Denise Richards and Nikki Sixx Split

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Even though sources say they were never more than casually dating, actress Denise Richards and rocker Nikki Sixx have decided to call it quits, according to *UsMagazine.com*. Charlie Sheen's former flame started quietly dating Sixx, the Motley Crue bassist, in December. Although a source originally said of the couple, "They have a lot in common and are taking things slowly," one of Richards' insiders insists, "It's crazy how this is being made out to be some big breakup. They were never exclusive or serious to begin with! I could count on my hand how many times they went out. They decided to try it and she was not interested."

If you're not interested in someone, how do you tactfully let him know?

Cupid's Advice:

We've all been there. There's someone who's interested in pursuing something with you, but you're just not feeling it. Cupid has some ways to let someone know he's not "the one" in the least brutal way possible:

- 1. Make it clear it's not his fault: As you're explaining that you just don't see a future with this person, make it clear that it's nothing he's done specifically. It doesn't always have to be a drama-filled declaration. Sometimes there's just no spark.
- 2. Be humble: There's no room for being a diva in this type of situation. The worst thing you can do is leave him with a feeling that you think you're better than him. In most cases, you're not better than him. You're just different people.

3. Let him down gently: Don't just walk up to him, say your piece, and leave. If he's interested in discussing why you feel the way that you do, be understanding of that and answer his questions. If you were in his position, wouldn't you want the same courtesy?

Is Denise Richards Dating Rocker Nikki Sixx?

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Talk about picking the same kind of men. *People* reports that Denise Richards admitted she had "gone on a couple dates" with rocker and radio host Nikki Sixx, 52. Richards, 39, has had her share of experience with bad boys, including a complicated marriage to Charlie Sheen and a relationship with Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora. With her new bad boy, who recently broke up with Kat Von D, Richards admits, "The God's honest truth is we're taking it very slowly." Why are women attracted to bad boys?

Cupid's Advice:

Cupid has some ideas on why it's so hard to stay away from a bad boy:

- 1. He's confident: Bad boys attract women because of their rebellious nature and self-confidence. Many women find the combination irresistible. But keep in mind that a guy can be confident and not bad.
- 2. He needs to be rescued: If you love the idea of a fixer-upper, you may flock to a bad boy because you think he's

damaged and needs to be rescued. That said, it's not always the best idea for a stable relationship.

3. He doesn't like commitment: Some women may not be ready for a long-term relationship and will sabotage the relationship from the beginning by dating a heartbreaker. There's nothing wrong with dating around, but when you're ready for a relationship, cut it out with the bad boys!