### Denise Richards Says She Had a Beautiful Love Story With Charlie Sheen





Break ups are never

easy, especially when your ex is someone like Charlie Sheen. But Denise Richards wants us all to know her relationship wasn't completely bad. When discussing her marriage to the former *Two and a Half Men* star with *UsMagazine.com*, she says, "people have only gotten the rotten stuff. There was a beautiful love story between he and I and I know that it went the way it went, but I talk more about how I felt during that time because I feel like a lot of women can relate to that."

How do you keep your breakup in a positive light?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Maintianing a relationship with your ex is never easy. After all the pain that comes with a split, we often find ourselves

bad mouthing one another and continuing to fight. Here are some helpful tips on how to stay positive about a breakup:

- 1. Take time: It's impossible to part from someone and instantly go back to being 'just friends' after a serious relationship. Take some time to get back to your old self before seeking a friendship with your ex. Blow off some steam with your close friends and get back into the swing of being single.
- 2. Don't talk about new relationships: Talking about your new love lives without your ex is uncomfortable. No good can come of it. Avoid the topic as much as possible.
- **3. Focus on the good:** The best way to keep your breakup positive is to remember all of the good times that the two of you had. You were happy once. Cherish those memories and keep them close to your heart, but realize the breakup was for the best, just as Denise Richards feels about the end of her marriage with Charlie Sheen.

What some ways you have mantained a friendly relationship with your ex? Share your comments below.

### Fran Drescher Says Gay Ex-Husband Is Her Best Friend





just announced that her gay ex-husband Peter Marc Jacobson is

her best friend. After their 21 years of marriage ended, Jacobson admitted that he was gay. However, Drescher didn't find the news to be too surprising. She told *People*, "During our marriage he had told me he might be bisexual, but he wanted to stay married. By the time he told me, I had survived uterine cancer. Nothing could shake me." Over the years, the two were able to rebuild their relationship. "We're very tight. We're best friends," she said.

What are some ways to re-build a friendship after divorce?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Once your marriage ends, it might hurt to know that you've lost a great friendship. Although your romantic relationship didn't work out, it doesn't necessarily mean you can't be friends. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Casual conversations: Strike up some small talk once in a while with your ex. While conversing, let him or her know that your friendship means a lot, and that you don't want to completely write him or her off.
- 2. Hang out: Go out for coffee or hang out in groups with

mutual friends. Bringing some normality to the situation will help.

**3. Closure:** The most important step to rebuilding a friendship after divorce is to talk about what led to your breakup in the first place and resolve your issues to a point where you're no longer bitter. As the old adage says, agree to disagree.

How did you rebuild a friendship after divorce? Share your experience below.

# Pippa Middleton and Boyfriend Alex Loudon Said to Have Split





Looks like love

isn't in the air for Pippa Middleton, the younger sister of the new Duchess of Cambridge, Kate Middleton. According to People, Pippa and boyfriend Alex Loudon who accompanied her to the royal wedding, have called it quits. The *Sun* reports that it was Middleton's newfound celebrity that put a strain on the relationship, though the pair will remain "good friends".

How do you know when it's time to call it quits?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's hard to know when a relationship has truly run its course and it's time to end it. Cupid has some tell-tale signs:

- 1. Seems like a chore: If you feel like seeing your significant other everyday is more of a chore than something you choose to do, that may be a sign that the spark and excitement no longer exists in your relationship, and you should start moving on.
- 2. You want to go out and meet new people: If you're having the urge to go out, meet new people and imagine what things would be like with someone different, then it's most likely time to go with your gut and do just that.
- **3. You argue over everything:** If you and your significant other seem to be getting into arguments over the tiniest things and it's a constant occurrence, maybe the two of you really aren't right for each other.

How did you know when it was time to call it quits? Share your stories below.

