

'Bachelorette' Contestant Ryan Calls Emily Maynard a "Trophy Wife"



On Monday night's *Bachelorette*, suitor Ryan had a few words to say that Emily Maynard was not too pleased about. On their one-on-one date, he called Maynard a "trophy wife," to which she aptly responded, "Trophies don't talk back," according to [People](#). Soon after, Ryan was sent home – not without protest, of course.

What are some warning signs that your partner views you as a prize?

Cupid's Advice:

Every girl wants to be placed on a pedestal by her partner. However, sometimes being seen as special can get out of hand, and soon your partner is treating you like an object. Here are

some warning signs that your partner views you as a prize:

1. He's controlling: If your significant other is controlling the way you dress or act, you need to leave immediately. He isn't seeing you for the person you are, but rather the partner he'd ideally like to have – so he can't really love you for you.

2. He calls you "mine": There is nothing sweeter than the person you're dating telling you "I'm yours." However, once they're calling you theirs, they're claiming you as property rather than a person to be loved.

3. He uses you: A deadbeat boyfriend who's always coming to you for money (and other assets) only sees you as a walking ATM. There's no chance for a real relationship in that situation.

What are some ways to prevent being treated like a prize? Tell us your story below.

Chris Brown and Drake Reportedly Brawl Over Rihanna





Early this Thursday, the entourages of singers Chris Brown and Drake got into a massive and violent fight at W.i.P., a downtown NYC club. Though the two singers never attacked each other directly, their posses traded blows and Brown was cut by a bottle thrown in the process. Most suspect that this brawl broke out over Rihanna, whom the two have both been romantically linked to in the past. A source told [Us Weekly](#) that although Rihanna is very glad she wasn't there, she "loves this drama" and, after speaking to Brown and Drake, still "thinks it's crazy."

What do you if someone you're interested in has another admirer?

Cupid's Advice:

It's always hard when a crush seems to have feelings for someone else, but if you approach the situation carefully, you'll find that you're very capable of winning out or moving on. Here are some tips for doing those:

1. Sort out your feelings: When you realize that someone else likes the same person you do, take the time to rethink your situation. Do you genuinely want to be with your crush, or are you just pining for them because they might become unavailable? If you're only acting out of jealousy, it's time to move on to another person.

2. Approach your crush: If you've realized your feelings for someone are strong and genuine, then the easiest way to ensure they end up with you and not someone else is to ask them on a date. Don't sit around and wait for them to come to you if you really care about them. If things go well, you shouldn't have to worry about their other admirers.

3. Be ready to move on: When someone has another admirer, there's always a chance that they will end up with them instead of you. Make sure you remember that there are always other people out there if things don't work out.

Have you ever had to compete for a crush with another admirer? Tell us what you did below.

Chris Brown Watches Rihanna from Afar at NYC Club





Singers and exes, Rihanna and Chris Brown are anything but predictable, making it difficult to keep up with their roller coaster relationship. What's known for sure about the pair is that both artists have an undeniable love for partying, so running into one another is inevitable. Last Monday night, the pop star was under her ex's surveillance, when they both showed up to the New York City hotspot, Avenue, reports [People](#). Although Brown was reportedly surrounded by close friends drinking champagne and taking shots, he couldn't refrain from looking over to Rihanna's table, who apparently was with her latest suitor.

What are some ways to avoid an awkward confrontation with your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Since you can't ban your ex from going to your favorite places, there's always a risk you'll run into him or her. Here are some ways to avoid confrontation if you happen to have a run in with a past flame:

1. Pretend you don't see them: This doesn't have to be as immature as it sounds. If you happen to notice your ex is at the same place you are, don't make it obvious. Discreetly keep it to yourself; that way, if they see you, the ball is in

their court.

2. Don't try to show off: The worst thing you can do is attempt to make your ex jealous by dangling a new prospect in front of him or her. This behavior will not only make you look silly, but your attempt will send a message that you're trying way too hard, which gives your past lover a reason to confront you.

3. Play it cool: Don't get upset or flustered and remember that they're most likely feeling the same uneasiness. Take a deep breath, smile and carry on as you were. A light conversation may be nice, but it's certainly not necessary.

