

20 Hollywood Couples With A Big Age Gap

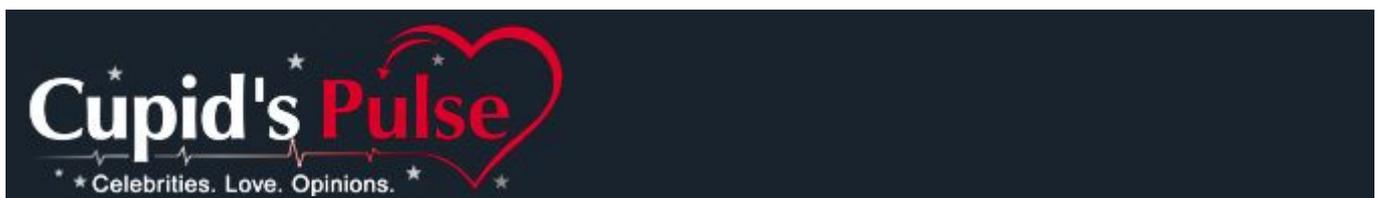




Stephen Moyer and Anna Paquin

These sexy stars of 'True Blood' wed in 2010, paying no attention to their 12-year age gap. Moyer is 45 years old, and Paquin is 33 years old. Photo: Juan Rico/FAMEFLYNET PICTURES

Best Dressed Celebrity Arrivals





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Emma Stone

Of course, the elegant Emma Stone makes our list of best dressed celebrity arrivals! Here, she attends the 'Irrational

Man' Los Angeles premiere in a sundress that's casual yet classy. Photo: David Gabber / PRPhotos.com

Source Says Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones Are 'Not Back Together'



By [Whitney Johnson](#)

Michael Douglas recently revealed that he's "working things out" with wife Catherine Zeta-Jones, but a source close to the couple confirmed to [People](#) that they are "not back together"

quite yet. While the pair are still talking – and even have been spotted with their wedding rings on – they aren't spending time together. Most recently, they even spent their shared birthday of September 25th apart.

What are some factors to consider before getting back together with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

It's tempting to get back together with your ex. After all, they know you well and already fit into your life. Still, you must remember why you two split in the first place and truly consider the decision at hand before jumping in again. Cupid encourages you to consider the following questions:

1. Why did you breakup? It's easy to remember only the happy times as you embark on your second chance romance, but you have to consider what drove you apart and led to your breakup. Was it just a silly fight or a rough day? Or were you unhappy for a long time before you finally went your separate ways?

2. Do you share the same core values? If you don't share similar goals or visions for the future, your relationship will never work – it's as simple as that. Take the time to sit down with your ex and talk about the nitty-gritty details that may have been pushed to the wayside during your first shot at happily ever after. Don't be afraid to dig deep and really open yourself up. You have to take a risk to reap the reward of a happy love life!

3. Are you *both* willing to do the work? Relationships are never easy, but rekindling a failed flame requires even more effort than usual. You must be willing to work through your past issues and focus on the future of your relationship. You also must be confident that your ex will stand by your side and be a true partner as you sort things out.

Have you ever reconnected with an ex? Share your story in the comments below!

Michael Douglas Says He and Catherine Zeta-Jones Are 'Working Things Out'



By April Littleton

Michael Douglas' separation from wife Catherine Zeta-Jones was announced in August, but Sunday he told [People](#), "We're working things out, talking and we'll see how she goes." Douglas won

an Emmy for lead actor in the movie *Behind the Candelabra*. On stage, he said, "I want to thank my wife, Catherine, for her support."

What are some ways to work on your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Every once in a while, your relationship will hit a bump in the road. It's normal to be at odds with your partner at times. It's how you try to make it work that matters in the end. Don't give up at the first sign of trouble. You and your significant other need to be fully invested in what you have if you want to make romance last. Cupid is here to help:

1. Agree to disagree: Don't threaten to break up with your honey every time you have a fight. Breaking up won't solve anything, especially if the argument is over something silly. Try to solve your disagreements peacefully and move on from it.

2. Bring the romance back: Spend some much needed time together. Plan out a special date, but don't tell your partner any of the details. Doing something unexpected for your boo will reignite the spark that might have fizzled out a bit. Compliment each other over a candlelight dinner and end the night with a romantic bubble bath. By the end of it all, you'll feel like you're getting to know each other all over again.

