

# George Lopez and Wife Divorce After Long Marriage



After 17 years of love, partnership and parenting, George Lopez, host of *Lopez Tonight*, and his wife Ann Lopez have announced they will end their marriage. The couple wed in 1993, and have one daughter, Mayan Lopez. Earlier this year, rumors circulated about Lopez cheating on his wife, but a Lopez rep told [People](#) the decision to separate was amicable and mutual. “They remain dedicated parents, and committed partners in business and their philanthropic organization, The Lopez Foundation,” the rep said.

## How do you know when your marriage is over?

### Cupid's Advice:

Though most people vow to remain together “till death do us part,” it may not always work out that way. Knowing when to divorce may save both people a lot of heartbreak and suffering. Cupid has some tips on when to walk away:

**1. Harboring anger:** Disagreement and conflict is part of any relationship, but when deep seated feelings of anger or hatred cannot be resolved, they can threaten to destroy not only the marriage, but also both people involved. If counseling or therapy doesn't work, distance may be the only healthy option.

**2. Loss of respect:** Even if the relationship seems healthy from the outside, if one or both partners lose respect for each other, the relationship is bound to fail. A marriage is a union of equals based on love and respect, and if one of those cornerstones is missing, there cannot be equality in the relationship.

**3. Growing apart:** It is often inevitable that people will change, but sometimes, that change is too great for a relationship to withstand. If you or your partner is not the same person that said “I do,” and it has put a strain on the relationship, have discussions about what has changed and see if compromises can be made before calling your lawyer.

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## Elisabeth Moss to Divorce Fred Armisen

After less than a year of marriage, *Mad Men* star Elisabeth Moss and *SNL* cast member Fred Armisen are calling it quits, reports [The Huffington Post](#). Moss originally met Armisen when her fellow *Mad Men* cast member Jon Hamm hosted *Saturday Night Live* in 2008. The two got married in October of last year and separated on June 26, citing “irreconcilable differences.”

Rumor has it that the split may actually have been due to Moss practicing Scientology. “Her religion was as important to her as their marriage, if not *more*,” a friend of Armisen’s told [Us Weekly](#). Armisen is reportedly now dating *SNL* co-star Abby Elliott. **What are three important things to know about your partner before marriage?**

### Cupid’s Advice:

When you get married, you promise to cherish another person “until death do you part.” That’s why it’s so important to really get to know your partner before walking down the aisle. Cupid shows you what you absolutely must know about

your partner before saying “I do”:

**1. Beliefs and values:** A person’s religious beliefs and moral values make up a large part of who they are. While you probably won’t agree on everything, at least be open to your partner’s views. If your beliefs and values differ too much, you might want to rethink taking such a huge step in your relationship.


**2. Goals in life:** You and your partner should have similar goals if you want to spend the rest of your lives together. For example, finding out that he doesn’t want children *before* getting hitched might make you change your mind.

**3. Bad habits:** It may sound insignificant, but get to know his habits before settling down together. If he has some habits that you just can’t learn to live with, it’s best to find out before you tie the knot.

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## Jesse James’ Ex Says He Turned Their Daughter Against Her



 Jesse James’ awful summer got even worse recently when his ex-wife Janine Lindemulder filed a motion against him over their daughter, 6-year-old Sunny. Lindemulder, a former porn star, lost custody of her daughter last year after being jailed for tax evasion. Now, she claims that James, host of *Monster Garage* and ex-husband of Sandra Bullock, is trying to turn Sunny against her. In the filing obtained by [Us Weekly](#),

Lindemulder claimed that since James moved himself and Sunny to Austin, Texas, she hasn't spoken to her daughter in seventeen days. She claims that before the move, her daughter "was distant, confrontational, disrespectful and accusatory."

James has disputed his ex's claims, saying that he has not interfered with Sunny and her mother's relationship.

"[Janine] is not stable, and acts impulsively and contradictory," said James in his response. "[She] sounds ...as if she is drinking or taking drugs again."

