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Oliver and Kate Hudson

It's easy to see the family resemblance between the 'Almost Famous' actress and celebrity mom Goldie Hawn, but did you know her older brother Oliver is also an actor? Most recently, he appeared in 'Nashville' and 'Scream Queens.' Photo: Girlie/FAMEFLYNET PICTURES

# Celebrity Couples: Did She Really Date Him?





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Brody Jenner and Avril Lavigne This surprising pair started dating in 2009 after the singer filed for divorce from her first husband, Sum 41 singer Deryck Whibley. They split after nearly two years together but have remained friends. Jenner even wished Lavigne the best of luck in her most recent marriage to Chad Kroeger. Photo: Andrew Evans / PR Photos.

# Report: Kim Kardashian and Brandon Jenner Kissed 'Back in the Day'



By Shannon Seibert

Shots fired! On the latest episode of Keeping Up With the

Kardashians, Brody Jenner revealed to viewers that his brother Brandon had done some smooching with Kim Kardashian back in the day. The accusation came out after Brody Jenner had walked in on Kardashian staging a photo shoot in a barely-there outfit for her new husband Kanye West. Kris Jenner had accused Brody Jenner of being turned on by seeing her daughter in provocative clothing, but Brody quickly deflected and turned all eyes to his big brother. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Kim Kardashian has always had good relationship with both Brody and Brandon Jenner, so this small incident will probably be swept under the rug.

What are some things to consider about revealing your past to your new partner?

### Cupid's Advice:

The past is supposed to be in the past, but that doesn't mean you can't learn from it. Bringing up your past to your partner can be difficult, and at times, slightly awkward. There is no reason to relive it, but there are some things that have contributed to the person you are today that your man should know about.

1. The people who have shaped you: There are monumental people in everyone's lives that make a difference on how they live it. For example, certain exs may have left you with a couple of battle scars, your man has the right to know what they are. Also, if you have had any family members that have shaped you in either a positive or a negative light, this could be something worth sharing. By opening a channel of honesty you can funnel your deepest feelings to your partner. In return, he should do the same for you.

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2. Where you've come from: Over time, circumstances change.

Your starting point will never match your end point in your journey of life. You may have started from the bottom of the food chain and have impressively worked your way up. Or maybe you and a difficult home life or trouble in school. Each factor has helped contribute to who you are as a person, and there is no reason to shy away from that.

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3. What you have accomplished: The past doesn't have to entail things that you're ashamed of, it can also hold some of your happiest memories. Give your man a peak inside your world and share with him some of your fondest moments from your childhood, your teenage years, and beyond. Show him the world through your eyes, he may find your viewpoint more beautiful than he'd ever imagine.

What are some things that you had trouble with bringing up to your partner? Share with us in the comments below!

## Brody Jenner Says He 'Never' Dated Lauren Conrad





By Sanetra Richards

Brody Jenner is letting the cat out of the bag! According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, the former Hills star is letting it all be known in his latest podcast, The Brody Jenner Podcast with Dr. *Mike Dow*. In addition to revealing he dated his brother Brandon's wife Leah at one point in time, Brody Jenner and Lauren Conrad never dated, despite what the show may have portrayed. As Dow began to name a few of Jenner's past lovers, such as Avril Lavigne, Kristin Cavallari, Lauren Conrad, and Nicole Richie, Jenner stopped him in his tracks, saying, "That's false. Lauren Conrad and I never dated. Lauren and I have always been just friends," the Bromance stud went on to say. "We worked together on a show called The Hills where we had to pretend like we were dating, but we never dated." After clearing up the L.C. rumors, the 30-year-old was also asked about his other "relationship" with cast mate Kristin Cavallari and if that too was staged. "I dated Kristin when we were very young ... when she was on Laguna Beach and I was on a show called Princes of Malibu with Spencer Pratt ... we met at a party in Hollywood ... but during [The Hills] when we filmed, Kristin and I did not date, we were not hooking up."

