

Rumor: Chris Brown Reportedly Has Disgusting New Pickup Line



According to UsMagazine.com, a woman was reportedly approached by Grammy winner Chris Brown, 22, with one absurd pickup line. Brown is rumored to have told the woman, "Can I get your number? I promise I won't beat you!" After pleading guilty in 2009 to beating ex-girlfriend and singer Rihanna, 24, many think Brown should take domestic violence seriously, to say the least.

What are some ways to know when a pickup line is sincere?

Cupid's Advice:

Pickup lines get bad reps, but sometimes a guy can really be trying to compliment you. Here are some ways to know if a pickup line is sincere:

1. Serious: If a guy tries to talk to you and gives a line that doesn't leave him or his friends laughing, he may be sincere about going on a date.

2. Compliment: There is a thin line between giving a compliment and being a bit disrespectful. If the line makes you feel confident and not harassed, romance might be in the making.

3. Conversation: The best pickup line gets a potential partner to talk. Asking about the weather, sports or how someone is feeling can spark chemistry.

How do you respond to sincere pickup lines? Share your comments below.

Chris Brown Wishes Rihanna a Happy Birthday Via Twitter





Three years after pleading guilty to assaulting his ex, Chris Brown and Rihanna seem to have come to some sort of a truce. This week, Brown sent his former girlfriend a message for her birthday via Twitter: "HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROBYN!" Rihanna then thanked him via her own Twitter account, according to *People*. Lately, controversy has been brewing as the duo are back on speaking terms and rumors that they may be getting back together are circulating. The pair have even collaborated with their music, as Brown is singing on a remix of Rihanna's track "Birthday Cake," called "Cake."

Is it OK to stay in contact with an ex who treated you poorly?

Cupid's Advice:

When someone you love treats you badly and it eventually leads to a breakup, it can be a hard thing to get past. Sometimes it's impossible, and other times it just takes a very long time. Cupid has some advice:

1. Let time pass: The most important thing you can do is to take enough time that it's actually likely that your ex has changed. If you jump back into a friendship prematurely, you may end up getting hurt all over again.

2. Regain trust: It's very possible that you'll never be able

to fully trust your ex again, especially if what he or she did was bad enough. If you can't regain that trust, there's no point in re-establishing a relationship. On the other hand, if you think trust is possible again, just take things slow.

3. Consider benefits: Consider what the perks are of retaining contact with your ex. If you can't imagine that it'll add something positive to your life, then cut ties completely.

What are your thoughts on staying in contact with an ex who treated you poorly? Share your comment below.

Valentine's Day Duos: 5 Hollywood Relationships That Spiraled Out Of Control





By Katanya Royster

Relationships can be hard work, and they require a lot of effort to be put in from both ends. When you both commit, it makes it all worthwhile- in most cases. While many relationships start off on a high note and continue on the path of blissfulness, others plummet to a place of irreconcilable differences, physical altercations and repeated infidelity. They end up heading straight to Splittsville. In fact, all you have to do is ask the following couples:

1. Chris Brown and Rihanna: Typically, the phrase “first love” invokes visions of butterflies, sunsets and all things untainted. But, in 2009, we saw an ugly side of first love. Singer, Chris Brown, was accused of assaulting his popstar girlfriend, Robyn “Rihanna” Fenty. At the time of the assault, Brown was 19 and Rihanna was 20. After pictures of Rihanna’s badly beaten face surfaced, fans immediately took sides. Some were ready to dismiss Brown’s actions as a forgivable misstep, while others were relentless in their criticism of him. Either way, it was the worst possible ending to a seemingly beautiful love story. Or was it? Recent tweets make it seem as if reconciliation may be on the horizon.

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2. Russell Brand and Katy Perry: A shocked public let out a collective gasp when Russell Brand filed for divorce from his wife of 14 months. Failed Hollywood marriages are no surprise, but for some reason, we thought these two would be different. So what if Brand is a recovering sex addict and Perry is the daughter of evangelical ministers? We still thought this couple had a fighting chance. Brand's boredom with the couple's sex life and his inability to be alone, may have contributed to the couple's marital problems, reported *US Weekly*.

3. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries. Many thought Kim and Kris' lavish wedding was a publicity stunt. So, when Kim filed for divorce after only 72 days of marriage, no one was shocked – except maybe Kris. The NBA star claimed he was surprised by Kim's actions and that he wanted to make the couple's marriage work. After the split went viral, Kim was embarrassed and, in a rare move, retreated from the public eye while her ex-hubby was booed in NYC during a basketball game. Thus, if the marriage was a publicity stunt, it may have been the worst one in history.