3. Don't overshare: When you're in a fight with your significant other, the first thing you want to do is run to your friends and tell them everything that's going on. It's OK to want to confide in someone, but this won't help with your relationship. What's going between the two of you, should stay private. To avoid making the situation worse, don't involve anyone else in your private life.

What are some other ways to work on your relationship? Comment below.

Celebrity Couple Predictions: Paula Patton, Miley Cyrus and Catherine Zeta-Jones



By [Shoshi](#)

For this week's celebrity couple predictions, I want to consider three duos who have been plagued with breakup rumors – some of which have been confirmed.

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Paula Patton and Robin Thicke: These two have been one of the most interesting couples to watch lately – who knew they could be so entertaining? Fans have been waiting for Patton to get upset with her husband for being racy with Miley Cyrus on stage at MTV's Video Music Awards.

From a clairvoyant point of view, they are a couple with a lot of layers. Thicke was recently quoted as saying that his marriage was "the most dysfunctional functional relationship in Hollywood." That's actually a fair assessment; the thing that keeps them solid is trust.

The famous pair are doing quite well in their relationship despite all of the shenanigans. The actress doesn't freak out when he checks out another woman, and she knows, at the end of the day, Thicke is coming home to her. Don't expect any separation or divorce headlines. In fact, in less than a year, they'll be pregnant again.

Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth: Speaking of Cyrus, it's no surprise that her rep confirmed her engagement was over on Monday. As recent as last weekend, she stopped following her alleged beau on Twitter, but this relationship hit "hot mess status" months ago. Hemsworth tried to hang in there, and it's time for him to officially move on.

When looking at their energy, what kept these two together was sex; they weren't destined for anything more than hot nooky. The pop star's energy is all over the place, and she isn't focused on love, which will make it difficult for anyone trying to have a serious relationship with her.

As for what's next for these two, Cyrus will have a few flings. Once she's finished trying to be the next Lady Gaga with a splash of Madonna from the 80s, she'll be ready for a relationship that has meaning. Hemsworth, on the other hand,

will end up with a dark-haired actress on his arm.

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Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas: When it was announced that this married pair separated, the only surprise was that it hadn't happened years ago. Their 13-year marriage lasted longer than most people predicted, as many critics gave it only 5 years. There are many theories on why their relationship fell apart, but it's all speculation; instead of paying attention to the tabloids, I decided to take an in-depth look at their love. I have no doubt that they'll divorce. The actress is a bit lost at the moment; it's important to note that her bipolar disorder is not that main cause for her detachment in their relationship. She is seeking something that she's not getting in her marriage.

They signed a pre-nup when they first got hitched, but the brunette beauty will want a different settlement. Let's just say she thinks that she deserves more money. After a lot of nasty back-and-forth, Douglas will give her what she wants to get rid of her.

After the smoke clears and they're divorced, Zeta-Jones will end up with someone younger who will help her learn to live again. She is known for having an appetite for older men, so this will be new ground for her. Expect her to become known as a full-fledged cougar. Douglas will be fine, as he has a new outlook on life. If he does look for love again, it'll be with someone closer to his age.

For more information on Shoshi, click [here](#).

Finding Reconciliation Through Separation



By Tammy Greene for [Hope After Divorce](#)

Marriage is full of extreme ups and downs. Every marriage goes through hard times, but some certainly more than others. As recent news of the separation between the Oscar-winning duo Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas came to light, we can see the toll that these hard times can take. These past few years, they have experienced a series of insurmountable challenges. Douglas was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2010, and he had to endure chemotherapy and radiation, which took a tremendous toll on his body. As if that wasn't enough to put stress on a relationship, his wife of 13 years surprised fans in 2011 when she voluntarily admitted herself to a facility for bipolar disorder treatment. She underwent treatment again

earlier this year.

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This type of stress and worry is enough to put any relationship on the brink of divorce, and this power couple is no exception. According to *People* magazine, a representative of the couple stated that the couple is separated and “taking some time apart to evaluate and work on their marriage.” A separation is exactly that. It’s a time to step back from the daily arguing and frustration to re-evaluate your partnership. It’s a time to figure out if you want to get your relationship back on track.

Here are some ideas to help you turn a separation into reconciliation:

Seek Professional Help

If both you and your spouse are committed to working things out, your first step is to find a third party that can help you. Talk to friends, relatives, and strangers, and search the Internet for referrals. Putting your trust and your relationship in the hands of someone you don’t know can be terrifying, so look for recommendations from people who have had good experiences. Don’t be afraid to tell people you are working on your marriage. Many people see counselors on a regular basis and just don’t talk about it. There is no shame in admitting that you need help and are looking to others for guidance. Rebuilding your marriage is worth the work required.