What have you done to avoid an awkward confrontation with an ex boyfriend or girlfriend? Share below.

'Bachelorette' Star Roberto Martinez Has No Interest in Being the 'Bachelor'





Rumors were swirling in Hollywood last week that Roberto Martinez, a former contestant on *The Bachelorette* and ex-fiancé of Ali Fedotowsky, would be the next star of *The Bachelor*. “That’s far from the truth!” a source confirms to [Us Weekly](#). “They are asking him to be the next bachelor, but he has no interest as of right now.” Martinez was engaged to Fedotowsky for 18 months until they called off the wedding in November of 2011.

When is it time to put yourself out there after a difficult breakup?

Cupid’s Advice:

Breaking up after a serious relationship requires enough time to heal before getting out there again. Here are some ways to know when it’s time to give dating another shot:

1. You feel confident in yourself: Having someone break up with you can be a huge blow to your self-esteem. Don’t try to find another partner when you’re lying in bed all day eating ice cream. Get back into your normal routine, hang out with your friends, eat healthy and exercise. Once you’ve taken care of yourself and feel good again, you’ll carry around a more positive energy. That will help you feel more comfortable dating.

2. You feel positive about the future: After a hard breakup, it can seem like the days drag by and there isn't much to be excited about. Once you're able to accept and learn from your past and realize all the potential the world still holds, give dating another try.

3. You've left your ex alone: Whether your breakup was civil or not, it's important to leave your ex in past for your own sake. In order to truly move on, you need to feel comfortable putting them out of your thoughts and not contacting them. This way, you will be totally open to any opportunities that come your way.

How did you know when it was time to try dating again? Share your story below!

Sofia Vergara and Ex-Beau Nick Loeb Meet for Hot Chocolate





Modern Family star, Sofia Vergara, was spotted having hot chocolate with her ex, Nick Loeb, in New York City this week. In May, Vergara went to the Met Gala solo and sources confirmed that the pair had called it quits. Could the two just be friends? According to [People](#), a source said, “They were not romantic at all.”

What are some ways to remain amicable with an ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Breaking up is hard to do, and staying friends after the break-up can sometimes feel impossible. However, you can keep a meaningful friendship intact when the romantic connection is gone. Here are some ways to remain amicable with an ex:

- 1. Let go of grudges:** If you want to get past the reason your relationship didn't work out, forget about the past and focus on your future as friends or just being civil with one another.
- 2. Take baby steps:** Do not go from a huge break-up to a dinner and movie date with your ex. When the time is right, go out for coffee or a quick chat in the park.
- 3. Group meetings:** To make things even more relaxed and friendly, meet with your ex in a group of each other's friends

or family.

How do you remain amicable with an ex? Share your comments below.

'Gossip Girl' Star Kelly Rutherford Gets a Court Date for Marital Battles



It looks like another long celebrity breakup is finally winding down. Two years after their split in 2010, *Gossip Girl*'s Kelly Rutherford and ex-husband Daniel Giersch have set a court date for July 12 in order to finalize their divorce. [E! Online](#) reports that the major issue of this trial is custody of their two children. Though the two had previously decided on joint custody,

Rutherford later issued a restraining order against Giersch after claiming he threatened her nanny and affected her parenting.

What are some ways to solve relationship issues out of court?

Cupid's Advice:

Even the best relationships have their occasional problems. The difference between successful relationships and unsuccessful ones is how these issues are handled. Before spending time, money and energy to find solutions in court, consider the following tips:

1. Talk to your partner: Communication is the simplest way to solve relationship problems. If you talk to your partner and address your issues early on, they won't grow into the sort of major disputes that need to be handled in court. Plus, building openness in your relationship will help prevent new problems from developing.

2. Go to counseling: Before taking legal action, consider talking to a marriage counselor or going to couples therapy. Getting an expert's opinion can give you the answers you need to bring the romance back. Even better, it can give you a sense of where your relationship should be headed.

