

Bad Romance: 10 Toxic Celebrity Relationships



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Sometimes love isn't all champagne and caviar, even for our favorite [celebrity couples](#). Sometimes [celebrity relationships](#) have moments that can be a little toxic. In some instances the couples work it out, but in other cases the relationship ends in a split. We can take away [relationship advice](#) from this, though; sometimes things fall apart so better things can fall together.

Cupid has compiled 10 toxic celebrity relationships:

1. Chris Brown & [Rihanna](#): Chris Brown and Rihanna were a favorite celebrity couple for many. Then, in 2008, there were many reports that she was being abused and that the celebrity couple wasn't healthy. Bad gal Riri and Chris Brown ended up splitting, but one thing nobody – including them – denies is that they were passionate about one another.

2. [Britney Spears](#) & Kevin Federline: “I’m addicted to you, don’t you know that you’re toxic!” Britney Spears, pop princess, was married to her back up dancer, Kevin Federline. The celebrity couple even produced two [celebrity babies](#). The “Toxic” singer had a reality show when they were married called *Chaotic*. That sums up their relationship, which ended in [celebrity divorce](#). However, Spears moved onward and upward!

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3. Spencer Pratt & Heidi Montag: *The Hills* was a popular

reality show that intrigued many. It made [Lauren Conrad](#) and Audrina Partridge celebutantes. On the show, and in real life, celebrity couple Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag had the country buzzing about their celebrity relationship. Many people felt that it was toxic, as Pratt and Montag were very dependent on one another. It even damaged her relationship with her then BFF, LC (Lauren Conrad). The couple even released a book entitled *How To Be Famous*.

4. Eminem & Kim Mathers: Rapper, Eminem, is known for many things: witty lyrics, emerging from a humble background and his roller coaster relationship with Kim Mathers. The pair were married twice and have a daughter together, which led to a public custody battle that got ugly. The famous white rapper has many lines in his song about Kim, which are not pleasant.

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5. Tommy Lee & Pamela Anderson: Rock artist Tommy Lee and actress and *Playboy* playmate, Pamela Anderson, will go down in history for being an iconic celebrity relationship. The Motley Crue rocker and the blonde bombshell were together in the late 90's and were married 1995-1998. They made a big stir in the media when a sex tape from their honeymoon was stolen from their home and shown for the whole world to see.

6. Jersey Shore's Sammi "Sweetheart" & Ronnie: Love at the shore! The *Jersey Shore* couple, Sammi and Ron, proved to be one of the most dramatic celebrity relationships in MTV history. The majority of the episodes featured the two fighting over their problems and trust issues. Sometimes things were good though between the two. Nonetheless; they made for great television!

7. Tiger Woods & Elin Nordegren: Famous golfer Tiger Woods was married to model Elin Nordegren. The celebrity couple's world was rocked when it came out that Woods had been having affairs with multiple women. There were several women who came

forward. Ludacris even released a song about the event entitled, "Sexting." The professional golfer asked her to re-marry him again, although they split in 2010. She's living in a very nice mansion in Palm Beach. It's like the saying goes, "Don't get mad. Get everything."

8. Tina Turner & Ike: Tina Turner is a music legend and icon. However, her marriage to Ike was extremely tumultuous. There is even a film about her life and this celebrity relationship that ultimately ended. It was an unhealthy relationship, as he was addicted to cocaine and would sadly beat her up often. However; everyone can learn from Tina Turner. What doesn't kill us only makes us stronger.

9. Whitney Houston & Bobby Brown: Whitney Houston is known for hit songs like "I Want To Dance With Somebody" and "I Will Always Love You." In addition to her iconic songs and thriving music career, her relationship with Bobby Brown was widely publicized. Her mother even wrote in a book about this relationship and how she feels that he influenced her to use drugs. Although the relationship wasn't healthy, we will always remember Whitney Houston for the beautiful and talented artist she was. RIP!