## **How do you keep children out of a messy breakup?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Breakups are hard on everyone, especially those closest to the pair involved. Keeping the rest of your relationships healthy is essential after a messy breakup. Cupid has some tips on how to keep children out of the heartbreak:

**1. Find an outlet:** Choose a close friend whom you can confide in, rather than saying something you'll regret to your children. You can also try a stress-relieving hobby or activity to take out your negative emotions on, so that you can avoid dumping negativity on your kids.


**2. Be honest:** Once you have gotten your negative feelings out elsewhere and are in a thoughtful place, keep your kids informed. Don't say anything you might regret, and be mindful of their ages. That way, they will be able to make their own informed decisions and opinions on the matter without feeling trapped in between you and your ex.

**3. Be watchful:** If it's still safe and healthy for your child to be around your ex, let their relationship continue. If there are any signs that your ex has become unstable or the relationship is souring, as with Lindemulder's erratic behavior, seek professional counsel and slowly transition your child out of your former flame's life.

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# J.Lo's Ex Seeks Revenge on 'American Idol'



 In an apparent attempt to lengthen his 15 minutes of fame, Jennifer Lopez's ex-husband, Ojani Noa, has just announced that he plans to audition for *American Idol*. Ironically, this revelation came immediately after J.Lo was named an *Idol* judge on the hit show. According to [E! Online](#), Noa is intent on singing one of Lopez's songs in front of the judges after hours of standing in line with the other contestants at the Forum on Sept. 22. Awkward is probably the best word to describe this post-split meeting between the former couple.

**How should you handle a vengeful ex?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Seeking revenge on an ex is never the best course of action and rarely brings closure to either party. However, if you are victim of an ex's constant harassment, you need to protect yourself without making the situation worse.

**1. Try to work it out:** If you hear anything about your ex feeling vengeful, this may be the time to meet in a neutral location and talk things over. Tell your ex that he has every right to be angry, but that hurting you as a result is taking things too far.

**2. Ignore it:** If you can't get to your ex in time, and he

starts sending you cruel text messages or spreading rumors, ignoring his actions can put a quick stop to them. Remember the old adage “misery loves company.” If he sees that he’s not getting to you, he’ll have no motivation to continue.


**3. Legal action:** Most of the time it doesn’t come to this. However, if you are being stalked, threatened, or physically hurt, you need to seek legal action, perhaps in the form of a restraining order.

Revenge may be the wrong course of action, but celebrities aren’t innocent to taking part.

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## Jon Gosselin & Kids Hang With New Girlfriend



 It’s official: Jon Gosselin has moved on. The father of eight took his kids on a family outing last weekend with new girlfriend, Ellen Ross. According to [Radar Online](#), the group was on a picnic in Reading, Pennsylvania, a day after his ex-wife Kate Gosselin claimed on national television that her children are anxious to get home when they’re with their dad. Jon quickly denied the claims. **When is a good time to introduce your new partner to your kids?**

### Cupid’s Advice:

After you split with your ex, the time might come when you want to bring someone else into your children’s lives. Cupid has some advice to make for a successful first meeting:

**1. Don't make it a surprise:** Depending on the age and maturity level of your children, you'll want to make them aware there is someone new in your life before the meeting. This will give them time to adjust to the idea.


**2. Make sure it is serious:** The last thing you want to do is introduce a person into your children's lives, just to take them out of it a few months later. Children can get very close to someone quickly, and they too could end up with a broken heart.

**3. Family comes first:** Make sure your children know that they are your first priority. They should also understand that your new boyfriend or girlfriend is not going to replace their biological parent.

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## Cheryl Hines Stays Friends With Ex-Hubby



 *Curb Your Enthusiasm* actress Cheryl Hines has managed to do something rare in Hollywood: avoid a messy divorce and remain friends with her ex. Hines told [E! Online](#) that she plans to stay close to ex-husband, producer-manager Paul Young. “You know what, it’s an adjustment [but] I married a really great guy, so we still have a really great relationship.” Hines and Young have a 6-year-old daughter, Catherine Rose. The two quietly filed for divorce on July 20, but according to a statement released by Hines’ rep, “They will remain extremely close friends.”