### Whitney Port and Ben Nemtin Split





Another Hollywood

romance goes down in history! It's been officially confirmed that Whitney Port has spilt from *Buried Life* star, Ben Nemtin. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the 26-year-old reality star and designer made the announcement quietly in NYC on Saturday. When reporters asked about former flame, Ben Nemtin, *The City* star simply pronounced, "I don't have a boyfriend." In spite of the split, Port was all smiles and seems to be enjoying focusing on herself and her career.

What are some quiet ways to announce your breakup to friends and family?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It is always acceptable to be private about your breakups. Here are some great ways to do so:

- 1. Wait to be asked: One quiet way to announce a breakup is not to make a point to do it. However, if someone were to ask about your previous other half, it's time to spill the beans.
- 2. Change your relationship status on Facebook: It's not appropriate to announce a breakup through a Facebook status update or a tweet. That said, changing your relationship status is not only something you would automatically do anyway after a breakup, but it's also a smart way to announce that you're single.
- 3. Tell only a few close friends: Announcing that your relationship has ended doesn't have to be a huge announcement. If you tell only a few people, everyone is bound to find out eventually.

What do you think is the best way to announce a breakup? Share your thoughts below.

## Cheryl Burke and Maksim Chmerkovskiy: Not Dating





Dancing with the

Stars castmates Cheryl Burke and Maksim Chmerkovskiy are at the center of many relationship rumors, nearly all of which are not true, reports <u>People</u>. The rumors surrounding the two good friends heightened recently after Burke's wild birthday celebration at Palazzo Las Vegas's Azure Luxury Pool. However, Burke adamantly denies the rumors. "We have a good time," said Burke. "We've known each other since we were kids. We have that brother and sister relationship."

How do you know if he can be more than a friend?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Making the jump from 'just friends' to 'more than friends' is difficult, even without the added burden of confusion. Here are a few ways to tell if your friend could be a potential mate:

- 1. Personal contact: Hugging your friends when greeting him and bidding him goodbye is commonplace, but more frequent contact may not be. If he's particularly 'touchy-feely', it may be because he has feelings for you.
- 2. You think about him: If you find yourself thinking about your 'friend' more frequently than your other friends, then

you probably have some feelings for him. Try to find a subtle way of finding out how he feels about you.

**3. Ask him out:** While indirect flirting may eventually serve its purpose, honesty really is the best policy. Be upright and forthcoming about your feelings for him, and ask him straight out if he feels the same way.

Have you ever had feelings for a friend? Share a comment below!

## 'Bachelor Pad 2' Cast Is Full of Feuding Exes





In order to create

reality show drama of epic proportions, the cast of the Bachelor Pad 2 includes exes who are anything, but on good

terms, such as Jake Pavelka and Vienna Girardi. So much for a relaxing summer! Pavelka will be spending it watching his ex get chummy with her current boyfriend, Kasey Kahl. According to Associated Content, reality villains Justin Rego and Michelle Money have also joined this very turbulent cast.

How can you handle seeing your ex with someone new?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Seeing your ex with someone new is never easy, but it's a reality you'll probably have to face in life. Your best course of action is to accept it and move on:

- 1. Look the other way: Believe it or not, there are more important things going on around you than who your ex is dating. Find something else to focus your energy on.
- 2. Try online dating: If your ex has moved on, chances are that you should, too. If you can't find any suitable dating choices in your current social circles, look online.
- 3. Be happy for them: Even though it didn't work out between you and your ex, it's no reason to hate him or her. Be the bigger person and be happy for him or her instead.

On a scale of 1 to 10, how painful is it to see your ex with someone else? Share your thoughts below.

### Cameron Diaz Discusses Her Break-Up Style: Break Up And

#### Move On





They say breaking up

is hard to do, but that certainly isn't the case for 'Bad Teacher' star Cameron Diaz. Diaz told UK's 'News Of The World', "We break up, we move on," in response to recent reports that she split from baseball hottie A-Rod, according to RadarOnline. Diaz's new movie 'Bad Teacher' in which she plays a raunchy, go-for-broke educator is set for release June 24th, and her character in the movie isn't far off from who she is in real life. When Diaz appeared on Jimmy Kimmel in February, she proclaimed, "I love porn" and told a British newspaper that sex is her favorite sport. Seems like a break up is the last thing the actress is concerned about!

