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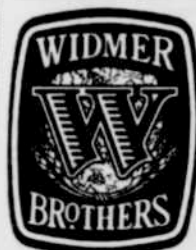
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ADVICE

Get a move on

Control Queen needs to talk, not walk

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

I am training with a computer company for six months, then relocating to another city. I have met the man of my dreams, and we agree we want to spend our lives together instead of just having a summer fling.

The problem is I cannot find the courage to ask him to move with me. I have tried to change the relocation part of my contract with the company but have been denied.

My boyfriend has a life here and would have to move away from friends and family for me. (I don't have that problem, because I already have moved away from my friends and family to be here.)

I am a traveling consultant and will be gone throughout the week and only available to see him on the weekends anyway, so flying back and forth each week is not a problem for me. But the advantage of moving together is we could start a whole new life together.

Work wouldn't be a problem for him if he moved with me; I already found him a very well-paying job where we could relocate. This sounds to me like the perfect opportunity for both of us, but I am scared he is not going to like the idea.

He has said he would not especially like a long-distance relationship with me. But on the other side, he said we could work through anything that comes into our paths because we are in love and life always throws a couple twists to make sure it is true love.

Still, I am wondering if we should continue with our relationship. I am not sure whether to move.

I do not want to lose him, but on the other hand, I do not want to jeopardize both of our careers as well. What should a person do when he has found the perfect match?

—Should I Come or Should We Go

DEAR SHOULD I COME OR SHOULD WE GO:

It sounds like you're trying to make all the decisions in your tiny little head.

Does your boyfriend even know you might move away? If you're so in love with each other, how can you plan what you'll do without discussing all of this with him?

Ms. Behavior suspects you might have a little of the Control Queen gene. If partnership is a new concept for you, you'll need an antidote to the control thing.

Practice these two sentences: "Here are my thoughts on the situation. What do you think?"

On the practical end, if you're only available on the weekends, it might not initially matter that much if your boyfriend moves



Ms. Behavior

with you, at least in terms of the amount of time you can spend together. Still, if you want that domestic union feeling that comes with having your dishes in the same cupboards and your panties in the same drawer, it's worth telling him.

At worst, if he says no, maybe you can try it long-distance for a while and see how it works. Maybe he'll agree to move with you later on, once you've established your life in the new city and he can see

what it's like to be there with you.

When you find a good match—there's no such thing as "perfect"—it's worth trying to find a way to make it work. Ms. Behavior always votes for romance.

If you both want the relationship, you'll figure it out together. But this means having to have a conversation about it, Missy.

DEAR MS. BEHAVIOR:

What are your views on lesbian age differences? In your opinion, do you think age difference should be a factor in getting involved in a relationship with someone? (The age difference I'm talking about is a 16-year-old and a 20-year-old.)

—R

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DEAR R:

Ms. Behavior wonders if you're the fresh young thing trying to seduce the "older woman" or the

lecherous 20-year-old tempted by a supple younger girl. Certain 16-year-old girls can look as mature as 20-year-olds, but it isn't usually true; 16-year-olds aren't usually relationship material (except maybe for other 16-year-olds).

Plus, in some states, the older woman might risk being arrested if, for example, the teen-ager's parents choose to press charges. (Of course, jail might be part of the fantasy.)

Age is often a factor in relationships, although not necessarily a problem. If you were older and the age difference were larger, it might be expressed as an imbalance in financial or social power, particularly in terms of career.

However, the difference you're talking about sounds more like junior varsity lacrosse player vs. college sophomore, in which case you need not worry about standing under the dyke corporate ladder (unless you're superstitious or fashion sensitive).



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