3. Bring in a third party: If you're unwilling to take your relationship to counseling, try starting by talking to a close friend. Find a person who's willing to listen and consider both sides of your issues and have them help you find a solution. Even if you can't come up with an answer, you'll feel better knowing your problems have been shared.

How do you handle relationship problems? Tell us below!

'Bones' Star Tamara Taylor Finalizes Her Divorce



Summer may be the time for love and romance for some couples, but for 41-year-old actress, Tamara Taylor, and her attorney husband Miles Cooley, it's time to finalize their divorce, according to [People](#). The couple put the kibosh on their marriage back in February, with Taylor being the one to file for divorce. Since their union in 2007, the two never had any children. This has made the split a lot less messy, and it's easier for each of them to accept the situation in order to move on from their failed relationship.

What are some ways to remain amicable after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Breaking up is never easy, which is true in any relationship or marriage. If you and your partner are going separate ways, it's important to remain amicable towards one another. Cupid has some tips:

1. Give each other some breathing room: You're both experiencing a lot of hurt, so it's not going to help either of you if you're constantly at one another's throats. Keep some space between the two of you so that you can each take your own approach in handling it.

2. Be nice: You don't even have to go out of your way to do this one. Just treat your past loved one with kindness, because it may be the end of the road now, but you did once love each other.

3. Don't pick unnecessary fights: Obviously what's done is done, so don't waste your energy on arguments with your ex. That negativity will only stress both of you out more, so pick and choose your battles to avoid petty drama.

Do you find that breaking up is easier if you remain amicable after a split? Share your experiences below.

Brooke Mueller's Binge with Charlie Sheen Lands Her Back in Rehab





Exes Charlie Sheen and Brooke Mueller recently reunited for four days to partake in a crazy long-lived binge involving drugs and alcohol, according to [Celebuzz](#). This act, unfortunately, has landed Mueller back in rehab with the potential for going to jail. The mother of two is on probation from a drug arrest taking place in Aspen, Colo. in December 2011. Mueller's rep confirms, "As part of her ongoing treatment and as planned, she voluntarily checked herself into a rehab facility several weeks ago." According to a source, Mueller "met up with Charlie again, partied for four days straight at his Mulholland Estate home and ultimately fell off the wagon."

How do you know if your partner is a bad influence?

Cupid's Advice:

Your significant other is supposed to bring out the best in you, but sometimes he or she may have the opposite affect. Here are some ways to tell your partner is a bad influence:

1. You do things that you used to feel were wrong: Doing things you wouldn't normally do can often be a good thing, as your partner should encourage you to come out of your shell. That said, if you find yourself partaking in things that used to trigger your moral radar, it's time to come to your senses.

2. You're breaking the law: This may seem obvious, but if you find yourself doing drugs you never used to consider or driving after drinking as you used to refrain from, beware of the bad influence.

3. Your friends are pulling away: One great way to tell that your partner is changing you for the worse is to judge your friend's reactions. If you notice the contact you have with your friends is dwindling, it could be because of the negative affect your mate is having on you.

What are other ways to tell your partner is a bad influence? Share your thoughts below.

Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony Reunite on Stage in Vegas





Recently split couple Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony appeared on stage together at their variety show *Q'Viva! The Chosen* in Las Vegas on Saturday. The two stood on stage together, holding hands, at the end of the show, initiating cheers as they embraced, according to [People](#). After breaking up in July, Anthony officially filed for divorce in April.

What are some ways to be civil during a bitter breakup?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it's tough to face your ex. Here are some ways to combat the hurt and stay civil:

- 1. Remember the good:** You and your partner didn't always hate each other. Recognize that your relationship didn't work out, but that doesn't mean you two have to be enemies.
- 2. Think of your surroundings:** You likely share many parts of your life with your ex. In Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony's case, they share very similar careers. Take a note from them to stay mature and professional and work together when you need to, for the sake of everyone around you.
- 3. Apologies feel good:** Sometimes clearing the waters with an ex is a great way for you to move on with your life and feel

better about yourself. Take the initiative to talk things out, and you may even be able to be friends one day.

How do you stay civil with your ex? Tell us in the comments below.

