## **BREAK ROOM SMELLS! WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Q: Dear Queen Gabby, My coworker keeps heating fish in the office microwave. and now the break room smells like a low-budget seafood boil. Do I say something or suffer in silence?

~ Eeeeeeew!

Some

things

are better left unsaid.

O: Dear Queen Gabby, How do you know when it's love? And not just someone who knows how to text back on time and doesn't eat your fries without asking?

~ Because Idk!

A: Dear Eeeeeeew!,

Suffer in silence. There's no one worse than a "food Karen." Imagine you saying something to someone about their food, and it's what they eat in their culture, or even people with food restrictions, who only eat chicken and fish. Making them feel uncomfortable heating their food is not nice. Heat yours, and move around so you won't

have to bask in the smell. I bring salmon to work and don't care who thinks it stinks. All I care about is eating!

Thinking about what your coworkers might say while packing your lunch seems crazy. Remember, cabbage, greens, brussels sprouts, and boiled eggs don't smell good either. We can't limit food in workspaces like this.

~ Queen Gabby

A: Dear Because Idk!,

Love is tricky. I don't think we know that someone loves us until we face adversity and they show up for us. When we lose someone and are in mourning, they are there for us. When venting sessions turn into solutions, or even when you are so into them, you want to wed or create a life with them. You have to take the time to look at when that person is present. Also, consider if you are your authentic self, and they are still sticking around. True love doesn't die, it grows. Being consistent in texting is not love; that's a characteristic that person has. Not eating your fries is a learned behavior and consideration. We can't weigh love like that. Not when real life is going on and real love exists.

~ Oueen Gabby