What are some ways to quickly move on from a breakup?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's not always easy to get over a break up, but Cupid has some advice on how to quickly move on from a break up:

- 1. Just accept it and move on: Take a tip from Cameron Diaz and simply accept that people break up and move on. Clearly it's working for her!
- 2. Put it out of your mind: Distract yourself with work and friends so that you don't even think about your split.
- **3. Focus on yourself:** Try a new activity, hit the gym or read a book; focusing on yourself is the best way to get over a break up while helping yourself feel empowered.

How did you quickly get over a break up and move on? Share your thoughts below.

## Adrianne Curry and Christopher Knight Split





It looks as if

Father Brady is back on the market, ladies! Former Brady Bunch star Christopher Knight and former America's Next Top Model contestant Adrianne Curry have decided to call it quits, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "After starting a relationship with what seemed to be irreconcilable differences, the couple has reached a period where those differences are no longer appreciated," said Phil Viardo, the couples' manager. The pair met when they were housemates on the VH1 series The Surreal Life and then married in 2006. Earlier this month, Curry admitted that she wasn't satisfied with her home life and turned to Twitter for attention. Another Hollywood romance is now a part of history!

When you grow apart, what are some steps you can take to reconnect?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Like Adrianne Curry and Christopher Knights, differences can grow to be a bigger and bigger issue as your relationship lasts longer and longer. Cupid has some ideas on how to reconnect:

1. Be open: The best thing you can do in a relationship is communicate. Stay open and accepting about your differences. If you start to feel annoyed by something your partner is

doing, make sure to let him or her know instead of blowing up when it gets really bad.

- 2. Go back to the beginning: One of the best ways to reconnect in a relationship is to take a look at the happy times you've had in the past. Open up the photo albums, and make reservations at the place you had your fist date. Thinking about good memories may remind you why you started dating your partner in the first place.
- 3. Carve out time: Make sure you're spending quality time together on a weekly basis. Lives get busy and it's easy to forget to schedule in time alone with your partner, but it's an important part of your relationship. Simply spending more time together is a good way to reconnect.

How did you reconnect with your partner in order to avoid divorce? Share your comments below.

## Maria Shriver Spends Memorial Day With Kids In Malibu





If she's upset, she sure isn't showing it! Maria Shriver looked happier than ever when she visited Tra Di Noi restaurant with her kids Katherine, Christina and Christopher; a few friends; and her bodyguard on Sunday night. RadarOnline reported that Shriver hired a high-profile divorce attorney, Laura Wasser, to represent her against ex-spouse Arnold Schwarzenegger. Schwarzenegger admitted to fathering a child by his and Shriver's former housewife.

What are some life changes you can make after a divorce?

#### Cupid's Pulse:

Going through a divorce is tough, but moving on with your life afterward is tougher. Cupid offers suggestions on some life changes you can make after a divorce:

- 1. Move forward slowly: It takes time getting used to being single. Letting others know how you feel will help you move on with your life slowly and steadily.
- 2. Meet others: It might take some time, but go out of your comfort zone and mingle with others when you're ready. You'll meet new friends and possibly the person who is truly right for you.

3. Embrace new opportunities: With all the time you'll have on your hands, get involved in extra-curricular activities. You'll be surprised when you discover new hobbies and talents.

What did you do after your divorce? Share your experiences below.

## Ex-Husband of Arnold Schwarzenegger's Mistress Speaks Out





Betrayal has

definitely been a popular topic in the media the past couple of weeks, and now another person affected by the Arnold Schwarzenegger affair has decided to speak out. Rogelio Baena, ex-husband of Arnold Schwarzenegger's mistress, Mildred Baena, had something to say. Baena was just as shocked about the affair as Maria Shriver was, and to make things worse, up until a week ago Rogelio assumed that Mildred's son was in fact his biological son, according to <u>People</u>. Rogelio decided to speak out about the betrayal he faced on <u>Entertainment Tonight</u>, and how he had considered Arnold Schwarzenegger, who employed his wife Mildred or 'Patty' for 20 years, a 'hero'. Looks like Rogelio no longer feels the same way.