Emily Maynard Says Brad Womack's Recent Comments 'Really Hurt'



The much anticipated, season-eight *Bachelorette* star, Emily Maynard, decided to be the bigger person when responding to her ex, Brad Womack's, recent nasty remarks. He said that "dodged a bullet" when their engagement ended, according to UsMagazine.com. The single mom faced the smack-talk on *Access Hollywood Live*

on Wednesday, making a point to avoid confrontation. The 26-year-old told hosts, "At first, my feelings were really hurt, because we left everything very civil and I've never said a bad word about him. But knowing Brad, he didn't mean it that way." Neither half of the former couple have seen one another since filming for the new season of ABC's *The Bachelorette* started, which is probably for the best. Still on her quest for love, Maynard knew better than to fall for the petty 'he said, she said nonsense, showing not only her maturity, but also demonstrating that you can't believe everything you hear.

How do you deal with a vengeful ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Moving on from a breakup is difficult no matter what terms the relationship ends on. If you find your ex saying mean things that he knows will get your attention, it's usually a sign that he isn't as over you, or the split, as you thought:

1.No response is the best response: Don't give your ex the satisfaction of dropping to his or her level. If your ex is reaching out to you, it's obviously for a reason, so if you want to keep that relationship in the past, don't let them get a rise out of you – which was likely their goal in the first place.

2.Take it as a compliment: If a past partner is taking time out of their day to say things about you, it's because you're on that person's mind. Smile that they still care enough about you, as they took time out of their day to vicariously reach out to you.

3. Use it as fuel: If your ex is going to say cruel things about or towards you, just remember how much better off you are without that person. You deserve someone who is going to make you happy and your ex's immaturity can be used as a push in the right direction towards the one.

What are some other ways to deal with a vengeful ex? Share your thoughts below.

‘Bachelorette’ Emily Maynard Discusses Sending Home Joe



Season 8's *Bachelorette* Emily Maynard recently talked about her tough decision to send home hopeful bachelor, Joe, in her blog for [People](#). Maynard discussed her date with Joe, mentioning how fun of a time she had with him. However, she said, "I knew that we were just in different place in our lives." So, even though she had a blast with fun-loving bachelor, she knew they weren't a good match and let him go.

How do you know when to cut ties early in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

1. Know both of your intentions: If one of you is just looking for someone to go on dates with and simply keep them company and the other wants marriage, that's an issue that needs to be addressed immediately. Like Emily Maynard, you have to recognize when the person you're dating is in a different place in their life than you. You can't keep a relationship going if the two of you have battling goals.

2. Don't make the same mistake twice: If you notice something that your new lover does that ruined your relationship, talk to them and see if this is a problem that can be fixed. If not, it might be time to cut your losses. There's nothing worse than repeating a bad relationship.

3. Accept that not everyone is your perfect match: Too many people cling to a relationship even when it isn't working just for the sake of "seeing how things play out." If it isn't working now, chances are it won't work in the long run. Why waste your time?

How do you know when it's time to cut your losses on a new relationship? Share your stories in the comments below.

Mena Suvari Reaches Divorce Settlement with Simone Sestito





Longtime *American Pie* actress Mena Suvari and ex-hubby Simone Sestito ended their marriage on a cordial note after a year and a half of marriage, according to UsMagazine.com. Suvari's rep tells *TMZ*, "Neither party will pay the other any support," after Sestito formerly requested a little over \$17,000 dollars a month. The 33-year old star denied rumors that being in the spotlight played a role in her split with the concert promoter in *Boston Common* magazine. Suvari said, "It's taken years to get to know myself. I had never really taken time to cultivate who I was." This marks the actress' second divorce after her 2005 split with cinematographer Robert Brinkmann.

How do you compromise in the midst of a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Splits are always tough on both individuals in a relationship. Here are some important things to keep in mind in order to end on a good note:

- 1. Communication is key:** Reach an understanding about the split and find common ground. This will help put things in perspective.
- 2. Stay positive and civil:** Kindness goes a long way, especially during a split. Being genuine to one another is

just as important after a relationship ends.

