

Kim Kardashian Is 'Still Handcuffed' to Kris Humphries, Lawyer Claims



By

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Kim Kardashian and Brooklyn Nets star Kris Humphries are still married, according to [People](#). Almost a year after the divorce papers were filed to end the 72-day union, the reality television mega-star is demanding a trial as soon as possible. Kardashian's lawyer, Laura Wasser said that Kardashian just wants to finalize the divorce and move on with her life. Humphries is seeking an annulment, claiming that the \$20 million dollar nuptials were all for the more-than-successful, E! Television series *Keeping Up with the Kardashians*. While his attorneys gather evidence that the marriage was based on fraud, Humphries sticks to his claim that Kardashian never

wanted to be married. A February 15 hearing date will determine when the divorce will go to trial.

What are some ways to remain civil during divorce proceedings?

Cupid's Advice:

Regardless of the reasons why a couple is getting a divorce, the process is difficult and can bring back emotions that the couple simply just didn't want to revisit. Remaining civil during a divorce can be one of the hardest aspects of severing the knot, but it is also an excellent way to ensure that your focus remains on resolving any issues and ultimately moving on with your life. Here are a few ways you can remain civil during a divorce:

1. Make a list of talking points before you have a discussion: By making an agenda of things you would like to discuss with your spouse and what you hope accomplish by the end of the conversation, you eliminate the possibility of running off track and leaving room for arguments.

2. Make compromises: Your marriage was once about compromise, so it is only fitting to keep the divorce under the same expectations. It is unusual that two people will want exactly the same things, but be prepared to give things up. Ultimately, decide what is really important to each of you and reach an agreement based on those terms.

3. Don't bad-mouth your spouse in front of the kids: Divorce is a very difficult thing for children to handle and they will have their own issues to deal with while their parents separate. Although you are angry and it may be difficult, try your best not to speak poorly of your spouse in front of the kids. Placing the children in the middle of the divorce can cause them to feel trapped or even choose sides. It is perfectly fine to vent to friends or family, but be cautious with what you say around the children.

What are some other ways to keep your cool in the midst of your divorce? Share your comments below.

Kimora Lee Simmons and Djimon Hounsou Separate



By

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

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

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

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

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

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

Ashlee Simpson Reunites with

Ex Pete Wentz and His Girlfriend for Son's Birthday



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It seems that Ashlee Simpson is committed to remaining civil with her ex, Pete Wentz. The pair were seen celebrating their son Bronx's 4th birthday in Studio City, Calif. last week, according to [UsMagazine.com](#). Plus, to make matters more interesting, Wentz had his 24-year-old model girlfriend, Meagan Camper, in attendance as well. The birthday bash had a superhero theme, and according to a source, "The party was great – super fun." Kudos to Simpson and Wentz for keeping the peace, especially since Simpson's parents are in the midst of a bitter divorce.

What are some ways to remain civil with an ex for your children?

Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it can be hard to see the good in the person you used to date. You may be hurt, angry and want nothing to do with them. That said, if children are part of the picture, it's important to remain civil around your ex. Cupid has some advice:

1. Swallow your pride: It's often pride pushing you to pushing you toward being rude and angry in your ex's presence. If you have kids, you absolutely must get over that sense of righteousness and remain civil for their sake. Take a deep breath and put yourself in your child's shoes.

2. Avoid long conversations: Just because you need to see your ex every now and again, it doesn't mean you need to get into long drawn out conversations with him or her. Exchange pleasantries, but don't get into anything that might start an argument. Small talk is key.

3. Come to a mutual understanding: Make sure you and your ex are on the same page. If you're both committed to keeping the peace around your child(ren), it'll be a lot easier than if just one of you has that goal.

What are some other ways to keep the peace with an ex around your children? Share your ideas below.

Wendy Williams Lashes Out at Heidi Klum for Relationship

with Bodyguard Boyfriend



By Jenn

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Wendy Williams speaks her mind about Heidi Klum's new relationship and it is not nice. Last Tuesday on [The Wendy Williams Show](#), Williams criticized the Victoria's Secret model, insinuating that Klum and bodyguard boyfriend Martin Kirsten began their relationship while Klum was still married to Seal. She even went as far as implying that intimate moments may have taken place under Seal's nose while Kirsten worked for the family the past four years. "Seal, you know what that means – and not just when you were out of town." The TV host ended with giving Seal advice on revenge. "I don't how much you're worth, but she's worth more. You need half. You need yourself a new girlfriend; someone young, hot and with a long future in modeling, and really fertile."

What are some signs that your partner is cheating?

Cupid's Advice:

No one ever wants to find out their partner is cheating. As a result, many people will turn a blind eye to the infidelity and live in denial. A problem with this is that the truth will eventually surface and you will need to deal with it. So rather than wait for your mate to confess, here are a few signs that someone is cheating:

1. Private phone calls: Yes, there are moments when your partner will need to take a phone call into the next room for privacy. However, if your partner runs to the next room every time the phone rings, something is not right. Also, your mate may refuse to let you know who called or what the call was about.