If you're betrayed by your partner, how do you move on?

#### Cupid's Advice:

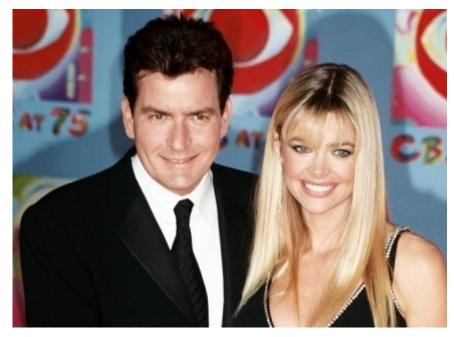
Being betrayed by your partner isn't an easy situation to deal with, but here are some tips on how to move on after facing it:

- 1. Realize that the situation doesn't define you: It's important to realize that after any situation that involves betrayal that you are still the same person you always were, and that in fact you are able to move on with your head held high.
- 2. Keep yourself busy: Start moving on and rebuilding your life by enjoying hobbies that will hopefully distract you from all of the bad memories of the past.
- **3. Find yourself:** It may sound a little corny, but after going through a tough situation, one of the best things to do is to focus on yourself. Try new things, and try to discover a little more about yourself.

Have you ever faced betrayal from your partner? Tell us how you were able to move on below.

## 'Bachelor' Alum Emily Maynard Is Spotted Without Engagement Ring





The rocky

relationship between *The Bachelor*'s Brad Womack and Emily Maynard may have finally reached an impasse. *People* reports that last weekend, Maynard, 25, was spotted without the engagement ring Womack, 38, presented to her in the show's finale. The two released a statement in March, saying: "It has been a bumpy couple of months for us, and our priority right now is to focus on our relationship."

How do you know what engagement ring to choose for your partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

If you want her to say "yes," start out by getting her the

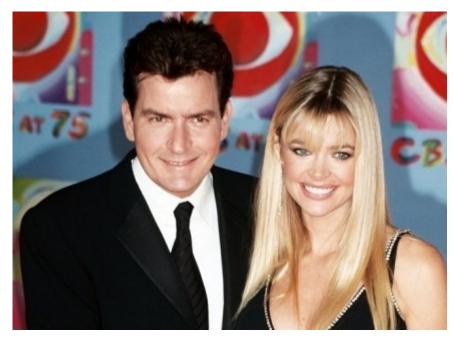
right ring! Cupid has some tips on how to know what engagement ring is right for your partner:

- 1. Ask for help: Poll her friends and family (swearing them to secrecy, of course) about what kind of ring she'd want. They can at least steer you in the right direction.
- 2. Think about her taste: What kind of jewelry does she like to wear? Pay attention to whether she likes gold or silver and over-the-top or understated pieces.
- **3. Go with your gut:** Buy the ring that feels right, the one you can see yourself proposing with and see her wearing for the rest of her life.

What's your idea of the perfect engagement ring? Share your comments below.

## Russell Brand Is Deported From Japan While Visiting Katy Perry





Katy Perry's hectic

Japan touring schedule was interrupted on Saturday, reports <u>E!</u> <u>Online</u>. The *Teenage Dream* singer was distraught when news came that her newlywed husband Russell Brand had been deported. Perry took to her Twitter account to share the news. "So…my husband just got deported from Japan. I am so. sad," tweeted Perry. "I brought him all this way to show him my favorite place." Brand was deported due to criminal incidents that occurred over 10 years ago. Brand, however, did not seem too upset. The comedian-turned-actor also took to his Twitter, exclaiming, "Stockholm syndrome kicking in. Just asked my guard out for (vegetarian) sushi. He giggled."