No Dating

If you are separated but committed to trying again, dating has to be off-limits. You cannot have an attitude of “the grass is greener on the other side” if you are trying to rebuild your marriage with your spouse. The point is to remember how green

the grass can be in your *own* backyard – with the word “can” being the key.

Immerse Yourself

A couple who recently resolved their separation said the best advice they ever got was to *not* fill the empty space the separation left behind. In other words, immerse yourself in the separation. Don't try to fill the quiet space with shopping, friends, alcohol, online video games, or any other possible distraction or addiction. Take the newfound alone time to think. Sit on the beach, take a drive without music, or write in your journal.

This is a time to find your way back to yourself and your partner with clarity and thoughtfulness. It's a time to remember what you loved about them in the first place and focus on what took you off track. There is no way you can devote the time necessary to rebuilding your marriage if you fill the space with distractions. It may be uncomfortable, but you need to start getting used to the silence in order to hear the quiet voices within, which will lead you towards healing.

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Do the Work

If you are at the point of separation there are only two directions to go: the path of divorce or the path of reconciliation. The choice is yours. If the path of reconciliation is the one you choose, then you must commit to giving everything you have to put your marriage back together. Do what your therapist tells you. Strip down the layers and lose the pride. Let go of your ego. Partial effort won't be enough. This may be the hardest thing you've ever done. If it's ever going to work out, you must give 100 percent.

There was a time, not too long ago, when you stood at the altar and you believed beyond all odds that you would make

your marriage work. Well, here you are: facing those odds that now seem too big to bear. A separation can be a blessing in disguise. If the right steps are taken, it can lead you to renewed hope and new beginnings with the person who you committed to for better or worse.

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Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones Separate





By Kristyn Schwiep

Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas are taking a break. According to [People](#), the celebrity couple hasn't been photographed together since April 22 and they have been vacationing separately with their kids. The couple has not filed for divorce and they hope they can work out their differences. "They want the best for their kids no matter what happens," said a source.

What are three reasons to take a break from your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Deciding whether or not you need to take a break from your relationship can be difficult. So when should you take a break? Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Different goals: Being in a relationship with different goals can be tiring. Even though at one point you might have had the same goals, people change their direction. If your goals are different and it doesn't seem like you guys can agree on the same path its probably time to take a break and

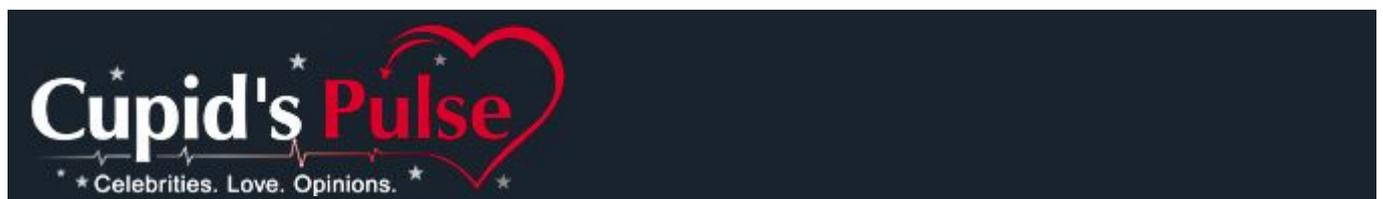
think about what you two really want for the future.

2. Fighting: Fighting all the time with your partner is unhealthy and tiring. Fighting every now and then is common in a relationship, but if it the only communication that you two have anymore it is time to re-asses the relationship and take time apart.

3. You're not happy: The relationship that you are in should always make you happy. Happiness means a lot and you and your partners happiness should be important. If one of you are not happy it is time to go your separate ways for a little and see if you can find happiness elsewhere.

What are some reasons you have taken a break from your relationship? Share your stories below.

Celebrity News: Michael Douglas Welcomes Catherine Zeta-Jones Home from Treatment





By Marisa Spano

Catherine Zeta-Jones just completed her ongoing treatment for Bipolar II disorder, according to [People](#). Jones, 43, entered treatment for the second time in April and has just returned home to her husband, actor Michael Douglas, 68. “She’s doing a really good job of getting balanced. I’m proud of her,” said Douglas.

What are three ways to support your partner through treatment or rehab?

