

MARIAH PUTS HUBBY IN CHARGE OF CAREER

Mega-diva Mariah with husband Nick Cannon in the Big Apple on Sept. 12



TALK about too close for comfort! Mariah Carey has fired her longtime manager and replaced him with her new husband – and friends fear the decision could spell disaster for their marriage.

The Grammy-winning singer “dumped Benny Medina after he took on her rival Jennifer Lopez, and then she told her husband Nick Cannon, ‘Guess what! You’re my new manager,’” a close friend told *The ENQUIRER*.

“Mariah feels personally insulted that Benny took on Jennifer, and she doesn’t want to share his time and attention. And since Nick has more than enough free time, she decided she’d put him on the payroll managing her career.”

BUT THE SOURCE WARNS THAT THEIR MARRIAGE “is already overstressed because she’s so self-absorbed and he’s determined to get out from under her shadow professionally.”

Nick, 27 – a comedian, rapper, actor and producer – wants to make it on his own, said the source.

“He’s already tiring of the ‘Mr. Carey’ talk. He told her he’d do anything she wanted, but privately he’s saying that he’s afraid he’s going to turn into her lackey.”

The couple met during the filming of the 38-year-old beauty’s last video – and walked down the aisle just six weeks later. They’ve been married less than five months.

When manager Medina – a career-comeback specialist – took on J.Lo as an additional client, Mariah took it as “a huge slap in the face,” reveals

Diva dumps longtime manager after he takes J.Lo as client



J.Lo hangs out with Benny Medina in New York on Sept. 8

the source. So she turned to Nick to steer her career. “She thinks he’s got untapped talent,” said the source. And she realizes with Nick as her manager, she’ll get to be with him pretty much 24/7.

MARIAH CAST NICK AS HER LOVE INTEREST in her video “Bye Bye” – and before the production ended, he was practically directing the video, according to the source.

“Mariah loves the idea of putting him to work for her. She thinks he’s really smart, and wants to give him a stake in her career.”

But the source cautioned: “Working with a spouse has its up side, but in Mariah’s case, the odds are it will cause wide-ranging problems.

“Nick’s not going to like having to put aside his own career to promote his wife’s. He’s quickly going to find himself pulled in two different directions.” **by ROBIN MIZRAHI**
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