**What are the benefits of staying friends with your ex?**

## Cupid's Advice:

After breaking up with someone, it might seem impossible to go from lovers to friends. But with a fair amount of effort, it is possible to have a good relationship with an ex. Cupid shows you how staying close to your ex can be a good thing:

**1. Learning experience:** By completely stopping all contact with your ex after breaking up, you lose the opportunity to talk to him about what went wrong and why. If you stay friends, you have the chance to resolve any confusion or hurt feelings and learn how to avoid making the same mistakes in future relationships.


**2. "Why Can't We Be Friends?":** When you break up, not only do you lose your ex as a friend, but also losing mutual friends who feel like they have to take sides. But if you stay friendly with your ex, you can still hang out with him *and* his peeps!

**3. "The Kids Are All Right":** If you have kids, staying friends with your ex shows them that even though your romantic relationship has ended, it doesn't mean that you and their father can't still be close. It might help your kids avoid the jaded view of love and marriage that children of divorced parents can sometimes have.

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## Danielle Staub's Ex-Housewife Drama



 A defamation suit between Danielle Staub from *The Real Housewives of New Jersey* has become a he-said-she-said fight



to the death. Even after a mediation session with ex-husband Kevin Maher that lasted over nine hours, no settlement has been made. As reported by [E! Online](#), Maher is suing Staub for \$5 million and is claiming she damaged his reputation by accusing him of being a rapist, cocaine user and dog killer.

Staub denies ever saying those things and claims that no one could damage his reputation more than his tell-all *Cop Without a Badge*.

## **How do you deal with bad blood after a divorce?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes marriage isn't forever. When a separation happens, sometimes there's bad blood between the two parties involved. These issues can stem from emotional or material conflicts and can get extremely heated. Cupid has some ways to deal:

**1. Cut the drama:** If you are angry about something at the end of a relationship, first ask yourself, "Is this really so important that I need to address it?" If the answer is no, move on with your life and save your money and energy.

**2. Keep the kids out of it:** A divorce can be hard enough on the children, so don't air your post-divorce issues on them. The split should most likely have nothing to do with them, so do the right thing and stay civil in their presence.

**3. Try to come to an agreement:** If the issue is big enough that you do pursue legal action, remember that no one is going to get 100-percent of what they want. Try to compromise in order to end your ordeal as efficiently as possible. The earlier it's settled, the faster you can move on with your life.

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# Tiger Woods & Elin Nordegren Finalize Their Divorce



After months of rumors and scandals surrounding Tiger Woods and his wife Elin Nordegren, the two have called it quits. “Elin Nordegren and Tiger Woods confirmed today that they have divorced,” Nordegren’s Virginia-based law firm, McGuireWoods, confirmed last Monday in a statement to [Access Hollywood](#). “The Judgment provides for shared parenting of their two children.” The former couple released a joint statement to the public reinforcing that their children are their primary concern. They also added, “We are sad that our marriage is over, and we wish each other the very best for the future.”

**How can you find love again after a divorce?**

## **Cupid’s Advice:**

Moving on from a commitment like marriage can be a slow transition. Once you’re back in the dating world, the idea of love can finally start to take form again. Cupid has some tips to help you along:

**1. Over it:** Before venturing into the dating world, make sure you aren’t still licking old wounds. If the divorce papers or breakup discussions are finalized, then treat whatever is left of the relationship the same way. Otherwise, you might be setting yourself up for future pain.

**2. Don’t rush:** There’s no need to hurry into a new relationship. Many people rebound quickly and become deeply involved too soon after their divorce or breakup. Sometimes


it can lead to dating someone similar to your ex. Make sure it feels right before becoming too committed.

**3. Changes:** If you're dipping your feet back into the waters of dating, chances are you have a new outlook on life and a new attitude to go along with it. This might be a good time to submit to a makeover, too! During a serious relationship, many people have a tendency to let themselves go. Now is a great time to fit and try out new fashions. Have fun with it!