Cupid’s Advice:

Marriage is hard enough as it is, let alone adding in a partner in treatment. Cupid is here to show you the way:

1. Bring in the family: Encourage your loved one to continue with their treatment program, knowing the family cares. Support goes a long way when it comes to recovering from both physical and mental ailments.

2. Take care of you: It may sound weird advice, but you have

been giving this person most of your attention and in order to help your significant other you must be the best you that you can be.

3. Ask what they need: This may sound basic, but it can be challenging. Treatment or rehab can be one of the most difficult things your partner has ever been through. You need to know what you can and cannot discuss about the process with your partner. You need to be aware of when they need you close or when they need space.

What are some other ways you can support your partner through treatment or rehab? Share your ideas below.

Relationship Advice: 5 Must-Knows When Dealing with an Addicted Partner





By Dixie Somers

Dealing with an addicted partner can be one of the hardest things that you may ever have to go through. Day in and day out, it's the same thing over and over again. As soon as you walk in the door, you notice that they're either drunk or high on some sort of drug. Whether they're drinking hard liquor, using drugs, or addicted to sports exercising, putting up with their antics is something that you shouldn't have to deal with. If you've tried to reason with them in the past, but haven't gotten anywhere with possible recovery options, these five must-knows can help you in dealing with your addicted partner and putting them on the right path to sobriety:

Put Yourself First

You are not able to help your partner if you can't even help yourself. If you are also struggling with addiction, it's time to break the habit and get clean. By putting yourself and your health first, your partner may notice a change and want to get clean as well. Even if you do not have an addiction, simply dealing with someone who does can put a major toll on your

health and well-being. Take the wife of Guns N' Roses rocker Slash. She helped him seek help and get sober after he was diagnosed with congestive heart failure from continued drug use. Make sure you take time out of the day to spend to yourself, healing yourself emotionally and psychologically to be in the best place possible.

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They Are Who They Are

Before you can help your addicted partner, you must realize that they are who they are and that you are not able to change them if they are not willing to receive the help. They must want to put in the time and effort that it takes in recovering before they will reach true sobriety. Catherine Zeta Jones was a smoker until she was caught by the media smoking while pregnant. She realized the danger she might be posing to her children, and this encouraged her to quit for good.

Educational Material

To deal with these sorts of addictions, you will want to educate yourself on the types of substances that they are using and why they may be turning to drugs and alcohol as a crutch. You must know what you're dealing with in order to effectively help them. Books and 12-step meeting programs will provide you with a little more insight into the current addictions that they are facing and how you can be there for them.

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Do Not Enable Their Habits

Enabling your partners habits will never help them to recover. You must put your foot down and say enough is enough. Do not provide them with money to purchase drugs or go out to get

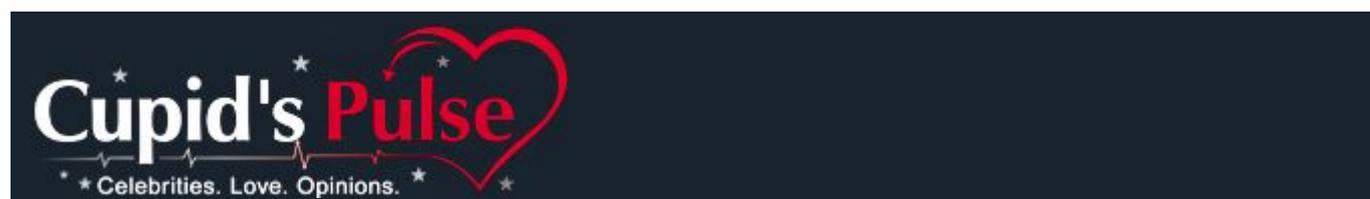
them alcohol. According to experts at DelrayRecoveryCenter.com, Enabling will only further their disease and addiction.

Going to Meet With Them

Attending meetings with your loved one will show them that you support them on their road to recovery. You can participate in these meetings by simply being there, hearing the stories of others and sharing your stories which can be a very helpful recovery method. If your like Grey's Anatomy star Eric Dane's wife, encouraging them to get help is a great way to get them started. Attending meetings can also be encouraging for lasting sobriety.

