## Halle Berry Speaks Out About Custody Battle with Gabriel Aubry



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e rumored custody battle between Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry might be coming to a close, reports <u>People</u>. The duo, who split last April, have been recently engaging the court's help to solve their issues revolving around their daughter, Nahla, 3. "When there's a child involved, it's a relief when you can resolve things in a good way," says Berry, who also mentioned that the court proceedings have gone well. "Our issues were never about fighting for her. We both know a child needs both her parents. But what I want to say about it is sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We needed a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues, and I'm so happy we've arrived at that place – because for her sake, this is the best way. We both love her more than life."

## What things should you consider when deciding on custody issues after a divorce?

## Cupid's Advice:

Divorces are tough enough without the added turmoil revolving around kids from the relationship. Cupid has some things to consider about custody after a split:

1. What the child wants: Perhaps the most important thing to think about in the midst of a separation is how the child is thinking and feeling. Before fighting over the best interests of the child, make sure to listen to what your children have to say about the situation. They might shed some much-needed light.

2. The child's best interests: Try to think about who is best equipped to have a child in his or her life post-split. If you're both completely willing and able, consider joint custody and split the time with your child down the middle. If one of you has a demanding career, perhaps full custody should go to the parent with a less time-consuming job ... with visiting rights for the other of course.

3. What's best for you: Although it's true that your child's interests should most likely come first, don't ignore what would be best for you in your situation. If raising a child will prove difficult for you, perhaps you should consider giving up custody. If you can't imagine your life without your child, voice that opinion, too.

What would you do in a custody battle? Share your experiences below.