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Mid-date beauty slipups (think raccoon eyes and sudden-frizz syndrome) happen... we're human! So if you're miles away from your go-to tools, try these on-the-fly fixes. Then he can focus one hundred percent on how irresistible you are.

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✦ Repair a Mane Malfunction

Bad hair days suck. Bad hair nights thanks to humidity and rain? Even suckier. So when frizz and flyaways attack, reach for a little hand cream. "Dilute a dime-size drop with an equal part water to create a makeshift hair-smoothing serum," says Tresemmé celebrity stylist Mara Roszak. To fix straight strands gone wild, rub the mixture along fuzzy spots; its weight instantly grounds flyaways. If your hair is curly, scrunch the serum over your entire head to hydrate and redefine coils. And when all else fails, rock a pony (they're totally hot this spring).

✦ Defuse Booze Breath

You know the countless downsides of too many drinks on a date, but just one glass of beer, wine, or a harder beverage can have an immediate effect, drying out your mouth and creating an ideal environment for nasty-smelling bacteria. "To counteract this, order a glass of water and sip it alongside your cocktail," says NYC cosmetic dentist Marc Lowenberg. Mini toothbrushlike tools (such as the Colgate Wisp, \$2.39, which deposits breath-freshening gel via bristles) are also perfect to carry in a clutch...especially for unplanned sleepovers.

✦ Mattify Oil-Slicked Skin

Showing off your sexy dance moves or flirting at a crowded bar can bring on a dewy T zone. And while face powder

is great for tiny touch-ups, it looks cakey when layered over sweat. So hit the bathroom for some toilet paper. "Some pros suggest blotting with a toilet-seat cover, but tissue works just as well since it's made to be super-absorbent—plus it's way more convenient," says makeup artist Tina Turnbow. (Products like the portable Clean & Clear Oil-Absorbing Sheets, \$5, work similarly.)

✦ Smooth a Jagged Nail

If you don't have a file handy, scour your handbag for a matchbook (or swipe one from the hostess stand). The gritty striking strip works like a nail file, smoothing out the broken edge, says Dana Caruso, a nail expert for Sally Hansen. Or if you're wearing jeans, vigorously rub it against the seam—the friction will buff away the harsh edges.

✦ Dehydrate Greasy Hair

That compact in your clutch can do more than just degrease your skin, it can also act like a dry shampoo. Pat roots with the face powder, then tousle to blend it in. "It'll absorb excess oils plus offer instant volume," says Roszak. Or tote Jonathan Green Rootine Dry Shampoo, \$19; the brush-on applicator makes degreasing a cinch.

✦ Get Rid of Raccoon Eyes

Trying to rub away migrating mascara or liner with a tissue will only irritate your delicate under-eye skin. Instead, reach for that hand lotion again.

Dab a pea-size drop onto your under-eye area, then gently swipe it with a tissue. "The lotion acts like a cream cleanser, making cleanup a cinch," says Turnbow.

✦ Lose the Wine-Stained Lips

Sure, the pigments in red wine can tint your teeth in the long run, but more immediately, they can stain your lips. (Once those pigments dry, they function like a lip stain, not even budging with water.) Swipe a packet of sugar from your table, and use it to create a lip exfoliator in the bathroom, says NYC dermatologist Anne Chapas. Spill the sugar into your palm, add a few drops of water until it feels gritty, then gently rub it against your lips to buff away the red residue. Another option: Stash the purse-size Fresh Sugar Lip Polish, \$22.50—an on-the-go pout buffer—in your clutch.

✦ Soothe Red, Blotchy Skin

The anxiety of a first date (or even running late) can send the blood vessels in your thin-skinned neck and chest areas into overdrive. And splotchy red cleavage kind of kills the whole point. The simple solution: Buy an ice-cold bottle of water (or if you're meeting him at a restaurant, excuse yourself for a second, head to the bathroom, and run a paper towel under cold water). "Rest it against the inflamed area, and the cold temperature will instantly bring down the redness," says NYC dermatologist Patricia Wexler.

CLEAR A FOOD-SPECKLED SMILE

Rogue pepper flakes or spinach in your teeth could transform even Megan Fox into a jack-o'-lantern. If you don't have floss on hand, the corner of a stiff business card is great for dislodging food close to the gum line, while thinner drink stirrers are better for getting into hard-to-reach back teeth, says Dr. Lowenberg.

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"I like dark nail polish, because when I'm out and it chips, I can color it in with a pen." —Katrina

"In a pinch, I've used a touch of pool-table chalk on my roots as dry shampoo—it works great!" —Jeri

"If I feel a zit brewing, I dab a little hand sanitizer onto my skin. The alcohol dries it out, so I don't grow a whitehead mid-date." —Beth

"Before drinking red wine, I rub a thin layer of lip balm on my teeth, so it doesn't stain." —Anna



(On him) shirt: Dior Homme. (On her) dress: Hervé Léger by Max Azria; bracelets (on left wrist), DANNUJO; bracelet (on right wrist) and ring (on left hand): Mawi.