What are some ways to squelch rumors about your relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

Have you come across a situation similar to Brody Jenner's and Lauren Conrad's? Ever heard a bizarre rumor about something that happened (or didn't happen) in your personal life and wondered, "Where do people come up with these kinds of things?" But you never knew how to put an end to all the crazy talk. Cupid had some tips for the next time someone spreads inaccurate information about your relationship:

1. Clear the air: The best way to probably put an end to all the madness is to state the facts. Without a doubt, the speculations will continue if something is not said. Let it be known that whatever has been disclosed is untrue. Feel free to reveal any other information that may provide evidence on why it is false.

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2. Ignore the nonsense: Not constantly feeding into rumors can also be used as method in helping them die down. Try not to pay it too much mind and all of the gossip will gradually disappear once people notice you are not giving in.

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**3. Talk it over with the person it's affected:** You are certainly not the only one the craziness of a relationship rumor has affected. Be sure to discuss its impact with your partner (or speculated one). They probably want it to come to an end just as bad as you do – and are willing to do whatever it may take to make this happen.

How do you put an end to rumors about your relationship? Share your thoughts below.

# Sizzle to Fizzle: Brody Jenner and Bryana Holly



By April Littleton

A source confirmed to <u>UsMagazine.com</u> that the Keeping Up with the Kardashians star has broken up with his model girlfriend of four months, Bryana Holly. "It just **fizzled** out," the insider said about the break up. The former flames went public with their relationship July 6 in Malibu, California. Prior to **sizzling** up with Holly, Brody Jenner was linked to Avril Lavigne, Lauren Conrad and Kristin Cavallari, who just announced her second pregnancy with husband Jay Cutler. How do you know when to call it quits on a new relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

Breaking up with someone you once cared for is never an easy thing to do. How do you know if you're making the right decision? Are the problems you and your companion have something that can be fixed? Cupid is here to help:

1. Lack of communication: There's no use in trying to save a dying relationship when you and your partner stop talking to each other completely. Communication is key to any sizzling relationship. If you can't fully express the way you feel and the problems you and your significant other seem to be having are just getting worse, it may be time to call it quits.

2. Wondering eyes: The heat in your relationship may not be as intense as it used to be if you find yourself interested in another person. The same goes for your honey. You and your boyfriend/girlfriend should only have eyes for each other. Talk to your partner about the status of your relationship if someone else is making you smile and weak in the knees.

3. The love is gone: Don't be with someone you no longer have feelings for. If you've fallen out of love and it' obvious that your girlfriend/boyfriend doesn't feel the same way about you anymore, let each other go. Continuing on with a relationship the both of you don't want to be in anymore will only make matters **fizzle** out more. You never know, the two of you might just be better off as friends.

How did you know when to call it quits? Comment below.

# Celebrity Couples Where Opposites Attracted





By Meghan Fitzgerald

It's true — opposites do attract, but it's odd for outsiders to look in at these partners because it seems so…strange. Although it's unknown for others, the ones involved in these types of relationships are usually the couples who have it all together. Opposite attraction is new, exciting and can result in a strong and healthy relationships. Cupid takes a look at a few cases where opposites attracted in popular celebrity couples:

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Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green:

Once *Transformers* hit theaters and Megan Fox began to be known as the hot it girl, Brian Austin Green was just that 90210 guy who had a kid with Vanessa Marcil. Even though she became one of the world's biggest sex symbols, they have still managed to keep their relationship going strong. In fact, the couple has been married since 2010 and have a son, Noah Shannon Green, together.

### Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:

Mariah Carey has had quite the extensive dating record, from her first marriage, to record executive, Mottola, to a Latin pop singer and briefly to Derek Jeter. The bold and bodacious singer settled down to a small, lanky rapper, Nick Cannon. The duo has been married for five years now. They are also parents to fraternal twins, Monroe Cannon and Moroccan Scott Cannon.

### Brody Jenner and Avril Lavigne:

The born Californian *Hills* star, Brody Jenner didn't seem to fit right with punk rocker Avril Lavigne. Although others thought they wouldn't mesh, they dated from February 2010 through 2012.

### Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher:

Golden Globe and Emmy nominee Demi Moore found an unlikely match in *That '70s Show* star Ashton Kutcher. Despite the 16year age difference, the pair began dating in 2003. They married on September 24, 2005, but the happiness didn't last for long. Kutcher filed for divorce in December 2012 after a year of separation and rumors of his infidelity hit the newsstands.

