

Kimora Lee Simmons and Djimon Hounsou Separate



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After 5 1/2 years, Kimora Lee Simmons and Djimon Hounsou have decided to call it quits, according to [People](#). The couple, who have one 3 1/2 year old child together, are set to remain “happy, loving, co-parenting friends and family.” “There have been quite a few hurtful rumors circulating,” Simmons tweeted on Wednesday. “The truth is Djimon + I have been separated for some time.”

What are some things to try before separating in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be hasty to call it quits on a relationship on a whim, so it's best to make sure you've tried everything before pulling the plug. Cupid has some tips:

1. Couples' therapy: Sometimes all you need is an open and moderated forum in which to talk to each other – really talk. Daily life can get in the way when you try to have important conversations at home, so having an appointment with someone who's trained to handle these types of situations can be beneficial.

2. Compromise: Chances are there are things each of you are particularly bothered by in your relationship. Point out what these are, and come to an agreement to compromise. It may only take commitment from both sides to make this work.

3. Break: It may be the most dangerous attempt in the book, but taking a break may be just what you need to realize how much you want to be with your significant other. The saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder," has stuck around for a reason.

What are some other things to try before calling it quits in a relationship? Share your thoughts in a comment below.