

**Congratulations! You're getting married! How exciting! It's probably been a lifelong dream. But what about his bachelor party? Does the thought make you uneasy? How you feel about his "last night of freedom" might hold the key to your future.**

If you're insecure about what might happen that night it boils down to trust. If you don't have confidence in him to behave, call it all off right now! I'm serious, don't marry him!! It's only going to get worse.

I've heard a lot of stories about the bride and her bridesmaids sneaking around to spy on the groom and his buddies. It's mischievous and exciting, but what does it say about your relationship? Are you sure you picked the right guy? Or is your clock just ticking too loudly?

Ask yourself honestly: Is your man the type who would say, "What she doesn't know won't hurt her?" Or is he the kind of man that would say, "It's not if she knows or not, I know, and I want to be truthful with her always." I don't know about you but I want the latter.

One bride told me she didn't "allow" her husband to have a bachelor party. Allow? Is she his mother? I do think traditions are made to be broken. And for your wedding the only requirement should be that you're happy! But if he wants a bachelor party, you can't stop it. Unless being a controlling bitch doesn't bother you.

Now if you're certain you picked the right guy and you're positive he's not the type to bang a stripper, or worse your Maid of Honor (we've all seen at least one *Jerry Springer Show*), but

you still have butterflies about his night...the best defense is a good offense.

Tell your bridesmaids you want to have a wild night of your own. Go to a strip club! Let your hair down. If you've never been it will eliminate your curiosity/anxiety. You might even enjoy it. Or hire some male strippers to come to your place. Do something you'd never do! Just don't betray your man or get arrested.

If you're uncomfortable about his night then it will continue to bother you every time someone tells a story about it in the future. But if you have a hell of a night for yourself you'll have something to equate it with and you'll feel better.

My point about all this is listen to your instincts. If you're feeling uncomfortable about his last single hurrah, there's probably a good reason. If it's because you don't trust him, get out now. I know it's embarrassing if the invites have already been mailed; but trust me, its better then getting a divorce. Too many couples make marriage dispensable these days. Take your time and get it right.

And if you do trust him but you're still having a hard time with him having fun without you, find a good therapist before you drive yourself crazy. It's healthy not to be joined at the hip.

**Look out for Donna's column next month!**

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