3. Keep it clean: Avoid pursuing revenge or any sort of negative reactions from your soon-to-be ex. Nothing is worse than a messy divorce.

How have you handled a split in the past? Share your story with us.

Melissa Gorga Tells Sister-in-Law to Stay Out of Her Marriage



On Sunday's episode of *The Real Housewives of New Jersey*, Teresa Giudice couldn't keep quiet any longer about her sister-in-law, Melissa Gorga's relationship. The tension boiled into an ugly confrontation.

According to [UsMagazine.com](https://www.usmagazine.com), the main issue was that Gorga said she'd leave her husband if a richer man came along. Giudice then accused her sister-in-law of ruining her relationship with her brother, Joe Gorga.

What do you do if family members start to come in between you and your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

As much as we love them, family members tend to get over involved in our relationships. Here are some ways to get them to back off a bit:

1. Don't give out too much information: Though lying to your family is never a good idea, if you don't want them to get too involved with your love life, only tell them what they need to know.

2. Tell them you can take care of yourself: When your family tries to get too involved in your business, it's okay to say, "Thanks, but no thanks."

3. Get them to see the situation from your point of view: Chances are the family members getting too close for comfort into your love life would want you to get into theirs. Politely remind them of that.

What are the negative consequences of getting too involved in someone else's relationship? Share your stories below.

Find Out Why Sofia Vergara and Nick Loeb Broke Up



Sofia Vergara and Nick Loeb seemed to have the perfect relationship. But, underneath their success and PDA, it turns out the couple were on completely different wavelengths. While Vergara's focus was on her entertainment career, his was more concentrated on politics. As an insider told [People](#), "It was never a good match. She is fiery and free-spirited and wants to enjoy life to the fullest by traveling and going to parties and events. He's very concerned with his businesses, political aspirations and ultimately settling down." Though the couple are said to have broken up and gotten back together many times, the *Modern Family* star also has a history of sticking by her man both after a serious car accident and during Loeb's run for the Florida U.S. Senate.

What are some signs that it's time to call it quits?

Cupid's Advice:

Being in a relationship can be a beautiful thing, but not if it's the wrong relationship. If it really isn't working out, there's no shame in ending your relationship and starting over. Cupid has some tips:

1. Separate interests: While having a certain amount of independent interests is part of any healthy relationship, if you are on totally separate levels of stages of life, it may be time to call it quits.

2. Infidelity: If you can't be loyal or honest with one another, you're not in a good relationship.

3. Lack of interest: Once you've lost interest in your relationship to the point where you've stopped fighting because it's just not worth the energy, it's time to get out.

Is there ever a bad reason to break up with someone? Share your thoughts below.

Russell Brand Unfollows Katy Perry on Twitter





British comedian Russell Brand and singer Katy Perry will be officially divorced soon, but Brand is getting rid of any kind of connection between the two and unfollowed her on *Twitter*. The two had only been married for a little over a year before they decided to split, and it appears that the pop star isn't having any trouble [moving on](#). Perry was caught making out with musician Robert Ackroyd at Coachella, and although their relationship is still new, an insider told [UsMagazine.com](#), "They're having a fabulous time."

What are some advantages to cutting all ties after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Once you split with your ex, it can be best to lose any connection you have to them to avoid drama or heartache. Cupid has some tips:

1. No jealousy: If you spend time stalking their latest facebook pictures or checking their most recent friend activity, you'll begin to create scenarios in your head about how much better off they're doing, and it'll create unnecessary and false jealousy.

2. No constant reminders: They became your ex because you wanted them out of your life, so get them out. You don't need

any reminders, whether it's pictures or Twitter popping up to give you a little memory of your time together.

3. Fresh start: By cutting all ties you can get the fresh start that you need to move on to a better tomorrow. Leave the past in the past and start trekking down a more hopeful, ex-free road!

What helped you move on from your ex after a break up? Share your comments below!

