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He knows.

The one who gets up last, makes the bed.

She knows.

The one who cooks, doesn't clean up.

They know.

One does the laundry, the other folds, puts clothes away.

She does the laundry. She folds.

Opens drawers. Closes drawers.

I just won't do it right, he says.

He gets up last. She makes the bed.

He cooks. She cleans up the kitchen.

She gets up last. She makes the bed.

She cooks. He doesn't clean up the kitchen.

Well, well, he laughs. Rules are made to be broken.

And, I didn't agree to these rules. Your rules.

She goes on strike.

One day, one week, one month.

New rules.

He cooks.

Takes out the trash,

recycling,

compostable bin.

She does the rest.

No one irons. Ever.