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Predict the Future of Your Relationship And Love with Celebrity Astrology





By Teresa Lopez

There are two things that every girl loves: horoscopes and checking out [celebrity couples](#). We've put the two together, as we are going to be looking at some of the hottest Hollywood couples and what their star signs have to say about their relationship and love. From polar opposites to people born on the same day, we've got it all! So, here's a taste of celebrity astrology that may help you predict the future of your relationships:

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What The Stars Say About Relationships And Love

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson: Although they've experienced a few rough patches in the past, this famous couple has amazing compatibility when it comes to their charts. Both have an ascendant sign that is almost close to identical. Although this is questionable because of how

uncommon it is, if it *is* the case, it means that this couple will have very similar world views. Not only are their ascending signs in conjunction, but they also have conjunct Mercuries, which means that they think alike as well! Similarly there are positive signs of strong sexual attraction and romance: Stewart's Uranus is conjunct to his seventh house, which means that they are both very romantic and inclined to please. Although they may have been rocky before, these two have all of the makings for a long lasting relationship and love.

Catherine Zeta Jones and Michael Douglas: Because these two share the same birthday, their charts are almost identical. The only differing aspects are caused by location and time of birth. Almost everything is compatible here, except for Zeta Jones's Mars being conjunct to Douglas's moon. This can be extremely stressful on a relationship, despite the fun energy that it can provide for a short period of time. Because of this, we believe that this relationship may last for several years but will subsequently end in a celebrity break-up due to stress and potential hardship.

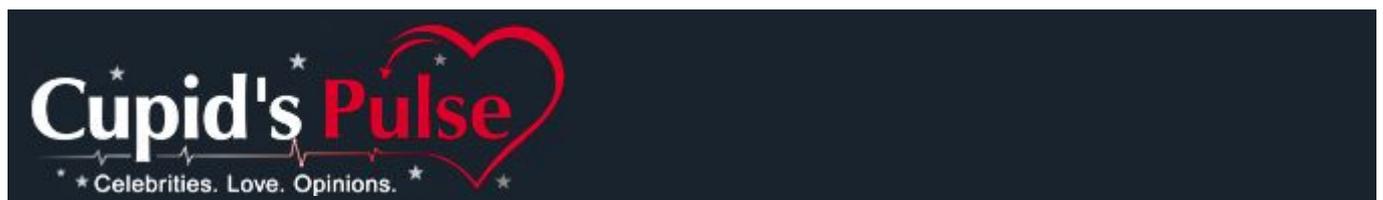
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[Brad Pitt](#) and [Angelina Jolie](#): Oh, Brad and Angie! So many of us were curious how they were going to work out when their celebrity relationship first started – they seemed so opposite! Turns out that it's not just their personalities that are juxtaposed but also their horoscopes. Many of Pitt's planets fall into Jolie's sixth house, the one that indicates work relationships and services, such as charity. Obviously, this speaks worlds to Pitt's commitment to adoption and community service that coincided perfectly with the beginning of this relationship. Although it can be difficult to say what drives the very private pair, this Hollywood couple's major aspects are usually opposite each other: They have sun opposite sun, and Venus and sun opposite ascendants. Many of these opposite aspects can cause stress and negativity in a

relationship, although keeping things fresh and unique. It is important that as much excitement as they may find that they realize that they need to be cautious around such harsh juxtaposing aspects. We may see, in the future, this fiery relationship and love fizzle out and die.

This post was written on behalf of Hollywood Psychics. If you want to learn if you and your partner are as compatible as Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, start a live psychic chat today!

Entertainment Journalist Francine Brokaw Talks About Tinseltown Twosomes and Life 'Beyond the Red Carpet'





By Whitney Baker

Francine Brokaw's writing career, which spans over two decades, has taken a few twists and turns: she's focused on everything from politics and travel to celebrity interviews and entertainment news. Her new book, *Beyond the Red Carpet: The World of Entertainment Journalists*, out today, looks at the ever intriguing world of the rich and famous. Lucky for us, she shares never-before-told stories and behind-the-scenes secrets about Hollywood's hottest residents. Having interviewed celebrities like Johnny Depp, George Clooney and Tom Hanks, Brokaw knows what it takes to get these folks talking about life on and off the red carpet.

We chatted with the author about her experiences in the entertainment industry, specifically those celebrity interviews about lasting love and messy break-ups, and her advice for up-and-coming journalists.

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Tell us a little bit about what inspired you to write this

book.

Nobody really has any idea what entertainment journalists do and experience. I think when people hear the words “entertainment journalists,” they think of the hosts on shows like ‘Entertainment Tonight.’ That’s a very minute percentage of us. We’re actually in the trenches, dealing with the publicists and celebrities. It’s a totally different life than what people have in mind. Like I say in the book, Kevin Costner mentioned that our friends probably think we have these wonderful and fabulous lives, but it’s really a lot of hard work.

