

# Sean Penn & Robin Wright Divorce in Mean Spirits



After 20 years of marriage with actress Robin Wright, Sean Penn is now officially a single man. Though Penn has historically tried to keep his private life under wraps, Penn opens up about the end of his relationship in an interview with *Vanity Fair*, even going so far as to say his ex-wife is “a ghost” to him. Penn added that being single will give him more time to fully commit to humanitarian work.

**After the end of a marriage, what is acceptable to talk about in public and what matters should be held sacred and private?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Penn crosses a line in his interview, making comments that were unnecessary, like insulting his ex-wife, and nonsensical, like implying that his marriage kept him from doing humanitarian work. When talking about an ex, you shouldn't reveal anything you wouldn't want revealed about you.

**1. Don't name call or place blame:** No break-up is the sole responsibility of one party, and it looks childish and inconsiderate to point fingers.

**2. Keep private things private:** If it wasn't spoken about when together, why air your dirty laundry? Some things, like sex, money, and family issues may be better kept under wraps.

**3. Never look back and regret:** Every relationship is a learning experience, even if it requires sacrifice. Sure, you might have turned vegetarian for an ex, or slowed down volunteer work to start a family, but you gained much more through the experience than you lost. Take time to finally

enjoy what you couldn't while in your relationship.