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4. Kobe and Vanessa Bryant: In 2003, Kobe was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old hotel employee. Kobe proclaimed his innocence, but admitted to infidelity and famously apologized to his wife, Vanessa, with a \$4 million ring and a custom-made Lamborghini. It seems that Kobe's relationship patchwork was a bit like someone putting a Band-Aid on broken leg – a nice gesture, but it didn't actually fix the problem- a cheating husband. In 2011, after 10 years of marriage, Vanessa finally filed for divorce citing "irreconcilable differences,". Either way, a woman scorned, plus a husband worth \$150 million dollars, minus a prenup, equals trouble. With that kind of money up for grabs, this downward spiral may have only just begun.

5. Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren. Tiger Woods' fame had just as much to do with his clean cut image as it did with his amazing golf game. However, a one-car accident near Woods' and Nordegren's Florida home changed his reputation forever.

A parade of women subsequently emerged and admitted to having affairs with the golf pro. In an attempt to save his marriage, the father of two spent six weeks in a rehabilitation program for sex addiction. Nonetheless, Nordegren filed for divorce granted on the basis that the couple's marriage was "irretrievably broken." Nordegren was awarded an undisclosed settlement amount thought to be in the neighborhood of \$100 million dollars.

How did you know when you or a friend's relationship was over? Share your stories below.

Rihanna Reunites With Ex Matt Kemp in London





Though she split with Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Matt Kemp in December, Rihanna and her ex were seen leaving Stringfellows Nightclub in London around 2 a.m. last Wednesday. According to UsMagazine.com, the singer partied with Kemp and other pals during a break from her “Loud” concert tour. After the breakup last winter, Kemp said, “She’s a good friend of mine. We’re good. We’ve all got busy lives, and we’re concentrating on our careers.”

How do you get to the point where you can “hang out” with your ex partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

If you didn’t have an ugly breakup and it just didn’t work out, look at this experience as an opportunity to make friends with your ex partner. Here are some signs that you’re ready to form a friendship with your ex:

- 1. When you can talk about your dates:** Being able to talk about your dates with an ex without feeling jealous or awkward is a huge sign that you’re safely in the friend zone.
- 2. When you like them more now:** Maybe breaking up was just what you needed to discover that you’re better as friends.

3. When you see them differently: In pursuing a friendship with an ex, you may grow to see them completely differently to the point where you sometimes forget that you were ever an item.

How you ever become “just friends” with someone after dating them? Share your experience 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/>

(TTY) ANONYMOUS & CONFIDENTIAL HELP 24/7

1.800.799. SAFE

(7233) 1.800.787.3224

National Sexual Assault Hotline

RAINN RAPE ABUSE & INCEST NATIONAL NETWORK

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

1.800. 656-HOPE

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The Dating Double Standard



By High Yield Hottie

Ever thrown a drink in a man's face because he said something piggish? I have (and highly recommend it). However, while recently out to dinner with a male friend – let's call him Master Key – I curbed my natural reflex and listened to what he had to say. As we cocktailed, our conversation turned to how many intimate partners were acceptable for men and women in this day and age. Master Key crudely summed it up as follows:

"It's a key/lock situation. Well, a man is naturally the key. The woman is the lock. A key that opens many different

locks is an amazing key. But a lock that is opened by many different keys isn't worth anything at all."

Cue my desire to give him a martini facial and poke his eyes out with the plastic olive skewer.

Yet despite my disgust for his sexist point of view, he has a point. While women have been tirelessly shattering glass ceilings and income bracket double standards professionally, there's one area where the double standard seems to persist, and that's in dating. Even as adult women, in the eyes of many men (and women, too), we're still held to the binary categorization of "slut" or "nice girl." So what's a gal like you to do with this infuriating double standard? Take a cue from some of our celebrity friends and choose to own it, call it out, hide it or accept it.

1. Own It: In the words of Rihanna, "I might be bad, but I'm perfectly good at it!" You're comfortable with your sexploits and prefer to flaunt them.

Ex. Madonna: Not only was she the "material girl," but she was the ultimate alpha female. She embraced her sexuality and made a whole career out of it, which has since been emulated by many.

2. Call It Out: Not quite rising to the level of an "Own It" woman, you operate in a gray area between "nice girl" and "slut." You prefer to fight the double standard with verbal double entendres, rather than with double Ds in people's faces.

Ex. LeAnn Rimes: Labeled a home wrecker, she spoke out against this double standard. While I certainly don't approve of dating a married man, her comments are right on the mark; a cheatin' woman is always lambasted more than a cheatin' man. This woman might slink around, but she never slinks away in silence.