Do you have a favorite story from the book that you can share with us?

I always love speaking with the veteran actors. I love James Garner; he was just so open talking about fellow actors, like Steve McQueen (who he co-starred with in ‘The Great Escape’) and Kim Novak (who worked with in ‘Boys’ Night Out’). He brought them down to earth and told us things about them that they probably wouldn’t want the public to know. He was very candid.

Julie Andrews is always fun too.

Can you walk us through a celebrity interview? What goes on behind the scenes?

I usually have a list of questions that I want answered or that I need answers to for a specific article. Then, when the celebrity mentions a new project or some aspect of their personal life, you can go into further detail about that topic. A one-on-one interview requires a lot more research than a roundtable interview or press conference – you can’t rely on other journalists to ask questions that you may not have thought of.

I will say I have had to run into the paparazzi while going

into interviews, and it's frightening. I feel for celebrities because these photographers are really intruding into their lives. As an entertainment journalist, I don't want to be thought of as intrusive.

Have you ever interviewed a celebrity couple – either together or separate? Any stories to share?

I haven't had the opportunity to interview a celebrity couple together, but I have spoken to partners separately.

I interviewed Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas at different times, and they seemed to be very compatible. Catherine's interview was at a resort in the Palm Springs area, and she was so excited that her husband was able to come along. She said that he was probably golfing, which was one of his passions, and she tried to catch sight of him out the window. I thought that was really sweet.

I've also spoken with both Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston. I interviewed Brad right before the break-up, and he let nothing slip about their impending divorce. And then a few months later, we hear that they've split. I interviewed Jennifer afterwards, and she didn't want to talk about it at all.

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I interviewed Hilary Swank during her almost-decade long marriage to Chad Lowe, and she said how great they were together. Someone asked about the basis for their relationship, and she implied that trust and honesty were the most important things. And then we read later on that he was hiding his addiction from her. When I interviewed Chad right after the break-up, he refused to talk about anything related to his personal life.

Then there's Mandy Moore, who was so gushy about her relationship with Andy Roddick. She called him her soul mate and told me all about how they met, how they were meant to be

together. And that didn't last. It's funny to hear what people say about their relationship and then see how things play out.

How do you approach the topic of love and relationships in an interview? How personal is too personal?

If they happen to bring up a dating partner or spouse, that's my invitation to ask about their love life. I've had celebrities mention the great love of their life and talk about their fabulous relationship, and then they break-up a few months later. It's interesting to see what people volunteer.

For instance, around Valentine's Day, one of my friends asked Antonio Banderas, who is married to actress Melanie Griffith, if they had any specific plans for the holiday. He happened to say that their relationship was really going well but that he can't guarantee that it is forever, which I thought was very honest of him.

And finally, what advice do you have for someone interested in entertainment journalism?

Be prepared to do a lot of work. It's not easy; it requires a lot of preparation, research and time. It takes talent to bring information out of celebrities. Plus, it's a 24/7 job – sometimes you need to do a phone interview with a celebrity who is working in Europe; the time zone is different, but you have no choice because you're at the beck and call of the celebrity.

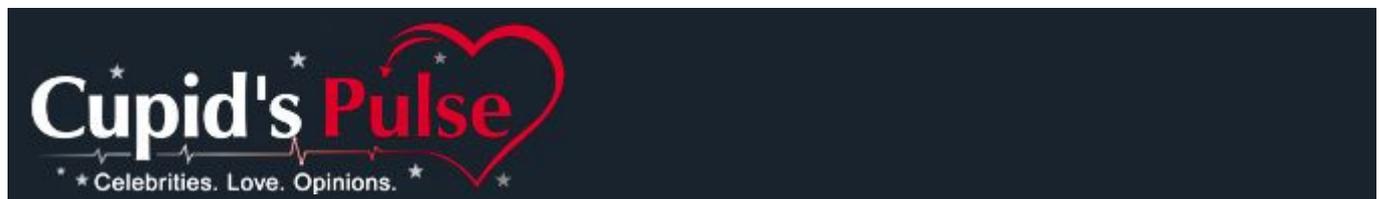
Also, you can't always rely on research. I read a story on IMDB about an actor saving someone from drowning, so I asked if it had really happened. He said that he didn't know where they got that and it had never happened. You have to put question marks by a lot of things that you find online and figure out if it's fact or fiction.

Brokaw leaves us with this final observation when the

interview is done. "I gotta tell you, it's much easier asking the questions than answering them!"