10. Dennis Rodman & Carmen Electra: Carmen Electra famously got her name from music legend, Prince. The actress and model has had a string of famous celebrity relationships. At one point, she married former Chicago Bulls player, Dennis Rodman, when they were intoxicated. Afterward, he filed an annulment. Sometimes your relationship ending doesn't work out, because there is an even better fairy tale ahead for you.

Which are your favorite celebrity couples? Comment below!

Dido Names Son Stan After a Collaborative Song with Eminem



The 25th of December was not only Dido's birthday, but it was also her first Christmas with her five-month old son, Stan.

"I wanted to wish you all a very happy Christmas. I'm ridiculously excited about Stanley's first Christmas this year! ☺ Hope you all have a brilliant one and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in 2012... Love, didoxx," the British singer, who turned 40, posted on her Facebook page.

UsMagazine.com reports Stanley was born in July to Dido and her husband Rohan Gavin. The boy was named after the hit Eminem single "Stan," which Dido starred as the pregnant girlfriend. The song sampled parts of her own single, "Thank you."

How can you incorporate special meaning into the names of your children?

Cupid's Advice

Your children derive from you, so there's no reason why their names shouldn't hold significance to you. Cupid has some ideas to make baby naming extra special:

1. Family names: Embracing your ancestors by passing on their name is a very special tribute to them. Some people say it keeps their memories alive through the generations. It's a sentimental gesture and brings meaning to your child's heritage.

2. Songs and movies: Like Dido, if there is a song, movie or artist that really connects with you, then don't be afraid to


suggest naming your child after it.

3. Historical figures: It isn't uncommon for a child to be named after someone famous in history, such as being named Alex for Alexander the Great.

**How would you bring sentimental value to your child's name?
Tell us in the comments below.**

Hollywood: Portrayals of Domestic Violence



 By LaVonya Reeves

As a survivor of domestic violence, this is a subject close to my heart, and it leads me to asks questions like:

- What responsibility does Hollywood have for depicting healthy relationships?**
- Do they accurately represent abusive relationships?**

You've undoubtedly seen the headlines and read the stories, as there are cases upon cases of such violence. One relatively recent example has to do with the controversy surrounding Eminem and Rihanna's music video for "Love The Way you Lie," which depicts the emotional highs and lows, resentment and lies, and even physical altercations in one specific abusive relationship. In the video, actress Megan Fox and the former hobbit guy from *Lost* (Dominic Monaghan) show us an unhealthy relationships filled with sex, tender moments, fights, violence, and fire.

And let's not forget the highly publicized domestic violence incident between R&B singers Rihanna and Chris Brown. Rihanna (whose unhealthy relationship with Chris Brown was made public when he hit her) also sings the chorus and is shown throughout the video.

Abuse and domestic violence does not discriminate, as there are as many men who fall victim to domestic violence as women.

Look at MTV's Teen Mom reality star Amber Portwood who was arrested and charged with felony domestic battery and child neglect stemming from her behavior on the reality TV series.

Portwood, 20, while in a tumultuous relationship with her on-and-off fiancé, punched him in the face. Gary Shirley, 24, is the father of Portwood's daughter, Leah. He subsequently filed charges against her for assaulting Shirley in front of their child.

What is Dating and Domestic Violence?

Dating or domestic violence is not a disagreement; it represents a violation of trust.

Pre-battering violence:

Verbal abuse, hitting objects, throwing objects & making threats.

Beginning Levels:

Slapping, pinching, kicking, and pulling of hair.

Severe levels:

Choking, beating-with objects (sticks, ball bats, etc...), use of weapons, and sexual assault.

One in 3 women in battering relationships is sexually assaulted. While drinking and drug use do not cause battering, these elements can create a violent situation. When chemical dependency is involved, both the injuries and lethality of abuse may increase.

An estimated 1.3 million women/men are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year. Some studies say

the numbers are even greater – up to 5.3 million – since most assaults go unreported.

If you or someone you know is a victim or have been a victim to domestic violence, please tell someone, because help is available.

Call 911

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

<http://www.ndvh.org/>

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