3. Hide It: This woman seems to be your classic “nice girl” on the surface, put together and demure looking. While she might not show her naughtiness to the world, someone has seen it. There might even be irrefutable proof!

Ex. Natalie Portman: Knocked up. Is there any other way to say it? Despite her good girl image, she shocked us when she got herself prego (sans ring) with her *Black Swan* co-star.

4. Accept It: If you can't beat 'em, follow along. You're the type of woman who adheres to the Sandra D 1950's nice girl code: “Keep your filthy paws off my silky drawers!”

Ex. Jessica Simpson (well, before Nick Lachey): She took Master Key's lock/key theory to heart and kept her own lock key-less until marriage.

While Master Key may disagree, there's no universal right choice when it comes to how you feel about the dating double standard and how many keys unlock your lock!

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Rihanna Follows Chris Brown

On Twitter and Angers Fans



Rihanna made her lack of anger towards Chris Brown apparent on Monday, when she decided to follow her abusive ex on Twitter, reports UsMagazine.com. Rihanna and Chris Brown had a very public breakup after Brown attacked Rihanna nearly two years ago. The domestic violence case still deeply resonates with fans. One of Rihanna's Twitter followers tweeted, "I never thought you would go back to him! You better not. It's your life, but you do have people that look up to you (e.g. young girls)." Rihanna replied, typing, "It's f*cking Twitter, not the altar! Calm down!" The singer then qualified her harsh words, adding, ""Baby girl, I'm sorry. I didn't mean to hurt or offend you – just needed to make it clear!"

What are the perks to staying civil with an ex who hurt you?

Cupid's Advice:

While many of your friends may advise against it, remaining

civil toward an ex does have some benefits:

- 1. He serves as a reminder:** Having your ex somewhat close to you can help you ward off remaining feelings of affection. It will be easier to stay away from your ex when you are able to more easily remember the pain he caused you.
- 2. You can help him:** If your partner's injustice against you was due to a problem he was battling, then you may be able to help him recover. For instance, if his anger issues ended your relationship, you can encourage him enroll in anger management.
- 3. Your conscience benefits:** While it may not be easy to take the high road, remaining civil is the right thing to do. Being kind to people, even those who may not necessarily deserve your kindness, is rewarding.

Have you ever had a hurtful ex? Leave a comment below!

Rihanna Says 'Khloe and Lamar' Makes Her Want to 'Barf'





Rihanna recently tweeted that the new E! show, *Khloe and Lamar*, makes her sick ... but in a good way. According to [E! Online](#), the 23-year-old singer said, “@KhloeKardashian crazy, just watched ur show in the studio! Yall make me wanna #BARF... or atleast find a man!! ! 2 cute for words. Rah Rah.” It seems like Kardashian’s new show has gotten the stamp of approval from Rihanna, but does this mean that the beautiful Barbadian pop star is lonely? Khloe Kardashian responded by tweeting, “@rihanna LMAO! Trust me you just need to make your pick and baby girl you got a man. Thank you for watching! Rock it out in the studio!”

How do you avoid being bitter about others in love?

Cupid’s Advice:

When you’re single, sometimes it’s hard to see friends who are happy and in love without feeling bad about your own love life. Cupid has some tips on how to stop the jealousy and bitterness:

1. Enjoy the single life: You may be jealous of your married friend, but the truth is, she’s jealous of you, too. So while you’re single, enjoy it by going out, meeting new people and having fun.

2. Don't lose hope: If you want to settle down in the future, just know that your time will come. Remember that you're single because you're picky, but one day the right person will come along.

3. Support your friends: Instead of feeling bitter toward friends who are in love, why not be happy for them? You know if the roles were reversed, they would support you and your relationship.

How do you keep from feeling bitter about love? Share your comments below.

Have Rihanna and Ryan Phillippe Been Hooking Up?



Who's the hot new

couple in Hollywood? Apparently Ryan Phillippe and Rihanna have been hooking up and are keeping it on the down-low. According to UsMagazine.com, the pair started getting together when their previous relationships were coming to a close. A source close to Rihanna says, "They initially hooked up when things were strained with [Rihanna's ex] Matt Kemp back in early December. As for Phillippe, "his three-month, nonexclusive romance with Amanda Seyfried had recently fizzled."

What are some ways to "play it cool" around a crush? Cupid's Advice:

1. Don't seem too available: If your crush notices you dropping all your plans the second he or she asks you to, you'll start to appear eager and desperate.