## What do you do if your partner has a prior criminal background?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Not everybody has a squeaky clean past. Here are a few things you should be aware of when dating a reformed criminal:

1. Get the facts: Underage drinking and bank robbery are two very different crimes. Make sure you know what your partner was charged with and how serious the crimes were before you enter into the relationship.

- 2. Prepare yourself: It's harder to live life with a criminal record. Travel becomes difficult, as does getting a loan or applying for a job. Make sure that you are willing to carry some of the burden for your partner's past mistakes.
- **3. Shake it off:** Plenty of individuals make unwise decisions when they are young. Though the thought of dating someone who has had trouble with the law may scare you, don't be too prejudiced. Your partner now has different ideals and life experience to bring to the relationship.

Have you ever dated someone with a criminal past? Feel free to comment below.

## Ginnifer Goodwin and Fiancé Break Off Engagement





It looks like the engagement between Ginnifer Goodwin and her fiancé Joey Kern is off, sources tell <u>People</u>. Goodwin, a former star of the HBO series <u>Big Love</u>, apparently split from the <u>Super Troopers</u> actor a few weeks ago. The duo had been engaged since December after being introduced to each other by a mutual friend.

#### When is it time to break up?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Not all loves in this world are supposed to last. Cupid has a few suggestions on how to know when it's time to leave:

- 1. Where is the love?: If the love and connection you used to your feel with your partner has now vanished or decreased significantly, it may be time to re-evaluate your relationship.
- 2. Mirror check: Take a look at yourself in the mirror periodically and make sure your'e the person you want to be. If your relationship is changing your values and priorities, then you may need to let it go.
- 3. Butting heads: Sometimes you may be in love with someone, but you can't seem to find a way to compromise about a problem

in your relationship. If it's a big enough issue that it's starting to tear you apart, it might be time to step away for a while and think things through.

When did you know it was time to end your last relationship? Share your experiences below.

### How Maria Shriver Found Out About Arnold Schwarzenegger's Love Child





New details about

how Maria Shriver learned of her husband's infidelity have surfaced. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> reports that Shriver, 55, went out to eat with girlfriends Oprah Winfrey and Gayle King right before the news broke that Arnold Schwarzenegger fathered a child

with a member of their household staff. Shriver supported her friend Oprah by attending her talk show send-off just days after the scandal went public. "Not only did she come, she came, she showed up, she did the part," King, 54, said. "[Maria's] a class act and she's handling it with such grace, trying to figure out what to do…how to help the children through. It's just a very difficult time and heartbreaking to see."

What are some ways to react when you find out your partner has cheated?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Learning about a partner's affair is tough, and there are lots of different ways to react. Cupid has some ideas on the best and worst ways to respond:

- 1. Get your revenge: Often our first instinct is to get angry and take it out on your cheating partner. While it's important to feel your frustration and sadness, don't do or say something you'll regret later.
- 2. Become a hermit: Once you hear the earth-shattering news, you may need some time alone to grieve. But don't forget that going out and spending time with friends and family is essential during a difficult time.
- **3. Keep it classy:** Even though you may want to either hole up or lash out at your mate, try to stay above all the pettiness. Take the high road, and remember that life goes on.

How would you respond to news that your significant other cheated? Share your comments below.

## 'Bachelor' Brad Womack Drunk Dials Emily Maynard After Breakup





There appears to be

some debate as to what the deal is between Brad Womack and fiancée Emily Maynard. Three sources confirmed in the most recent <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that the couple broke up two weeks ago and that the star of *The Bachelor* has been drunk dialing Maynard. "Brad and Emily are over, and Brad keeps drunkdialing her," one insider said. "Brad is such a loser." A friend close to the couple, on the other hand, says that the couple is still together and engaged. "They are on and off, but there is a lot of love there. This is just a rough patch," the friend said. A third source said that the 25-year old single mother couldn't handle the long distance

relationship and ended things after heading to Texas to smooth things over.

