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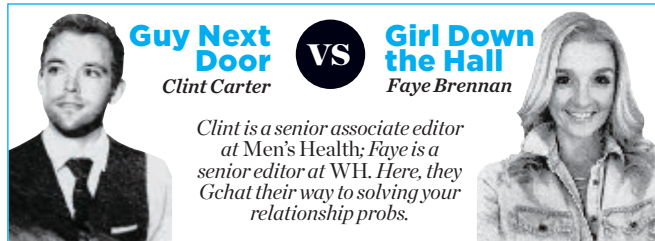
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CAREER

I work with a good friend, and there is an opening for a promotion. How do we deal with friendly competition?

Preserving long-term relationships is just as important as jumping on new opportunities. The bad news here is that someone's feelings may be hurt. The upside: You and your pal probably already have strong communication. Speak openly about the fact that you're both applying, agree to put your best bids forward, and let the chips fall where they may. Remember that companies are always evolving and positions are always changing. Trust the outcome whatever it may be, and be happy for your friend if she gets the promo. Being mature and thinking big-picture will position you well for the next opportunity. And if you get it, don't gloat.

SLOPPY JOE? A LITTLE TÊTE-À-TÊTE WILL IRON THAT OUT.



Guy Next Door
Clint Carter

VS

Girl Down the Hall
Faye Brennan

Clint is a senior associate editor at Men's Health; Faye is a senior editor at WH. Here, they Gchat their way to solving your relationship probs.

I'm about to move in with my sooo-messy fiancé, and I'll be damned if I become his maid. Help!

GIRL DOWN THE HALL

I will never understand how men can stand to live in their own filth: clothes and dirty dishes piled everywhere...It's gross! I think she should hire a cleaning service—have them come once a month—and squash this problem.

GUY NEXT DOOR

But there's a wedding to plan here, and those things aren't cheap. I say save the money, teach the dude. Even puppies have to be housebroken. This guy will come around.

GIRL DOWN THE HALL

I suspect that's what many women try to do, but then their guys just interpret it as nagging. And arguing over chores is one of the top passion killers in marriages—studies prove it!

GUY NEXT DOOR

It doesn't have to become an argument. I'd advise a civil convo: Explain to him that a messy home stresses you out, and you'd appreciate it if he'd keep the place neat.

GIRL DOWN THE HALL

All right. If he agrees to pick up after himself, then consider that an early wedding present. But after all the vows are exchanged, and presuming you can make room for it in your budget, eventually enlisting outside help could be worth it. Money can't buy happiness, but a clean house might. Plus, you've got better things to do in your free time! Ahem.

BOTTOM LINE: Start with a talk. House as sty-like as ever? Stay in a couple of nights a month that you'd normally go out, and use that money to hire a cleaner.

THE TOPKNOT: PERFECT FOR SUMMER...OR SO 2013?

Still chic, but bring it into 2015 with a messy, braided version—just braid your pony before twisting it up, and tug out a few face-framing pieces.