You can purchase a copy of 'Beyond the Red Carpet: The World of Entertainment Journalists' in bookstores and online nationwide today. You can also purchase a signed copy when you buy it from her website at www.FrancineBrokaw.com. For more information about Brokaw, follow her on Facebook and Twitter at @FrancineBrokaw.

Celebrity Lighting Designer, Bentley Meeker Offers Advice for the Perfect Date





By Whitney Baker and Krissy Dolor

You spent hours preparing tonight's meal. You carefully selected the background music. You even pulled out the "special occasion" dishes. With your date set to arrive at any moment, you quickly – and without any real thought – set the lighting: you turn off the overhead lights and ignite a beautiful scented candle in the center of your table. You step back to admire your efforts; everything's perfect, right? Not quite. With help from lighting expert, Bentley Meeker, a little bit of tweaking can add just the right touch.

"If you're going to use candles, use them sparingly and keep them out of the direct line of you and your partner's vision," advises Meeker, event lighting extraordinaire and president of Bentley Meeker Lighting & Staging, Inc. "I do recommend using candles because of the quality of light and how flattering they can be, [but] a little thought needs to be put into the placement."

If you haven't heard of Meeker, no doubt you've heard of the places and events that he's touched. He's staged designs for a multitude of soirées, ranging from Chelsea Clinton's

wedding, concerts for Kanye West and Elton John, runway shows for Victoria's Secret, birthday parties for celebrities like P. Diddy to events and dinners at The Plaza, and The White House. This man is one of the top, if not *the top*, lighting designers in the country. His new book, *Light X Design: 20 Years of Lighting*, is a compilation of all his work, in which he shares his inspirations and motives for the wonderful illuminations he produces.

It's no surprise, then, that he also knows just the right kind of effect to make your date a splendid success. "Lighting that is too bright and uncomfortable can kill the mood very easily and quickly. Even if it's the street light shining in through the window," he says.

If you're having trouble setting the room just right for that special date, you're not alone. It can take a little trial and error to figure out how to make things perfect. Meeker has had his own dating experiences where the lighting was just not right.

"I've been in situations where bad lighting kills the mood, and I've been in situations where great lighting just makes you feel so good that anything can happen."

Fortunately, Meeker has some suggestions for couples who want those sparks to fly. He recommends Blue Hill and Erminia, both in New York City. In his own words, Blue Hill "nailed it!" and Erminia "is an amazing Italian restaurant [in which the] lighting is so conducive to the environment, it actually makes the whole place and the experience romantic."

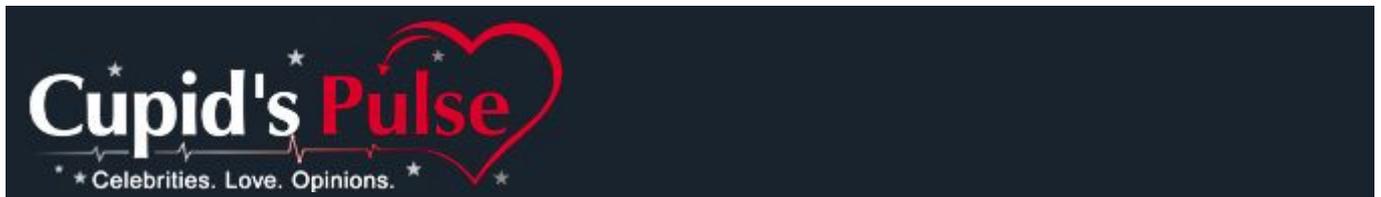
Lighting is more than just a switch flicked on and off. It's about creativity; it's about romance; and it's about achieving the mood that you desire. "You'll know when the lighting is right," Meeker says. "It just feels unbelievable, and there's a feeling of resonance that you can't find anywhere else!"

His Website beckons visitors to enter with a simple thought in

mind: "Light is the energy of truth." Meeker's work truly embodies this idea, with his past projects ranging from The Museum of Modern Art to the ravishing wedding of Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas. He is a creator of more than just romance, and his book will tell you so; he is a man of innovation.

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Michael Douglas Is Proud of Catherine-Zeta Jones for Facing Disorder





Michael Douglas opened up to Oprah Winfrey today about how his wife, Catherine Zeta Jones, attempted to hide her depression from him while he was going through stage IV throat cancer, according to [HollywoodLife](#). Douglas further expressed how upset Zeta-Jones was when she was “outed” with having bipolar disorder. “Once she was outed, she knew she had to get out her story,” said Douglas. Douglas says he is proud of his wife for addressing the media and staying positive with the issues she has faced in the past few months. After surviving through throat cancer, Douglas is happy to support his wife who has been by his side through this whole ordeal.