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## Kate Winslet Back On the Dating Scene



 Kate Winslet appears to be taking a page from Marilyn Monroe's book with a case of the seven-year itch. According to [Us Magazine](#), the actress is going public with her new relationship with British model Louis Dowler, after announcing in March that she and director Sam Mendes had split after nearly seven years of marriage. "Kate certainly seems smitten," a source familiar with the couple told the UK's [The Mirror](#). "Who wouldn't be?... They've really got something special."

**What's the best way to jump into a new relationship after severing a long-term one?**

### Cupid's Advice:

Getting back into the dating scene after a divorce or breakup can be awkward. Cupid has some advice to make sure you make the most of it:

**1. Time for a makeover:** When you look your best, you will most likely feel your best. Break away from the old you and do something to make yourself feel great before venturing back into the dating game.

**2. No time for a do-over:** Take the time to figure out what went wrong with your last relationship, and determine what the essential qualities you are looking for in another person. The last thing you want to do is find yourself getting involved in a similar situation, which will most likely end badly.


**3. All the single ladies! (and men):** Though it might be difficult, don't go on the date with thoughts of your last relationship. Leave your troubles at home or in the therapist's office. Think of this as an opportunity to be yourself, be single, and start fresh.

There is no timeframe for starting to date once again. Everyone is different. When you feel ready, go for it and have fun.

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## Cheryl Hines & Paul Young Split



 As confirmed in [Us Weekly](#), *Curb Your Enthusiasm* star Cheryl Hines and producer/manager Paul Young filed for divorce last month after seven years of marriage. Hines and Young will reportedly remain close friends, and plan to raise their 6-year-old daughter, Catherine Rose together.

**What is the best course of action when going through a divorce**

with someone you also work with?

### **Cupid's Advice:**

In today's day and age where people spend a lot more time at work, it isn't uncommon to mix business with pleasure.

Many couples either met on the job, or have started their own businesses together. However, when the marriage fails, that doesn't mean the professional aspect of the relationship has to suffer.

**1. Separation:** The work and marriage aspects of your life were probably very separate from the beginning – you just never thought about it that way before. Remember not to let any negative feelings you have as a result of the divorce impact your decisions in your career.


**2. Finding friendship:** Whether you share a workplace, business, or children, it's important to maintain some level of friendship both during and after the divorce. Though this may seem difficult at first, it makes everything easier.

**3. Move on gracefully:** It's inevitable that one or both people will probably find someone else. However, that doesn't mean you need to rub it in the other person's face. You probably wouldn't – and shouldn't – go into the details of your personal life in the workplace, so why do it because your ex also works there?

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# Speidi Divorce Finalized



 Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt are officially calling it quits, [TMZ](#) reported last week. The reality TV couple, who, according to Montag, first separated on their one-year anniversary, are set to finalize their divorce on Valentine's Day. The long wait is due to California law, which dictates that a couple must wait six months after filing divorce papers before the marriage is finally terminated. Spencer Pratt was served divorce papers on August 13, ironically causing the six-month mark to fall on Valentine's Day.

## How can you handle holidays and anniversaries after a breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

**1. Get out there:** Staying home on a holiday you once shared with a loved one is only going to arouse feelings of depression. Leave the house, call a friend, and try to have fun. Keeping your mind off of the breakup will make the holiday fly by.

**2. Redefine:** Many holidays will bring up memories of you and your former partner. Thanksgiving may conjure up memories of your ex's hilarious attempt at cooking, and the mere mention of Valentine's Day may make you cringe. The best way to deal? Make new memories. On Valentine's Day, try inviting over some of your single friends and celebrate the day of Arizona's statehood, which also falls on February 14. This quirky approach is sure to spark a few laughs, and in the future, remembering Valentine's Day won't be as painful.


**3. Remind yourself:** On days when you just can't stop missing your ex, try reminding yourself of the reasons why you broke up. You may tend to only remember the best things about your

former relationship, but remembering the bad things makes coping much easier.

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## Fred Armisen Already Moved on From *Mad Men* Star



 SNL regular Fred Armisen seems to have moved on rather quickly from Elisabeth Moss, star of the Emmy Award-winning drama, *Mad Men*. The former couple married in October, but officially separated in May after only seven months. According to [E! Online](#), Armisen was spotted getting cozy with fellow SNL comedian Abby Elliott at a Los Angeles restaurant.