Eva Longoria Didn't Question Her Worth When Tony Parker Cheated



Eva Longoria is a tough woman on the inside, beyond her beautiful looks. The actress

is getting back up on her feet after divorcing her cheating husband, Tony Parker. On Thursday, Longoria opened up on Lifetime's *The Conversation With Amanda de Cadenet*, saying that she refuses to blame herself for what happened. She claims to have had a conversation with Parker about why he did what he did, but in a way most women wouldn't have done. "I really wanted to know, and if you genuinely want to get something out of somebody, you have to not judge," she said. Since her divorce, the actress has been able to accept the fact that what happened was out of her control, and to start having fun again. With her positive attitude, Longoria seems to be on the right track to happiness.

How do you keep from blaming yourself when your partner cheats?

Cupid's Advice:

Even if something bad has been done to you by someone you love, you can't help but thinking it's something that you did wrong. But guilt and blame will never allow you to get over the situation, and you have to accept what happened and move on for your own sake. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Have a conversation with them:** You can try what Eva Longoria did, and ask your partner to honestly explain why they cheated on you. It will get you some answers to questions that have been haunting you.
- 2. Look at it from their point of view:** If it were the other way around, think about why you would have cheated. It's most likely out of temptation. People usually act on impulse and give in to things, so it probably wasn't because you did something wrong.
- 3. Remember that cheating is cheating, no excuses:** Regardless of your partner's motives for cheating, it's still wrong. It's a lack of respect to you and the relationship. There shouldn't

be any excuses for what they did, which means you especially shouldn't blame yourself.

What are some other reasons as to why you shouldn't blame yourself for being cheated on. Share your comments below.

Sources Say Sofia Vergara Has Split from Nick Loeb



Modern Family star Sophia Vergara has called it quits with her boyfriend, environmental businessman Nick Loeb, says reports. On Monday, the actress attended the Met Gala without Loeb and told other guests the relationship has ended, after being together for more than two years, according to [People](#). In March, Vergara said she wasn't ready to get married or start a family with Loeb. "They have been fighting a lot recently and have been on

the brink of splitting many times,” a source told the *New York Post*.

How do you know when the fighting has gotten to be too much in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

While you and your partner shouldn't strive to be the perfect couple, you should at least aim to be healthy. Here are some signs that your relationship has taken a turn for the worse:

- 1. You constantly argue:** When you spend your time together arguing more than appreciating each other's company, it may be time to call it quits.
- 2. It becomes physical:** No one in the relationship should be suffering from any form of abuse, especially physical. If that's the case, get out of the situation and get help.
- 3. Loss of intimacy:** When you and your partner's hostility toward each other impacts your physical connection, then it could be time to part ways.

How do you know when the fighting has gotten to be too much in a relationship? Share your comments below.

Lady Gaga and Taylor Kinney Split





Lady Gaga's hectic popstar lifestyle was just too much to handle along with her relationship with actor, Taylor Kinney. The couple had been dating for ten months, and have decided to take a break. A source told UsMagazine.com, "She will be touring nonstop until next year and has found she can't have relationship at the same time." Gaga and Kinney weren't what you'd exactly call the perfect couple either, a friend claims. "Taylor was all about himself, a typical actor, and didn't completely get Gaga." Maybe they were headed for a brick wall from the start.

How do you keep work from getting in the way of your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it becomes hard trying to balance your work with your relationship, especially for popstars like Lady Gaga. Here are some ways to keep work from getting in the way of your relationship:

1. Finding the right balance: The most important thing is doing well in work, but not letting it take up all your time. Once you're at home, forget all of the work stuff and just spend time with your significant other.

2. Prioritize: It becomes a problem if you begin making too

many sacrifices for work, and not for your relationship. You need to make sure the people important in your life are given the kind of attention they deserve.

3. Take some time off: Work can be all-consuming, so take a vacation. Why not take some time off to spend a couple days with your partner? Every relationship needs that every once in a while.

How do you try and balance your relationship and work? Share your comments below.

Mila Kunis Denies Dating Ashton Kutcher



Mila Kunis cleared up all rumors that she is dating Ashton Kutcher with Ben Lyons at CinemaCon 2012 in Las Vegas. According to [Extra](#), the cast

mates were seen together multiple times during the week. "It's absurd!" said Kunis. "A friend is a friend." Kunis was at CinemaCon promoting her new film *Oz: Great and Powerful*.