What are some ways to handle an obsessed ex-partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

For some people, it's really hard to let go of past relationships, especially if they feel responsible for the breakup. Here are some pointers to dealing with your ex:

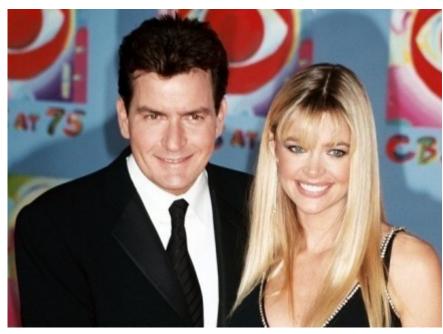
- 1. Keep it to yourself: You're going to have to do your best to avoid your ex's calls and attempts to talk to you. Even if you plan on staying friends, it might be a good idea to defriend him or her on Facebook ... at least for now.
- 2. 'To the Left': One way to make things easier for both you and your former lover is to give your personal property back to one another. That way you won't have to be reminded of each other.
- 3. Restrain yourself: In the most extreme cases, you might need to get outside help to keep your former lover away from you. You don't always have to get a legal restraining order, but perhaps just a close friend calmly talking to your ex may do the trick.

Have any stories of exes who wouldn't leave you alone? Leave a comment below.

### Reese Witherspoon and Ryan

## Phillippe Reunite for Son's Football Game





Despite their 2007

divorce, Reese Witherspoon and ex-husband Ryan Phillippe still work together when it comes to their kids, according to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. The duo came together to cheer on their son Deacan at his football game last week. This isn't the first time the former couple have reunited for the sake of their kids, as they co-hosted Deacon's 7th birthday party at the W Hotel in Los Angeles last October. Even though their relationship didn't work out, Phillippe isn't shy about the good relationship he has with Witherspoon. In response to his ex-wife recent marriage, he said, ""I'm very happy for both Reese and Jim [Toth]. I wish nothing but the best for the mother of my children."

How do you maintain a good relationship with your ex-partner?

Cupid's Advice:

If things don't work out and you end up splitting from a partner you share kids with, it's important to keep the relationship civil for the sake of the children. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Communicate: Even if you don't necessarily want to share every detail of your day with your ex, it's important to keep the lines of communication open when it comes to your kids.
- 2. Don't keep secrets: Children know how to "work the system" when it comes to divorced parents. Make sure you and your ex are working together to set rules and boundaries for your kids, and stick to them.
- **3. Do what you have to do:** Obviously you may not want to see your ex on a regular basis, but suck it up and reunite to show your mutual support for your children. Being uncomfortable for a little bit is worth it when you see the smile on your child's face.

How do you keep it civil with your ex? Share your experience below.

## Arnold Schwarzenegger's Love Child: Did He Break Up Housekeeper's Marriage?





Lately, the news has

been filled with the tragic separation of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver after a long-kept secret surfaced that the former governor of California fathered a child with Mildred Patricia Baena, a housekeeper and assistant in the family home. This shocking affair, however, also may have resulted in a divorce between Mildred Baena and her former husband, Rogelio de Jesus Baena. The couple split in 2008 over "irreconcilable differences." According to <u>People</u>, contrary to the birth certificate that identifies Rogelio as the father, the divorce documents between the Baenas do not mention any minor children.

#### How do you get over the trauma of an affair?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It can be tough to get over an affair. In fact, most people who experience this type of trauma in a marriage are never able to salvage their relationships. However, if you do choose to move on and remain with your partner post-affair, the only way to do it is to spare yourself the details:

1. Two affairs don't make a marriage: If you choose to forgive your partner's infidelities, don't try to make things even by having an affair yourself. It will only make matters worse

and will never make you feel better in the end.

- 2. Restore trust: Trust takes a lot of time to restore. Don't stay with your partner unless you plan on being patient. Without trust, you can't have a healthy relationship.
- 3. Don't ask about the details: If you're going to move on, you can't do so with images in your head of your partner with someone else. Stick to a don't ask don't tell policy, at least as far as vivid descriptions are concerned.