What are some ways to show your support in the face of a partner’s illness?

Cupid’s Advice:

If there’s one key to having a successful relationship, it’s to be supportive of one another. A partner’s illness is a painful experience to go through and is often a test to a relationship. Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Don't let the stress get to you: It's very important not to let the illness turn you negative. It's important to stay positive no matter what the circumstances, because having doubts won't help your partner stay brave.

2. Have faith in each other: Believe in each other and support each other. If you believe your partner will get through this difficult time, that faith alone may help.

3. Don't worry about what others have to say: Don't let what others, whether it be family, friends or doctors, say get to you and your partner. Those people aren't in your relationship and aren't going through the same situation.

What are some ways to show your support for your suffering partner? Share your experiences below.

Michael Douglas' Ex Is Still Going After His Money





Michael Douglas has a lot to be happy about these days, what with beating cancer and enjoying time with his beautiful wife Catherine Zeta-Jones. It seems the only drama plaguing the actor these days is his ex-wife, Diandra, according to [E! Online](#). It seems that she is *still* going after his money, which in this case means half of his profits from *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps*. How is she justifying her case, you ask?

Well, apparently Douglas became Gordon Gekko while they were still married, which entitles her to part of the earnings. What won't Diandra do for money?

How do you tell if your partner is only after your money?

Cupid's Advice:

One of the worst things is to fall in love with someone and then realize they're only with you for your bank account.

Cupid's got some advice on how to tell before it's too late:

1. You pay every time: One of the easiest ways to tell if your partner is overly interested in your funds is to pay attention to his or her offers to pay. Do you pay for everything or

does your partner share in the expenses?

2. Expensive suggestions: If your partner never seems content just hanging out and always wants to do extravagant things on your dime, that's probably a bad sign. Pay attention to your activities as a couple.

3. Quality time alone: If your mate seems reluctant to hang out with you one-on-one and just doesn't seem too "into" quality time together, it may mean that he or she is interested in something besides your personality ... perhaps your money.

Have an experience with someone only interested in your money? Share below.

Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones Step Out in NYC





Michael Douglas and wife Catherine Zeta-Jones were seen walking around Manhattan recently, despite Douglas' struggle with throat cancer. The 66-year-old actor is recovering from eight weeks of chemotherapy treatment for the tumor found at the back of his throat. Michael Douglas, though thin, seemed to be perfectly happy. The actor even managed a recent trip to Pennsylvania to visit his son Cameron in prison. Douglas' publicist told [RadarOnline](#), "He's not going everyday and not as often as he would like, but he is still visiting with him."

What are some ways to cheer up your beau during an illness?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Bring him a book/movie: While your beau may own countless movies and an alarming amount of literature, bring him something new. He has a lot of time to kill, and a book or movie is relaxing and entertaining.

2. Make breakfast in bed: Breakfast in bed never fails. If he has medicine, serve the pills as a side dish. If he's not coughing too much, you may even get a laugh out of him.

3. Visit him: While movies, books, and his cell phone may keep him connected to the outside world, they are no substitute for a face-to-face visit. Visit him It's an easy way to show him that you care.

Michael Douglas Battling Tumor



Actor Michael Douglas was diagnosed with a tumor in his throat, [E! Online](#) reported Monday. The 65-year-old actor said he is “optimistic” about his health in a statement, though it has not been released whether the tumor is cancerous or benign. Douglas has a wife, actress Catherine Zeta-Jones, and

three children, two of them with Zeta-Jones.

How can you get past a large health setback as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Though the disease is in its early stages, this is a crucial time for Douglas and Zeta-Jones. Strong family and spousal support in a time of sickness can often make a large difference in a patient's chance for recovery, as well as for the success of the relationship through this difficult time.

1. Stay private: Whether or not the couple dealing with illness is a celebrity or an everyday couple, it's necessary to keep the matter within only those who need to know. Personal friends and family are the only ones who need to be brought in.

2. Be involved: It's important that those dealing with the illness, especially the patient's partner, are as involved as possible. Stay up-to-date on doctor's findings, appointments, and your partner's needs. Make the illness and healing as easy to deal with as possible.

3. Prepare for the aftershock: Even after an illness has been treated, there is the potential for the patient to feel vulnerable or angry afterward. Be ready for this, and understand that it's a natural reaction. Be supportive.