How do you turn a platonic friendship into a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Stepping out of the friend zone and into a hot relationship is actually a leap. Here are some tips on how to jump without falling:

1. Drop hints: While hanging out with the friend you have feelings for, come clean about how you feel about them. Try making it into a joke, and see how they react. Say, "Hey, how crazy would it be if we dated?" Judging by their response, you will have an idea of whether or not to pursue your feelings.

2. Go on a date: Ask your friend on date. Asking them to give things a try is a lot different than committing to a relationship. Or, take your crush out as a friend and at the end point out that it was a date. See how they react. Try something out of the "friend zone." Rather than burgers, go to an intimate restaurant and pay for dinner.

3. Make a move: If you think your friend will go for it, jump right in and make a move. Have a fun, have some drinks, flirt a little and then spring the idea of you becoming a couple.

How did you turn your friendship into a relationship? Share your thoughts below.

Jennie Garth Says Farm Animals Help Her Cope with Divorce



Jennie Garth is dealing with a divorce from her ex-husband Peter Facinelli in a new way. According to [People](#), four dogs, two goats, five cats, two miniature horses and a pig are helping her cope. "Having all these animals fills a void for me because I'm kind of going through a rough time right now. The animals give you unconditional love, and that feels good," Garth said on the premier of her new show *Jennie Garth: A Little Bit Country*. "I think that my animals give me a sense of like relief, like they make me feel like none of that other bull matters," Garth told her assistant. Garth's slow, paced country lifestyle is just what she needs to get back on her feet after her break-up.

How can pets help you cope with a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with a split is always difficult. Here are some tips on how your pets can help the healing process go more smoothly:

1. You always have a companion: Your cat will love you unconditionally. With or without your ex, you will always have your pet around to make you feel better. Try snuggling up on the couch and watch your favorite movie.

2. Occupied attention: Taking care of your pet will keep your mind off your recent breakup. Give your dog an extra walk during the day instead of chatting with your ex. Your dog will love you for it.

3. Pick up a new beau: Walking your dog around the neighborhood could even lead you to meeting someone new.

How did your pet help you cope with your split? Share your stories below.

Taylor Armstrong Says She's 'So Not Ready' to Date Again





It's been eight months since the *Real Housewives* star Taylor Armstrong lost her husband Russell Armstrong to suicide, and she said she hasn't even considered dating. "I'm just so not ready. I still think about Russell every single day, and I still miss him terribly and I feel like I'm so far from ready," said Armstrong according to UsMagazine.com. "I don't know if you just wake up and you're ready, or how that works. But for me, for now, I really got some growing to do, I think, before I'll be even ready to be a good judge of what's good for me." As for now, the reality star is putting her focus on raising her daughter Kennedy and learning to be a single mom and an independent woman.

What are some ways to know it's time to enter the dating world after tragedy?

Cupid's Advice:

The loss of a loved one is not an easy battle of emotions to overcome, but someday you will be ready to date again. Cupid has some signs that might prove whether or not you're ready:

1. Grieve: It's important that you take time to grieve. We often try to put on a strong face for others, and pretend that we're ok when we're not, but it's ok to be sad, angry, hurt, or lonely. Once you go through the stages of grief you will be

closer to accepting what the future has in store for you.

2. Time: Don't jump into a rebound relationship just because you're lonely, but don't wait forever to let someone else into your heart. Just because you move on with someone new doesn't mean you're forgetting the person that you lost.

3. Content: There will be a day when you've come to terms with your loss and you learn to be yourself without that person. However, don't waste time being alone when you can find someone else to share your life with and hopefully one day love someone else again.

What do you think are some signs that someone's ready to enter the dating world again? Share your comments below!

