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Marriage Update

TRYING TO STAY STRONG
The duo (here last July) have been struggling to make things work amid multiple reports of problems.

THE

The honeymoon is

When Chelsea Clinton showed up for a workout at Soul Cycle spin studio in NYC on Feb. 20, her fellow spinners were quick to notice one thing: "Chelsea was working out right next to me, and she wasn't wearing a wedding ring," a class member tells *Life & Style*. Sure, many women take off their rings when exercising — but not Chelsea. In fact, in the wake of reports of serious

Chelsea was first spotted without her wedding ring on Dec. 19, causing speculation that her marriage was in trouble. She'd been careful to wear it since — until now.



RING IS OFF

cover for Chelsea Clinton as she's spotted without her wedding band

problems in her seven-month marriage to Marc Mezvinsky, Chelsea hasn't been seen without her ring since Dec. 19, whether hitting a spin class or going shopping. And the couple have been publicly parading their romance to prove their love. Chelsea, 30, and her husband formed a united front at the AmFAR gala, which honored Bill Clinton in NYC on Feb. 9, and then again when they arrived arm in arm at another star-studded NYC event on Feb. 16.

So the decision to step out publicly without a ring may be a sign that the marriage is in trouble — especially since Chelsea dragged Marc to the same spin studio on Feb. 5, just days after the reports broke, to send the signal that all was well.

ROCKY ROAD

The first months of marriage are called the honeymoon stage — but it's also when couples struggle to adjust to their new life together. And problems and tensions

that seemed like no big deal during the dating phase can begin to loom very large.

That appears to be what's happened with childhood friends Chelsea and Marc, 33. After three years of dating, they tied the knot in a lavish ceremony on July 31. But mere months later, Marc fled. The NYC investment banker quit his high-stress job in January to snowboard in Jackson Hole, Wyo. — leaving new wife Chelsea behind in NYC, abandoned and alone. The separation raised eyebrows, so Marc returned to Chelsea's side to keep up the appearance of a happy couple. But they were far from it.

What went wrong? The root of the problem, according to one report, is that Chelsea's intimidating parents, Bill and Hillary, have been pressuring Marc to cut ties with his own father, Ed Mezvinsky, a former Iowa congressman who spent five years in prison for fraud. Marc's first cousin Andrea Mezvinsky



WHERE SHE WENT RINGLESS

"It's odd that she wasn't wearing her wedding band," says a witness who saw Chelsea without it at Soul Cycle on Feb. 20.

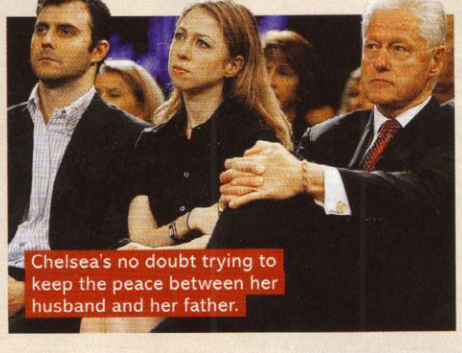
recently said that she and the family were desperately worried for Marc, who is "undergoing a crisis." And Ed's daughter, Marc's half-sister Margot, claimed Ed's being mistreated by the Clintons. Sadly, Chelsea is caught in the middle, torn between her love for her parents and her husband.

What Chelsea and Marc are going through is the sort of thing many couples deal with — but on a more severe scale. "Controlling in-laws are a huge cause

of marriages falling apart," psychotherapist Carolyn Bushong tells *Life & Style*. "It's very hard to stand up to your in-laws without alienating your mate." In other words, Chelsea needs to be the one to tell her parents to back off — or she may wind up having to take her ring off for good.

She's torn between husband and family

Chelsea's always loved and stood by her parents through good times and bad, but now she's torn between them and the man she loves. Before the couple wed, Marc had father-in-law Bill Clinton's blessing. "He was good enough to come and ask for my permission [to marry Chelsea,] the former president said. "It really meant a lot to me." But now Marc's family says the Clintons are pushing Marc away from his felon dad. "Ed [Mezvinsky] has been treated in a disgusting way by everybody involved, and he's very upset," Marc's half-sister Margot Mezvinsky recently said. As hard as it may be, Chelsea has to make a decision to stand up to her dad if she wants her marriage to succeed.



Chelsea's no doubt trying to keep the peace between her husband and her father.

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