

The Bride is the Boss but may not be qualified

That's where you come in...

Many times during the wedding planning process there are a ton of details and people to be managed and some of us are better managers than others. Everybody isn't a leader, unfortunately when its time for someone's wedding, the bride, (qualified or not), is the boss, she is in charge, if you don't like it don't be a part of the wedding because stress is inevitable.

If you are the fiancé or maid of honor then you need to help. Don't be a passive participant. My best advice is to help the bride stay as organized as possible especially if the couple has chosen NOT to have a wedding coordinator (*which I don't recommend*). When you talk about something or make a suggestion be as tactful as possible. *NEVER* start a sentence with "*WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS...*" or "*I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU...*" and if she asks you a question your response should never be "*I DON'T CARE*" or "*IT'S YOUR WEDDING*".... OR "*I DON'T CARE, IT'S YOUR WEDDING.*" By far this is the most appalling statement that could ever come out of your mouth if you have anything to do with someone's wedding, especially if you are the groom, maid of honor, mother-of-the-bride, or bridesmaid.

Here are some tips to help your bride:

1. Hire a **wedding planner** preferably someone who isn't family.
2. Ask her if you can make some **follow up phone calls** for her and/or go with her to meetings with wedding vendors. She could use some extra support.
3. **Let her talk about the wedding.** If she only talks about herself and her wedding and never once asks you how you feel or how your day is, don't take it personal. Let her vent and talk about it till your ears bleed, she'll stop once its all over, humor her!
4. **Make a big deal out of her bridal shower** and/or bachelorette party. Plan it like your planning your own wedding; make her the Queen of the day. Make sure its fun and don't forget the little details of the event. Don't just throw something together at the last minute.
5. **Make sure she eats** on the day of the wedding. Bring her some fruit or light pasta salad and some water or Gatorade so she doesn't get dehydrated.
6. **Only offer suggestions**, tactfully, don't add to the problem by saying those phrases stated above.
7. **Don't be a hater.** If you're always the bridesmaid and never the bride then suck it up or bow out gracefully. Or more importantly, If you don't like the groom or think she shouldn't marry him, please don't be in the wedding. Save your money and your friendship with the bride.

8. If she's flipping out. **Don't TELL her to CALM DOWN.** Do something to calm her down. Like get her water, help her get some air, a back massage, and foot rub or do something to divert her attention away from the stressor.
9. **Don't complain.** Complaining is soooo annoying. If you don't like the dress or shoes or colors she picked...grin and bear it... At the wedding if your feet hurt and your tired of taking pictures... shut your mouth about it, its not about you, this probably isn't your first wedding so please refrain from complaining.
10. If she turns into a **Bridezilla** then put her in her place. Let her know, at the right time, that she is trippin or wait until after the wedding and tell her, give her a"BRIDEZILLA AWARD" and pay her back when you get married!

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