**How do you keep your cool when you ex moves on shortly after a split?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

It's easy to get infuriated when it comes up in your Facebook feed that your ex is already seeing someone else directly after a breakup. Here are some tips from Cupid on how to handle it when your ex has moved on rather quickly:

**1. Think before you react:** It's normal to want to confront your ex about how angry you are, and wonder if your romance ever meant anything to him or her in the first place.

However, the best reaction in this case is usually no reaction.

**2. Get your mind off things:** When you first discover your ex's


new relationship, it may linger on your mind. Try to focus on other things, such as hobbies or work. Keeping your focus somewhere else will keep your feelings in check.

**3. Seek the company of friends and family:** Even if you aren't ready to move on, that doesn't mean you have to be alone. Spend time with close friends and family. If you want to get out your feelings, these are the people who will listen.

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## Hilary Duff & Mike Comrie Signed a Prenup



 [Page Six](#) reported yesterday that Hilary Duff and Mike Comrie are not only man and wife now, but they also signed a prenuptial agreement. The former Edmonton Oiler and Disney star made sure to protect their assets before getting hitched in front of 100 family and friends Saturday evening in Santa Barbara, according to sources. "It was a totally amicable agreement. They love each other very much and knew this was just a technicality," said one insider. While Duff, 22, made her fortune starring as Lizzie McGuire in the hit Disney television series and later in several movies, Comrie, 29, is the heir to an appliance and retail business, The Brick, and his fortune is worth as high as \$500 million.

**Should you and your partner sign a prenu?**

Cupid's Advice:




**1. Bring it up:** Broach the idea of a prenup gently because it's a sensitive subject. Stress that this would protect both of your finances, and ensure that what you build together is shared in case, God forbid, anything happens that could dissolve your marriage.

**2. Ask and answer a lot of questions:** This request can hurt the other party's feelings, but it can protect both your assets, and prevent future complications should a divorce happen.

**3. Get legal advice:** Both parties should see their lawyers to learn more about how a prenup would benefit them.

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## Kelsey Grammer's Ex Could Get \$30M in the Divorce!

 Camille Donatucci, Kelsey Grammer's ex, might be walking away with almost half of the actor's fortune after she filed for divorce last month. She cited "irreconcilable differences." Soon after Grammer filed for to request that Donatucci be excluded from profits made from his note-worthy show, *Frasier*. But, according to a source from [New York Post](#), "Camille stands to get half of all syndication of 'Frasier' made during the years they were married. That's seven years of episodes, as well as income from other shows the company made, including 'Medium' and 'Girlfriends.'" This is because she owns half of his TV company, Gramnet Productions. This leaves her eligible to lay claims to almost half of his \$80

million estate – a staggering \$30 million!

## How do you deal with the financial setbacks after a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Divorce can leave both parties strained. And, in an already economically difficult world, a divorce can make finances even more difficult:

**1. Budget:** Keep track of your income and expenses. You need to understand where most of your money is coming from and going to in order to make changes to your lifestyle; spending less is the key.

**2. Wake-up call:** Learn to adapt to a new standard of living. If you used to buy designer shoes and a Starbucks coffee every morning then it's time to cut some things out of your life. Examine your spending habits and figure out what things you can't afford anymore.

**3. Help is available:** Divorce doesn't mean destitute. If you end up with some financial burdens because of a divorce, it's okay to ask for help. There are governmental and community programs that are designed to help newly divorced people find a balance.

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# Thomas Jane & Patricia Arquette Call It Quits



✖ Thomas Jane and Patricia Arquette are really getting a divorce this time. According to [People](#), this isn't the first time the couple have tried to divorce. Arquette filed last year and withdrew her petition after a reconciliation. The couple is now restarting the process after four years of marriage. At least there's no hostility in this breakup. "The split is completely amicable and their prime focus is their daughter," says a rep for the *Medium* actress. She and her *Hung* beau met in 2001 through friends, hit it off, and got married in 2006 in Italy. They have a 7-year-old daughter, Harlow Olivia Calliope, together.