### Hayden Panettiere and Wladimir Klitschko:

The 23-year-old petite blonde known for her breakout role in *Heroes* settled down with the 37-year-old, 6'6" heavyweight boxing world-champion Wladimir Klitschko from Ukraine.

Despite the 1'4" height difference, the odd duo make it work with their relationship.

### Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes:

The ex tomboy from *Dawson's Creek* was interviewed to be Tom Cruise's real life girlfriend after her engagement with Chris Klein ended. Holmes seems to be the more down- to-earth type while Cruise stars in super thrillers and actions films.

### Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson:

The *Mean Girls* actress dated DJ Samantha Ronson in 2008 and 2009. When questioned about her sexuality, Lohan said, "I don't want to classify myself." Since the brief romance the couple shared together, Lohan has been recently linked to Avi Snow.

### David Cross and Amber Tamblyn:

The 26-year-old actress best known for her parts in *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* and *Joan of Arcadia* tied knots with now-hubby David Cross in 2012. The 43-year-old comedian has quite the ego boost with dating a woman 19 years younger than him.

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### Rachel McAdams and Michael Sheen:

The *Midnight in Paris* co-stars were rumored to be a couple far before they announced their relationship. Sheen has a past relationship with Kate Beckinsale. The two have a daughter, Lily Sheen, together.

Who are some other celebrity couples with opposite personalities? Share your thoughts below.

# Celebrity News: Former 'Hills' Star Frankie Delgado Ties the Knot





By Kerri Sheehan

Frankie Delgado of *Hills* fame got hitched this weekend to girlfriend Jennifer Acosta. *Hills* star Lauren Conrad was in attendance and posted a picture of Delgado and his new wife dancing. The caption read, "Congratulations! @kingfrankiedelgado and @shopatrend (Jen) are officially husband and wife! So happy for you both xo." According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, other guests include Brody Jenner and Reggie

Bush.

### How do you decide who to put your on wedding guest list?

### Cupid's Advice:

Whether you want a small ceremony or a big one you always have the task of deciding whom to invite. Cupid has some advice about how to make the decision:

1. Invite who you want: In the end it's your special day so you should decide who gets invited, not your parents, friends, or other relatives. Invites to your wedding should go to those who want to see you making a happy commitment to another person.

2. And Guest?: Allowing all of your guests to bring a date will quickly add to the number of attendees and will balloon the price of the wedding astronomically. Generally if a friend or relative is in a committed relationship of more than six months then that denotes an 'and guest' wedding invite. Otherwise you don't need to allow your single friends to bring a guest. This may even relieve some pressure, as many single friends would dread having to scour for a wedding date.

3. Priorities: There will be certain people that you must invite and then other that you should invite and could invite. Make sure you include the musts before you go into the shoulds and coulds. Remember, your guests are your "witnesses" so you want them to be people who are close to you.

How did you decide who to invite to your wedding? Share below.

# Leaving Your Mark: Celebs Who Profess Their Love with Tattoos





By Nic Baird

The rich and famous get tattoos for the same reasons as everyone else: They're about self-expression and an unchanging reminder in a changing life. A celebrity's brand is their image, and that's often something to consider when deciding between Mike Tyson's tribal face design or Drew Barrymore's navel butterfly. While we common folk might get a little attention for a bold new tat, it doesn't compare to the celebrity news created by famous new ink. Here are some of the reasons celebs get tattoos. For the most part, they're not that different from anyone else!

### **Celebs And Their Ink**

1. Self-expression: Maybe our expectations of rock stars like Amy Winehouse push artists to mark themselves as such. Music superstars seem like credible artists with some eyecatching body art. *Rock Of Love* 2 runner-up Daisy de la Hoya was a human canvas. Her iconic three-quarter sleeve led to her own dating spin-off show and attracted the attention of heavily painted rocker Tommy Lee. The bottom line is that whether it's for the fans or for themselves, real rock stars get ink.

