

NEW GIRL**"Shower"**

Logline: Jess is determined to throw a wedding shower for Cece but has to overcome Schmidt's constant interference.

ACT 1

NICK and WINSTON sit around the kitchen island in the loft. They are trash talking each other into a testosterone driven battle of wills: the cinnamon challenge. Just as Nick is about to put the spoon in his mouth, JESS bursts in laden down with bags of decorations and supplies for the wedding shower she's throwing for CECE.

The guys question her on her purchases just before SCHMIDT enters and riffles through the bags, calling Jess out on the quaintness of her theme choice. He quizzes her on the food, entertainment, and music for the party, vetoing them all. They get into a heated argument about who knows Cece better and which style of party she would like more.

As the maid of honor, Jess maintains that Schmidt's input does not matter as wedding showers are traditionally for the bride. Schmidt is bent on throwing the wedding of the season, including all auxiliary events therein, to make up for messing up Cece's first wedding. He pulls out a thick leather planner full of photos, notes, color swatches, and sketches. All inspiration for what Schmidt considers the 'perfect wedding'.

Jess makes fun of his wedding book and the two storm off, Jess with her bags and Schmidt to his old room. In the awkward moments following, Winston does the challenge. He goes into a panic with Nick, guzzling water, wiping his mouth with a towel, anything to ease the dryness.

Later that day, Jess is on the phone with Cece as she cleans up around the loft. They talk about the party and when asked if her mother is coming to the wedding shower, Cece admits that she has not asked because she is worried that her mom will not accept Schmidt because A) he is Jewish and B) he is the guy that ruined her first wedding.

Ever the optimist, Jess suggests that she just be honest with her mom about the situation and invite her. Her mom will realize that Schmidt really loves her and come around.

Cece agrees but when the two hang up she does not call her mom.

ACT 2

The next day, Jess walks into her bedroom to find that her bags of decorations have gone missing. She yells for Schmidt who enters the hallway looking smug. She accuses him of taking her bags.

Flashback to Schmidt, laden with the bags, out on the sidewalk asking OUTSIDE DAVE to get rid of the bags for him. Outside Dave gladly takes them and walks off muttering to himself.

Schmidt denies all her claims. As the argument escalates, Nick and Winston enter the hall and get involved. Nick is torn between siding with Schmidt as his best man or with Jess, because she is, well, Jess. He panics in the face of adversity and wraps himself up in his hoodie, pulling the strings tight to cover his face.

Winston manages to diffuse the situation by talking everyone down. Jess vows to throw Cece the best wedding shower ever and it will be everything that Schmidt abhors. She storms off, leaving the apartment. As the door slams, Schmidt yells after her about sending an email with the wedding pantones in it.

Schmidt turns to Nick and Winston, complaining about how insufferable Jess is. Winston sides with Jess. He thinks her shower plans sound fun and he cannot wait to attend. Nick and Schmidt have to explain to him that guys are not allowed to go to wedding showers, it is for the women. Confused, Winston insists on going anyways.

Jess goes to the bar to talk to Cece a few days later. Schmidt has been one move ahead of her every step of the way.

Flashback to Jess in the kitchen. She is yelling to someone about having to make several pies for the party. When she opens the fridge it is completely empty with a note taped to one of the empty shelves. Jess reads the note aloud, something about not being able to cook without food. She yells Schmidt's name.

Flashback to Jess organizing supplies for party games. She reaches into a bag and pulls out rolls of toilet paper; it has been thoroughly shredded. She picks up a stack of papers and all of them have been cut into paper chains. Jess throws them down in a huff and yells Schmidt's name.

Flashback to Jess walking down the sidewalk towards the door of the apartment building. Outside Dave struts past her wearing a makeshift outfit of all her decorations. Jess gasps at him, he flips his scraggily hair and comments that she is just jealous. Jess marches into the building yelling Schmidt's name.

Cece pats Jess on the arm and slides her a glass of pink wine. She offers to talk to Schmidt about his antics. Jess refuses. She cannot let Cece fight her battles with Schmidt, she has to do this on her own.

ACT 3

The day of the shower, the loft is decorated, ready to go, and Schmidt is nowhere to be found. Winston is helping Jess as a way to get into the party. They leave to pick up a few finishing touches before guests start to show up.

While they are gone, Schmidt sneaks into the apartment. Mission Impossible style, he replaces all of Jess's decorations with designer, high-end decorations of his own. Before he can sneak back out, Nick catches him.

He confronts Schmidt, but before he can get into it, Schmidt turns on him and claims that Nick has not been the supportive best man/friend that he should be. Nick is taken aback and does not respond as Schmidt takes his leave. Jess and Winston come back to Nick, standing alone in the redecorated room, and assume that it was him helping Schmidt.

He tries to deny it but Jess will not listen to him, more worried about fixing the decorations. She admits that Schmidt's decor is tasteful but it is the principle of the matter. There's a knock on the door as she tries to pull down the first of the decorations.

The guests have arrive and Jess will just have to deal with Schmidt's sabotage, but she refuses to admit defeat; even when a delivery service shows up with a full buffet of

food. Jess corners Nick and demands to know where Schmidt is.

Nick does not know, but promises to take a reluctant Winston and go find him. Winston does not want to leave until after they have done the toilet paper wedding dress games but Nick drags him away.

They find Schmidt hiding out up on the roof with a makeshift surveillance set up. He claims that it is too late to stop him now and presses a button. They can hear Jess yell from down in the loft.

She slams through the door to the roof and confronts Schmidt. He turned the party into a dance party with flashing colored lights and electronic music. Before he can gloat anymore Jess lunges for him, grabbing at his hair. He ducks and weaves out of the way but she manages to catch him and manhandle his perfectly sculpted hair.

The two scuffle while Nick and Winston try to pull them off each other. They only stop when Cece comes up to the roof and stops them.

ACT 4

Cece reprimands Schmidt but ultimately thanks him for his effort, but the party is Jess' domain as the maid of honor. Schmidt concedes, admitting to Jess that her plans were not half bad, despite being amateur, but that he had already committed to the challenge.

Jess admits that she did actually like Schmidt's suggestions and maybe they could have thrown the party together or at least with his input. Cece laughs at them both and explains that the party was much better than either of them had expected.

They go back down to the loft and everyone is partying. Someone broke into the toilet paper and some of the guests are wearing the toilet paper wedding gowns. Winston immediately sets off to find himself some of the toilet paper.

Jess and Nick end up watching that party from the side of the room, giving them the chance to talk. She asks him why he had been acting so weird all week and he admits that he

does not want Schmidt to move out, which will eventually happen with the upcoming wedding.

Schmidt has been his roommate and best friend for over twelve years and he is not sure how to let him go. Jess tells him that they will never really lose Schmidt and reminds him of the time Schmidt 'moved out' across the hall. They laugh and then Jess moves off to party with the guests.

Nick watches her, unintentionally, they make eye contact and she smiles before turning away. Winston dances his way over to Nick's side, successfully dressed in toilet paper. He notices Nick's look, pats him on the back, and tells him that it will be okay in the end.