Scarlett Johansson Speaks Out About Divorce from Ryan Reynolds





Actress Scarlett

Johansson opened up about the men in her life's past and present in an interview with [Vogue](#), including her painful split from actor Ryan Reynolds. Although the *We Bought a Zoo* actress is happy and in love once again with boyfriend, Nate Naylor, she says the memory of her divorce from Reynolds was devastating and painful, but something she doesn't regret, according to [The Daily Mail](#). The couple, who split in December of 2010, led a private and love-filled marriage, but their busy careers got the best of them. 'This was something I never thought I would be doing. And there's no way to navigate it," said Johansson of her divorce. "Nobody can give you the right answer. It's never anything you want to hear. It's a very lonely thing. It's like the loneliest thing you'll ever do, in some way."

How do you move on after a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

After a divorce, you can feel like you've lost your entire world or your best friend, but it doesn't have to be so bad.

Cupid has some tips to help you stay positive and move on gracefully:

1. Don't waste time: After a split, a grieving stage is necessary, but don't let it take over your life because regret

can be a difficult emotion with which to cope. Give yourself time to accept the past, settle into the present and embrace what the future has in store for you. Life is filled with ups, downs and unexpected turns, so be strong and carry on because things will get better again.

2. Get out of denial: The marriage is over, and there's no use in thinking about the "what if's," or the "if I would have done this," because you can't go back. The only way to move is forward with a new perspective on how you're going to learn from your mistakes and improve your life.

3. Find yourself: You can't be that person you were when you were with your ex, because life is going to be different without them. There's an authentic "you" in there somewhere, and maybe you haven't revealed it in a while, but it's time to be independent again.

What advice do you have for someone trying to move on from a divorce? Share your comments below.

Marc Anthony Officially Files for Divorce from Jennifer Lopez





After publicly announcing their split in July, Marc Anthony has finally filed for divorce from Jennifer Lopez at the Los Angeles Superior Court. Regardless of the ex couple's "irreconcilable differences," they continue to work together on their Latin music and dance competition series, *Q'Viva! The Chosen*. The separation date of Anthony, 43, and Lopez, 42, still remains to be determined, but Anthony has requested legal and physical custody of their twins Max and Emme, 4.

How do you know when it's time to turn a separation into a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

A divorce isn't an easy thing to go through, but sometimes there's nothing else you can do to save a relationship. Here are some ways when you know it's time to really call it quits:

1. Continuing to argue: During a separation, you should both have your space, but continue to work on things at the same time. If you're still arguing and fighting with each other, then maybe things really won't work out in the end.

2. For the kids: A separation is tough for the kids, but you can't continue to play with their emotions. Kids need a stable family and lifestyle, so if you can't come together as

a family, decisions need to be made to establish your separate lives rather than continue to confuse them.

3. You're just not happy: During a separation, you should be able to have some time to figure out what you really want and what's important in life. Do what makes you happy, and if you're happier being separated from your spouse, then maybe its time to make the separation real and move on.

When do you think it's time to move from a separation to a divorce? Share your opinions below.

Melissa Etheridge and Ex Tammy Lynn Fight Over Money



Melissa Etheridge and Tammy Lynn Michael's divorce battle is still ongoing. Michaels recently requested for a bump in child support

payments, reports [E! Online](#). Etheridge, 50, replied to the request with 100-plus pages of custody-related documents. In the documents, Etheridge claims that Michaels is “angry and vindictive” and sees herself as their twins’ “primary parent and as the person who should control their time.” A hearing for this latest conflict is scheduled for May 22nd.

What are some ways to keep money from coming between you as a couple?

Cupid’s Advice:

Dealing with money and day-to-day aspects of life can sometimes put a damper on your relationship. Here are a few ways to keep money from coming between you:

1. Humility: Chances are, you and your partner have different salaries. You may earn a significant amount more than your partner, or vice versa. If this is the case, remember to remain supportive and humble. Don’t brag about your earnings or be jealous of your partner’s earnings.

2. Equal contribution: If you and your partner have been together for a long while, you should both contribute to your living expenses. Try to split the costs as evenly as possible to minimize any conflict.

3. Pre-nup: If you and your partner are hoping to be married, consider a prenuptial agreement. With the agreement, you and your partner can keep your financial assets separate. In the unfortunate event of a divorce, the divorce proceedings will be made much simpler.

How do you and your partner handle money and spending? Feel free to leave a comment below.