## How do I decide if divorce is the best option?

### Cupid's Advice:

Divorce can be ugly, and it can get expensive. Even though it isn't easy, sometimes it's absolutely necessary. Cupid has some tips to tell if it's the right path for you:

**1. Tried and failed:** If the two of you have tried everything in your power to make things work and there is still no improvement, then you might not be able to save your marriage after all. It's best to go your separate ways before things get worse.


**2. Abuse:** If your partner is abusing you mentally, physically or emotionally, you need to get help! If he or she threatens to hurt you in any way, then this is not a healthy relationship, and a divorce is more than a reasonable solution.

**3. Leftover love?** Most couples call it quits when they think there is no love or affection left in the relationship. Don't jump to conclusions – seek the help of a marriage counselor before deciding.

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# Jonathon Schaech & Jana Kramer: It's Over!



 Jana Kramer and Jonathon Schaech, who met while filming the movie *Prom Night*, have given up on their marriage, and are planning their divorce just over a month after their nuptials were exchanged. “Jana and Jonathon have agreed to dissolve their marriage,” the couples’ rep told [E! News](#). “Jana is humbled by the outpouring of support from her fans, friends and family, and appreciates the respect of her privacy.”

## What do you do when a marriage ends so soon?

### Cupid's Advice:

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, about half of the couples who marry in the U.S. end up divorced. If the marriage can't be saved, Cupid has found some ways to help you move on:


- 1. Ending amicably:** This may or may not be possible, but in order to get back on track, you'll do better knowing that you gave it your all. Although the marriage failed, you don't have to hate your ex.
- 2. Take some time:** When a relationship makes it to the marriage point and then ends, you should spend some time alone with yourself to reflect. By learning how to live on your own, you have a greater chance of meeting someone who you're really meant to be with in the future.
- 3. Look to the future:** Once you're ready to put yourself back

out there, plan your approach by implementing your recent reflections, know what to avoid in future partners, and start small.

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## Jesse James' Ex Janine Lindemulder is Following Along!



 Jesse James' ex-wife Janine Lindemulder is heading south to Austin to be with her daughter, [E! News](#) reported this week. After a court battle, Lindemulder was granted joint legal custody of daughter Sunny, but the celebration was cut short when James received physical custody, deciding to move down to Austin, TX with their child. The former adult film actress was originally uncertain about the move because she wasn't sure if she could provide a lifestyle of equal standards for the child like James and former step-mom, Sandra Bullock, had given her. In addition, E! News reports that Lindemulder requested additional funds. Sunny's parents deliberated the \$6,500 increase in support in court Monday.

**Would you move near your ex to be closer to your children?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

If your divorcee is moving away with the kids and you plan to follow, Cupid has some things you should consider first:

**1. Reason:** Make sure you understand the reasons for the move. He or she may not be doing it to hurt you, especially if there are financial reasons involved. The move may be what's best for your children, so don't simply follow along because you think your ex is trying to keep you away from the kids.


**2. Move along:** Any move is life-altering. You'll need to change your address, house, and possibly your career and friends. Before making such a big step, consider your financial resources, and ask yourself if you're really willing to make this change.

**3. Awkwardness:** Maybe your ex moving away is a good thing. Have you considered all the possibilities? How would you react if your ex started dating again? Being nearby with so many mutual connections outside of your children (like teachers and doctors) might spur up some awkward meetings and conversations.

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## Sean Penn & Robin Wright Divorce Finalized



 After a messy road towards divorce, Sean Penn and Robin Wright have at last signed papers, finalizing their divorce, figuring out all questions relating to child support, spousal support, and child custody. [People](#) reported that Wright hopes to remain friends with her ex, despite their history.

**Can you stay friends with an ex after a nasty split?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Penn and Wright have an interesting marriage to say the least, but the fact that they have a child together means they will always have to be a part of each other's lives. In order for exes to have a relationship post-split, both people have to work at it.