If you have ever been with a partner who had an affair, we want to hear your story. Comment below.

## Kelsey Grammer Files for Sole Custody of Kids





Kelsev and Camille

Grammer have been through rough times lately, and now there are even more issues to resolve. Court records reveal that Kelsey, 56, has filed for sole custody of their children, Mason and Jude. "Any statement would be inappropriate," Kelsey's rep told <u>People</u>. "The filing speaks for itself." Papers were filed in LA County Superior Court, which states the <i>Real Housewives</> star would have her children half of their summer and winter breaks.

## What are some things to consider about your ex in the midst of a custody battle?

#### Cupid's Advice:

When going through divorce, or even getting separated, the children are always the top priority. However, it's easy to get possessive. This can be for selfish reasons, or it may be because the former partner is not prepared for joint or sole parenting. Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Economic standing: Can your ex afford to support the children? You need to make sure your children have everything that they need to receive a good education and live a healthy lifestyle. If your former partner can't provide these elements, they probably should not have custody.

- 2. The ultimate downfall: What was the final straw? If your relationship ended on bad terms and if you feel threatened, you should be cautious about letting the kids around him or her. True colors really come out during breakups, and there may be a sick, crazy side to which you have been blind.
- 3. Lifestyle: If your former partner suffers from alcoholism or any other addiction, they cannot be a role model for the children. If you want joint custody, you need to make sure you're on the same page and each doing your part.

Have you or someone you know been through a rough custody battle? Share your comments below.

### Arnold Schwarzenegger Fathered a Child Out of Wedlock





The shocking breakup

of one of the biggest power couples in Hollywood and politics now makes a lot more sense, reports <u>People</u>. The <u>Los Angeles Times</u> broke the news that Arnold Schwarzenegger fathered a child out of wedlock 10 years ago, resulting in he and wife Maria Shriver separating. In a statement to the newspaper, the 63-year-old actor and ex-governor said, "After leaving the governor's office I told my wife about this event, which occurred over a decade ago. I understand and deserve the feelings of anger and disappointment among my friends and family."

What are some ways to tell that your mate is being unfaithful?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Maria Shriver was shocked to learn that her husband cheated, but if you can pick up on some warning signs, you might be able to save yourself a lot of time and a little bit of hurt. Cupid has some ways to tell that your partner is running around beyond your back:

1. Liar liar: If you catch your partner in an untruth, ask more questions to see if they get uncomfortable. If you feel like they're hiding something, it may be another lover.

- 2. Gone: When your mate spends a lot of time away from you and gives you lame excuses about where they've been, question them.
- **3. Abnormal behavior:** Has your significant other changed his or her behavior dramatically? If you notice an attitude shift, like apologizing for everything or being extra sweet, be wary.

What are some other warning signs to watch out for? Share your ideas below.

### 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 <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. 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!

## Pippa Middleton and Ex-Boyfriend George Percy Enjoy Madrid Together





New media darling

Pippa Middleton visited Madrid, Spain with friends over the weekend, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. In attendance was George Percy, Middleton's ex-beau from her days at Edinburgh University nearly a decade ago. The two have remained close friends since their days at school. Middleton and her friends were seen partying at the popular Fortuna Nightclub and relaxing at Madrid's Retiro Park. Middleton's current beau, Alex Loudon, was absent from the trip.

Is it truly possible to be good friends with an ex-partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Remaining friends with a partner post-breakup is easier said than done. Here are a few factors that matter when considering your new "friendship":

- 1. The nature of your breakup: If you and your ex-partner suffered a nasty breakup, then friendship is probably not an option. However, if the split was mutual and relatively painless, then the two of you have a good shot at remaining close friends.
- 2. Time: It may be cliché, but time does heal all wounds. While hanging out with your ex may be painful now, your pain will greatly lessen a few months (or years, if needed) down the line.
- 3. Mutual friends: It's difficult to remain in touch with a person when the meetings between you are isolated and awkward. However, if the pair of you have mutual friends, it is much more likely that you'll adjust to each other's presence in a more gradual and comfortable manner.

