*

a holiday for the married couple after they get

married

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