**1. Be adults:** It takes a lot to look past a difficult and angry history with someone, but it can be done so long as both people commit to looking forward. Don't hold grudges, or bring up old ills.


**2. Think of others:** Whether it's children, or even just mutual friends – if you and your ex are committing to starting a friendship, then it should just be between you two. Don't get angry if your friends are also buddies with your ex. Think of how your relationship, both past and future, will affect those close to you.

**3. Expect the worst:** Very few people who were in a serious relationship together can then turn around and become friends. Understand that it might not work. If it does fail, move on, and find the best compromise for you both.

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## Hulk Hogan Supports Ex's Engagement



 Wrestler Hulk Hogan wishes his ex-wife Linda the best of luck with her engagement to 21-year-old Charlie Hill, [RadarOnline](#) reported last week. Though the exes have had troubles since their divorce, Hogan says he is “ecstatic” over

his ex-wife's engagement. Linda Hogan and Hill will reportedly marry next summer, and have been dating since 2008.

**How should you react when an ex gets serious with someone new?**

Cupid's Advice:

>Although Hulk Hogan initially had some problems with his ex-wife's new – and much younger – love interest, he eventually supported the situation. While you might not agree with an ex's new choice in love, it's important to be the bigger person, and at the very least, keep things cordial.

**1. Hey! No technology:** Cryptic tweets and Facebook statuses are still obvious to anyone who knows you or your ex. If you have something to say and can't tell your ex in person, then don't post it on your profile where anyone can see it.

**2. Be open:** In the event that your ex still wants you in his or her life, you'll most likely meet the new partner. Don't back down from this situation, and be as open-minded as possible when meeting him or her.

**3. Back off:** Once the first encounter has happened and the new relationship is in full swing, let your ex be the one to determine where things go. You are not the one in the potentially fragile new relationship. Be as supportive as you can, and as involved as your ex wants you to be.

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## **Kelsey Grammer Asks Separated**



# Wife to the Tonys



According to sources from the [New York Post](#), Kelsey Grammer asked wife Camille Donatacci to accompany him at this year's Tony Awards – even though he dumped her via telephone a month ago. Donatacci stayed at the London Hotel, and made public appearances with the *Frasier* star during her stay, but the actor would not let her into his apartment, or discuss any means of reconciliation, said the sources. Donatacci, Grammer's third wife, filed for divorce in June, citing "irreconcilable differences." She is seeking custody of their daughter, Mason, 8 and son Jude, 5.

## How do you face your ex in public?

### Cupid's Advice:

Breakups can be painful – what happens if you run into your ex while you're out? Cupid has some tips on maintaining your grace:

**1. Expect it:** While you shouldn't be paranoid about seeing your ex, realize that it can happen, especially if you have the same circle of friends, or live in neighboring areas.

Acknowledge your feelings after the break-up – you don't want to lose your cool, especially in public.

**2. Talk smart:** It's always good to have a few conversation topics in mind in case you see your ex, so you don't start rehashing the past. Don't bring up inside jokes or shared past experiences; your ex might assume you aren't over your relationship.

**3. Go ahead – look good!** Be confident in yourself. If you appear happy and upbeat, your former partner will think you've

moved on (and it won't look like you're still wallowing – even if you are). Seeing you smiling and carefree will only show your ex what he or she is missing.

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# Christina Milian & The Dream Announce Separation



On Monday, a rep for The Dream confirmed the separation of the producer from wife, singer Christina Milian, to [US Weekly](#). The confirmation of the split came shortly after the website released photos of The Dream playing on the beach with a mystery woman. The couple married this past September, and have a daughter, Violet, who is 5-months-old.

**How can you maintain the honeymoon stage through the first year of marriage?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

The first year of marriage can be the hardest, especially once the actual honeymoon is over. Even if it's rough, you can make it through as a couple and a family by keeping the spark alive, and keeping things special.

**1. Survive PHD (or 'post-honeymoon depression'):** It isn't easy to come back to the real world after spending a vacation in paradise with just you and your mate. Ease back into your routine, and remind yourselves that just because the trip has

ended, doesn't mean the passion has to fizzle, too.