Are you friends with your ex-partner? Feel free to share your story below.

## Jesse James Says That Millions of Married Men Cheat





Famed serial cheater

Jesse James recently defended his bad behavior by pointing out that he's not the only one, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. The Monster Garage star told Men's Journal, "I never shied away from anything I did. I took full responsibility. I cheated on my wife. Guess what? So do millions of other men." The 42-year-old, who divorced Sandra Bullock last year, is currently engaged to Kat Von D.

How do you know if you can trust your partner after past indiscretions?

#### Cupid's Advice:

After your mate is unfaithful, it's hard to trust them completely again. Cupid has some tips on how to know if your partner really has changed for good:

- 1. Accept the apology: If your partner made one mistake and is truly sorry, think before throwing away your entire relationship. Give your mate another shot if you feel they are being genuine.
- 2. Don't forgive multiple affairs: If your significant other has had multiple indiscretions in the past and doesn't seem fully committed to your relationship, you probably can't trust

them to stay faithful in the future.

**3. Have faith:** The bottom line is, you'll never know for sure if your partner is going to cheat again. But if you decide to give them another chance, give them your complete trust. There's no point in starting over and giving the relationship a shot if you're not fully trustful.

Would you trust a partner who cheated in the past? Share your comments below.

## Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver Call It Quits





Arnold

Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver are parting ways after 25 years of marriage. <u>People</u> reports that the power couple, who

have four children together, consider the split a mutual decision. "After a great deal of thought, reflection, discussion, and prayer, we came to this decision together," they say in a statement. "At this time, we are living apart, while we work on the future of our relationship." Shriver, 55, a TV journalist and a Kennedy, and Schwarzenegger, 63, a bodybuilder-turned-actor-turned-governor, were an unlikely pair from the start, but managed to stay committed to each other despite their differences.

Is it important to be with someone who is different from you?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes opposites attract, but is dating someone who is different from you a good idea? Cupid has some ideas on whether two people with differing interests can find love:

- 1. Keep it interesting: Being with someone with contrasting interests can make your relationship more fun. Your mate can introduce you to new things and vice versa.
- 2. Mismatched: While it may work for some, dating someone who has a completely opposite personality can also just mean you're incompatible.
- **3. Same old, same old:** The bottom line is, you should be with someone who makes life fun and exciting. If you date someone who is exactly like you, you may get a little bored.

Do you think it's better to date someone similar or different to yourself? Share your comments below.

## Jesse James Compares Sandra Bullock and Kat Von D





We all make mistakes

in relationships, but Jesse James doesn't regret any of his. The former Discovery channel star told Howard Stern Thursday that Kat Von D is more fun in bed than Bullock. "She's a vixen," he raved of his bride-to-be. "The way she gets in my head and makes me feel." James, who according to <code>UsMagazine.com</code>, loved and cared about Bullock, has found exactly what he was looking for with Von D. He sometimes felt insecure with a big-time movie star. "I've met someone that makes me happy — an amazing woman that is willing to accept me for my faults and not try to change me and loves me like crazy and has my back," the former <code>Monster Garage</code> star explained.

How do you keep from comparing your ex and your new partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Finding someone new is one of the most amazing things to come from a break-up. That said, you need to make sure that you're ready and that your ex is out of your head. Cupid has some tips on how to avoid comparing potential new love interests to exes:

- 1. Look on the bright side: Your ex is your ex for a reason. If someone new comes into your life, think of the positive things ... but avoid thinking about why your current relationship is better than your old. They're completely separate from each other!
- 2. Keep an open mind: We all need to adjust to new things, and it's easy to always refer to past relationships, especially long-term ones. If you have doubts, remind yourself this is new and will be different.
- **3. Go with the flow:** Have fun with it, and give things a chance. Everything happens for a reason, and there could be a very good one as to why this person is in your life. If it doesn't work out, just move on. Eventually, we all get it right.

Do you have issues comparing new partners to old ones? Share your thoughts below.