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2. Proof of change: Miley Cyrus went under the needle again last month to get a Teddy Roosevelt quote on her wrist. She may be trying to remind us that she isn't 14-year-old Hannah Montana anymore but instead a more serious – or at least more tattooed – adult celeb. Actress <u>Angelina Jolie</u>, who seems to be the lead celebrity spokesperson for tattoos, described them to USA Today as "something permanent when you've made a selfdiscovery, or something you've come to a conclusion about." Just as a serial killer might etch the names of victims into his skin, you can record important life events by marking the occasion on your body. Jolie takes this to a whole new level.

3. Memory makers: Fond memories and self-discovery inspired Jolie to collect at least 14 tattoos over the years. Her body is a map of her life. A Buddhist Pali incantation to protect her adopted Cambodian child sits on her left shoulder blade. All six of her children have a place beside it on her shoulder where geographical coordinates represent their scattered birthplaces. Jolie says she uses body art to remember the good times. When it comes to relationships and love, a lot of celebrities are guilty of this celebratory use of ink.

### Tattoos For Celebrity Couples

4. For love: In fact, Jolie's infectious love of tattoos has spread to husband Brad Pitt. He's been marked with his celebrity loves' birthday in Khmer script on his chest. Thankfully, tattoos are not really all that permanent for those who can afford to get them removed. Jolie knows this because she was able to laser off three pieces of Billy Bob Thornton memorabilia and a Japanese symbol on her arm she had shared with Johnny Lee Miller. She also covered several others; after all, not everyone is comfortable sporting memories of their celebrity exes! Rocker Avril Lavigne shares four matching tats with her former boyfriend, reality TV's Brody Jenner, including his name under her right breast. And she's still hanging on to two with ex-husband Deryck Whibley of Sum 41, despite being engaged to Nickelback's Chad Kroeger.

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**5. Brand billboard:** While it's clear that celebs mostly get tattoos for all the usual, relatable reasons, there are exceptions. Pop icon Lady Gaga is blurring the line between self-expression and self-marketing. Recently, she gave her nearly 29 million Twitter followers and 53 million Facebook fans a look at her tenth tattoo. A picture showed ARTPOP printed along her wrist, which was also revealed as the title of her upcoming album. The confidence is admirable at the very least.

The only problem after getting inked up is regret. People change, but tattoos don't. It seems ironic to commemorate something as fleeting as a celebrity couple with something as lasting as a tattoo. But artists at every level have always been attracted to body art. For Gaga's sake though, ARTPOP better not bomb.

What are some unforgettable tattoos that you've seen? Comment below.

# Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner Spend Time Together After Split





Sometimes it's hard to move on after a <u>breakup</u>. Such is the case with Brody Jenner and <u>Avril Lavigne</u> who were seen hanging out together not even a month after their split. Often it can be hard for young couples to balance a career and a <u>relationship</u>. Jenner and Lavigne split amicably after two years due to busy schedules, but according to <u>Usmagazine.com</u>, "They still love each other and could get back together, but for now, he [Jenner] needed a break."

### Is hanging out after a breakup advisable?

### Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes it can be difficult to stop hanging out with someone after you've gone your separate ways. That said, is it a good idea to keep hanging out after the big split? Cupid has some advice:

1. Time: Sometimes it depends on how long you and your partner had been together before the breakup. If you had a lengthy relationship, it may be too difficult to avoid the old habits of the relationship, and you may need some <u>separation</u> before hanging out as friends.

2. How friendly: With some relationships, after the <u>split</u> all you can expect of each other is to remain civil. If you are expecting the relationship to be nearly identical to before the breakup, then you may be in for a rude awakening.

**3. Ready to move on:** You may only want to remain friends because you're hoping for a reunion of sorts. According to sources, many expect Jenner and Lavigne to get back together, which may make their hanging out <u>post-split</u> easier to manage.

Have you hung out with an ex after a break up? Share your experiences below.

## Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner Speak Out Amidst

## **Breakup Speculations**





Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner may have gone their separate ways, but that doesn't mean they aren't Twitter pals. Amidst rumors of a nasty breakup, Jenner tweeted, "It really upsets me to read all the FALSE!! stories. Avril has always been there for me and is the closest person to my heart. I love her." According to <u>People</u>, the singer/fashion designer replied on the social networking site with, "Luv u 2!!! @brodyjenner."