**2. Pick a date night:** You are getting settled into your new life together, which often means doing a lot of tedious errand running and paper filing. Schedule dates together once a week. Get out of the house and be a couple on the town.

**3. Celebrate the small things:** Once you're married, everything can become a 'first' again – make each of those firsts count. Have friends over when you are completely moved into your new place. Start a new tradition for your first holiday season as a married couple. In short, start making new memories together.

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## Melissa Etheridge's Custody Battle



Melissa Etheridge is singing a different tune these days as she and her ex, Tammy Lynn Michaels, are facing off in a custody battle. According to [RadarOnline](#), Michaels filed for full custody of the couple's 3-year old twins last week. The couple broke up after nearly nine years together, when Etheridge filed to officially dissolve their partnership earlier this month, citing irreconcilable differences. The singer asked for joint custody of the children, and that the court not award any financial support to Michaels. The actress has been verbal about her feelings concerning the issue.

**What should you know before you engage in a custody battle?**

## Cupid's Advice:

A custody battle may be one of the biggest fights of your life. Let Cupid help:

- 1. Why the fight?** Are you engaging in a custody battle for legitimate reasons, or are you fighting just to make your ex suffer? Regardless of what happens, you're both parents to the child, and his or her best interests should be put first.
  - 2. Remain civil:** As difficult as it may be, remain polite when it comes to the kids. You don't want the court to see you as a person who can't control their feelings.
  - 3. Become a record keeper:** Prove you are a good parent. Record all activities you do with the child, as well as any problems you have with your ex.
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# Larry King & Shawn Southwick Call Off Divorce



Television legend Larry King and wife Shawn Southwick collectively filed to dismiss their divorce papers, [TMZ](#) reported last Thursday. The couple had mutually filed for divorce on April 14, citing irreconcilable differences. [The Huffington Post](#) reported that in his announcement to step down from his television show, King said he was looking forward to spending more time with his wife and children.

**Can you come back from a divorce?**

## Cupid's Advice:

Filing for divorce is a huge step that should not be taken lightly, especially when both parties feel it is necessary, as in King and Southwick's case. However, Cupid has some advice for couples who wish to give their marriage a second chance in making it work.

**1. Put each other first:** Though not everyone can leave their job for their family, King made a conscious decision to to announce his desire to make his marriage and family a priority. In order to give love another try, both people need to put that chance first in their lives.

**2. Spice things up:** When revitalizing a marriage, take some risk. Try something new on your date night... or revisit an old haunt to relive good memories. Remember what your relationship was like in the beginning, whether you're creating new sparks or reigniting old passions.

**3. Don't hold a grudge:** Obviously, something drove you to the brink of divorce, and those issues need to be addressed. More importantly, don't hold past actions against each other in the future. Take advantage of the fresh start.

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# Elin Nordegren's \$750 Million Divorce Settlement



Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren's marriage is coming to an end... in a very pricey way. According to last week's *The Sun*,

Nordegren will get \$750 million in exchange for keeping quiet about the golfer's affairs. Among the other deals, Woods is banned from bringing single women around his two children, and the two will split several properties. Nordegren will also get sole physical custody of the children, but they will split legal custody. A pal told the Sun, "Everything's signed. Elin is ready to file for divorce at Orlando County Court. She expects to in the next seven days."

**How should you best come to terms that your marriage is over when it's time to split the assets?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Most couples are not dealing with the dollar figures that Woods and Nordegren are, or dealing with the public eye. However, divorce is divorce, no matter how you slice it. Cupid is here to help:

- 1. Face reality:** Realize that the marriage didn't work out, and that life will now have new challenges. While there's no way to work through pain quickly, seek counseling, as well as help from family and friends during this difficult time.
- 2. Communicate:** Whatever the reason for divorce, it will be hard on the both of you. Talk with a lawyer to review the assets in question, though the process may be easier if you and your ex try to work out what is best first.
- 3. Don't put the children in the middle:** Speak with a lawyer to understand all custody options, including legal custody, child support, and visitation. As Cupid has mentioned in the past, it's important to try and maintain the lifestyle your child has become used to.