2. Don't give them too much attention: When you're out with a group of people, try your best to talk to each person an equal amount. If your crush starts to notice you're giving him a lot of extra attention, it might be a red flag.

3. Don't make the first move: If you want your crush to attend a group event, let him or her know your plans in a casual manner and say, "Feel free to tag along." The key is to make sure they know you like them, but aren't too obsessive.

Ryan Phillippe Ditches Amanda Seyfried to Hit On Rihanna





While most thought Ryan Phillippe and Amanda Seyfried were destined to become serious, it turns out it was just a fling. A friend told UsMagazine.com that the duo are just friends who are going on dates sometimes. "At one point, there was a chance it would develop into something more serious, but it never did. There's no commitment," Phillippe's friend said. Aside from this, Phillippe was caught hitting on Rihanna Saturday; she kindly turned him down, a witness reports. The actor seemed undisturbed, leaving a house party later that night with a brunette.

Does dating around make you a player?

Cupid's Advice:

There's a fine line between dating around and being a player. Cupid has a few ways to tell the difference:

1. Strength in numbers isn't always a good thing: When trying to identify a player, think of Barney Stinson from the show "How I Met Your Mother." Stinson is the textbook definition of a player due to the number of partners he attempts to hook up with on a regular basis.

2. Being single means taking time for you: It's okay from time to time to flirt and meet a few attractive members of the

opposite sex, but trying too hard all the time makes you a player. Just because you're single, doesn't mean you always have to look for a new partner. Let it happen naturally.

3. Trust your gut: If you're picking up signals that indicate he/she is leading you on, then trust yourself and ditch them. The best way to stop a player is by simply avoiding them.

Katy Perry's Vegas Poolside Bachelorette Party



Katy Perry

officially said goodbye to her single days as she celebrated her bachelorette party this past weekend, reported [People](#). To commemorate her upcoming marriage to comedian and actor Russell Brand, Perry arrived at the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel Beach Club with her BFFs in tow, including singer Rihanna.

After some poolside fun, the bachelorette and her entourage packed into a Hummer limo for a trip to Cirque du Soleil's KA show, where they made sure to congratulate the cast. Bar-hopping at places like XS Nightclub and Sapphire soon followed. Keeping it short and sassy as usual, Perry tweeted, "Signing up for a liver transplant now."

What are some creative ideas for bachelorette parties?

Cupid's Advice:

Your bachelorette party should be a fun, and memorable experience. Cupid has some suggestions to make it unforgettable:

1. Awesome 80's prom: If you're in the New York City area and looking to relive the days of teased hair and spandex, Webster Hall's Awesome 80's Prom may be just the thing to make your party perfect. Remember, "girls just wanna have fun"!

2. Times Square: Where better to say "bye-bye" to your single life than the "center of the universe": Times Square. There's nothing that Times Square doesn't offer! From great food to great live music venues, to happening nightclubs with flashing strobe lights, you're bound to have a memorable time.

3. Viva Las Vegas: Sometimes sticking with tradition is the best answer. Vegas has been one of the top bachelorette party scenes for years. If the future Mrs. Brand chose Sin City for her last night of singledom, then it may be a good place for you to consider too!

Rihanna & Matt Kemp: A Home Run or Strike Out?



Although singer Rihanna and Los Angeles Dodger Matt Kemp's relationship seems to be smooth sailing, Kemp's performance on the field has taken a nosedive. In fact, Dodger's manager Joe Torre benched the outfielder before Sunday's game against the New York Yankees. "We really haven't given him a rest that often, so he's never had a chance to really regroup," Torre told the [Los Angeles Times](#). [People](#) wonders whether Rihanna has cursed Kemp's game, similar to Jessica Simpson to quarterback, Tony Romo. Only time will tell.

How do you prevent your lover from keeping you distracted from your work?

Cupid's Advice:

While a little distraction from your job can be a good thing, it doesn't help if it's contributing to poor performance. See

what Cupid has to say about preventing disturbances from coming between you and your mate:

- 1. Focus:** Just because you've added someone new to your life doesn't mean that you should forget about everything else. Manage your time between your partner and your life outside of him or her to prevent fallout in both.
- 2. Speak up:** If you can't find enough time to share between your professional life and your love life, talk to your significant other and ask for some breathing room. Your workload shouldn't suffer because of personal issues.
- 3. Be honest with yourself:** Dating can be quite time consuming in the beginning. Unless you can balance a serious commitment to another person, as well as keep up with your daily routine, you shouldn't add a relationship to your life just yet.