How do you put forth a united front after a breakup?

### Cupid's Advice:

Just because you've broken up with your partner, doesn't mean you can't still be a team. If you have children together, for example, it's best that you always present a united front: 1. Stay strong: People may expect you to turn against each other now that you're broken up, but there's nothing wrong with still being friends.

2. Compliment each other: You may not have been good together in a relationship, but that doesn't mean you aren't both great in your own ways.

**3. Keep in touch:** Keep up with what your ex-partner is up to, and wish them luck.

Why can some exes stay friends and others can't? Share your thoughts below.

# What Led to Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner's Split?





Avril Lavigne's love life is now much more complicated. The singer and Brody Jenner reportedly split last week after nearly two years together, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "It was mutual, but Brody really broke up with her," said a source. "He told her he was tired of always being her plus-one, and always going on tour with her." Lavigne is currently planning an upcoming tour in Asia. "[Jenner] said he needs a career of his own again, and he didn't want to go on the tour. Avril didn't like that. Brody said, "I need to stay in L.A. and get back into TV, either scripted or reality. But I feel like a loser."

What do you do if your partner isn't achieving success in their career?

Cupid's Advice:

Encouraging your partner is tough, especially when your successes outweigh their own. Here are a few ways to handle your partner's faltering career:

1. Be supportive: If you offer tactful and sincere advice,

your partner will appreciate your efforts. Be cautious not to belittle your partner's struggles.

2. Watch your words: If you have a particularly good day at work, be careful what you say. It's okay to tell your partner about your successes every once in a while, but sharing your excitement too frequently will come across as bragging.

**3. Offer to help:** If your partner's lack of success at work is due to issues that can easily be fixed, offer to help. Spell-check your partner's latest presentation or forward some necessary emails. Hopefully, you will be able to get some work done and bond.

Have you ever been more or less successful at work than your partner? How did you handle it? Feel free to leave a comment below.

# Rumor: Did Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner Break Up?





Could Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner be calling it quits after 2 years of dating? According to *Hollyscoop*, Lavigne is ready to settle down, and Jenner just isn't. We wonder if Jenner might be nervous because he knows Lavigne's previous marriage to rocker, Deryck Whibley, didn't work out or because his step sister, Kim Kardashian's, union to ex hubby Kris Humphries ended in such a short time. Also, maybe that bar fight back in November put a strain on the relationship. We'll have to see.

What are some ways to tell it's time to break up with your partner after a long-term relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

After long time dating, you may find yourself questioning the relationship. Here are some ways to know if you need to break-up or should hang in there:

**1. Company:** If you are annoyed or unhappy when you spend quality time with your partner, it may be time to move on.

2. Intimacy: Is the intimacy non-existent or are you using sex

to make the relationship better? If you said "yes" to either, re-evaluate why you are with your significant other.

**3. Different values:** If the two of you want different things out of your relationship, and it seems like each other's plans have changed over time, it may be time to make plans solo.

How did you know it was time to end your long term relationship? Share your comments below.

# Brody Jenner and Avril Lavigne Go On Romantic Bowling Date





Avril Lavigne was recently spotted on a fun bowling date with boyfriend Brody Jenner at Lucky Strike Lanes in New York during a launch party for Picksie 2.0, an app that recommends hotspots in various cities. According to <u>People</u>, the singer sizzled in her rocker chic style and leopard print bowling ball, but Jenner came out on top when he bowled a 100 over his girlfriend's 88. Perhaps a little friendly competition can indeed enhance your relationship.

### How can competition enhance your relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

A little healthy competition can keep your relationship interesting and exciting. Here are some options:

**1. Play sports:** Playing sports together as a couple can give you a good sense of competition and keep both of you in shape.

2. Race each other home: A fun race home shows just how excited you are to see each other.

3. Outdoor games: If it's nice outside, a friendly game of

cornhole or PIG (basketball) could be just what you need to get your adrenaline pumping.

What are some other ways to get you and your partner into the competitive spirit? Share your ideas below.

# Avril Lavigne's Bar Fight Lands BF Brody Jenner In Hospital





A bar fight and a trip to the hospital doesn't exactly make for a romantic Saturday night date. Avril Lavigne and Brody Jenner began the night in a harmless way at Chateau Marmont and then settled in at Hotel Roosevelt's lounge, according to <u>RadarOnline</u>. Unfortunately, Lavigne got into a heated argument with another female toward the end of the evening and Jenner, trying to protect his girlfriend, got a big gash on his head from a thrown bottle. It's probably not the brightest idea to get in the middle of a girl fight!

What are some ways to support your partner when they get into a fight?

Cupid's Advice:

Watching your partner get into a brawl with a stranger can really send you into protective mode. Fighting is the last thing you want to do. Here are some ways to support your partner during a fight, minus a trip to jail or the hospital:

**1. Try to calm your partner:** Instead of adding to your partner's anger, try to calm them down by talking to them quietly and rationally.

2. Walk away: It may be hard for your partner to walk away once they're already upset. Take the initiative and start to walk away first, while guiding your partner with you to the exit.

**3. Let them vent:** After a fight or heated argument, listening to your partner complain about the situation will help them begin to forget about retaliation or violence. Venting can really do wonders.

Have you ever had to calm your partner down during a fight? Share your experiences below.

# Brody Jenner's Mom Thinks Avril Lavigne Is 'the One'





Has the heartbreaker we loved to watch on *The Hills* finally found his dream girl? If you ask Brody Jenner's mom, Linda Thompson, Avril Lavigne might be the one that sticks around in her son's life. According to <u>E! Online</u>, when Thompson was asked if she thought the two would be together forever, she said, "I actually do yeah." What makes the pair so perfect for each other? "They have the same sense of humor," Thompson said. "They both love to laugh and have fun. They both have a little streak of irreverence which is pretty delightful and a lot of fun to be with."

Does your parents' approval of your partner matter? Cupid's Advice:

As much as we sometimes can't stand the nagging voices and opinions of our parents, deep down most of us care about what they have to say about our significant others. Cupid has some theories on why that is:

1. Honesty: As open and honest as you feel your friends are, nobody in this world will break the truth down for you like the people that have known you the longest – your parents.

2. They know everything about you: Your parents have seen you through the good, the bad and the ugly. Who better to know who is perfect for you than the people that know the most about you?

3. They truly want the best for you: Although it may be hard to see sometimes, your parents sincerely want what's best for you. They want you to be happy. So, don't forget that when they're giving their opinions, it's always with the best intentions.

# Avril Lavigne Parties With Boyfriend AND Ex





If you think you and your new beau can't be friendly with your ex, think again. <u>People</u> reports that Avril Lavigne and boyfriend Brody Jenner recently partied with Lavigne's exhusband, Deryck Whibley of Sum 41. Even with her ex nearby, the pop star and her reality-TV boyfriend couldn't keep their hands off of each other at the Hollywood club. Reports say that Lavigne, 26, and Jenner, 27, were kissing and snuggling up to each other all night after Whibley, 30, spent some time chatting with them at their table. The PDA-friendly twosome have been together since the spring. Here's hoping that the couple that parties together (with an ex), stays together!

### How friendly should you be with your partner's ex?

### Cupid's Advice:

While it might seem difficult to befriend the person who let your partner go, there might be some benefits to being friendly with your boo's ex. Cupid has some tips on exactly how friendly you should be:

1. Watch and learn: Use your sweetie's relationship with his

or her ex as a guide to show you how friendly to be. It won't do any good to become best friends with the person your partner swore to never talk to again.

2. Don't get discouraged: Befriending your mate's former flame provides a great opportunity to commiserate about your partner's bad habits and stupid jokes. But don't let the ex poison your mind when they talk about your partner's role in the failure of their relationship. Every relationship is different, and history doesn't always have to repeat itself.

**3. Keep a safe distance:** An ex may befriend you or your partner because they still have some leftover feelings for your beau. Make sure to keep them at arm's length, and learn their true intentions before being too welcoming.