2. Change in appearance: Another sign of cheating is if your spouse has changed their appearance, such as previously dressing conservative but now focuses on designer clothing. Also, your mate wasn't much for grooming but now is finicky about their hair style, jewelry, and/or make-up. A new love in their life will have them feeling more conscious about their look.

3. Overly defensive or angry: When a spouse is cheating, they may come off more defensive about answering for their whereabouts or any question at all. The defensiveness could lead to criticizing or controlling you for any little thing and impatience or aggression in just speaking to you. The infidelity signs will get stronger so pay attention.

What signs did you see that told you your partner was cheating? Comment below.

Nicole Kidman Says Divorce From Tom Cruise Was a 'Shock to My System'



By Jenn

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With all her professional successes and a gorgeous family, Nicole Kidman is grateful for what she has. However, her life has not always been grand. In a recent interview with [DuJour](#), Kidman speaks of the highs and lows in her life, including her painful divorce from former husband Tom Cruise. When discussing her love for Cruise, the star of upcoming movie *Grace of Monaco* said, "I was reeling with Tom. I would have gone to the ends of the earth for him." At 23 years-old, she had married Cruise in 1990. Just a few months after their 10th wedding anniversary, Cruise delivered a major blow to her when he decided to separate. "It took me a very long time to heal.

It was a shock to my system," the mother of four confessed. Over time, Kidman, 45, healed from her divorce and eventually found love again in current husband Keith Urban. "I'm happier than I've ever been in my life... My family is with me."

What are some ways to deal with the shock of a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Being shocked by divorce doesn't necessarily mean that it happened suddenly. You may have known for some time that the marriage was deteriorating. It's basically the final realization that it is over. There are many stages you will go through, but know one thing. Life will get better. To get you through the initial shock, here are a few tips to keep your sanity:

1. Grieving stages: First thing to realize is that you will go through all stages of grieving, sometimes repeatedly – denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. While this may not relieve your pain immediately, learn each stage's emotional responses. In doing so, you can understand yourself better and see progress as it comes.

2. Grant permission: As your life has been turned upside down, you will have more bad days than good. Give yourself permission to forgive yourself not only for the mistakes of the past, but for the mistakes you will make in the future. Remember, you are going through a divorce; you cannot expect yourself to be at your best everyday.

3. Alone time: While you may have the constant urge to keep yourself busy and surrounded with people, this can be a bad mistake. In order to heal, you must face your emotions and process them internally. The idea may sound frightening, as if your pain will consume you, but it won't. Over time, you will learn to appreciate alone time with yourself.

How did you cope with the shock of your divorce? Comment below.

Jennie Garth and Peter Facinelli Reunite for Daughter's Soccer Game



By Nic

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Despite announcing their split in March, actress Jennie Garth and actor Peter Facinelli came together Saturday to support their daughter at a soccer game, [People](#) reports. After 11 years of marriage, they could still cheer together for their 6-year-old daughter Fiona. The former couple were joined by

their other daughters, Luca, 15, and Lola, 9. Both have said the other is a great parent. "Co-parenting takes two great parents to put their differences aside and focus on the children," Facinelli, the former *Twilight* star, said last month.

How do you remain civil post-divorce for the sake of your children?

Cupid's Advice:

"Monkey see, monkey do" is the ancient mantra for child rearing. If you want to protect your children from painful endings to their relationships, it's crucial you put your best foot forward. Here are some tips:

1. Never show children aggression towards your ex: Regardless of how badly your partner messed up, there's no reason your children should be further victims of the situation. Never show hostility or bitterness towards their other parent. If they have two parents at each others' throats, then what was the point of the divorce? You're setting them up to think that this broken family is the model for their future.

2. Maintain parenting partnership: Your kids will understand that family is forever, and parents have to prioritize their children, only if you keep a united front with your ex. This means that you discuss parenting issues together, and always bring back the same ruling to your child. If there are different rules home to home, favouritism and confusion will plague your family. It's important your kids have both parents active in their life. Don't try and push your ex away from their children.

3. Discuss emotional subjects in private: Emotions are irrational, and your feelings can spill out within earshot of your offspring if you're not careful. Make sure you avoid topics that can trigger confrontation when your children are

around. Maybe these subjects do warrant discussion with your ex, but make sure you know the right time and place. Turning up the radio is not a solution.

How have you accommodated your children in your divorce? Share your experiences below!

‘Hollywood Exes’ Daphne Wayans on Divorce: “We’re Still A Family”



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When Daphne Wayans got divorced, she didn't let her broken

marriage keep her from finding happiness – or stop her from making a name for herself. The ex of comic Keenen Ivory Wayans will be on the upcoming season of 'Hollywood Exes' with an agenda to present herself not as an ex-wife but as a woman. "I've been avoiding being in the public eye for a very long time," Wayans says. "I stopped looking at how I couldn't do it and started looking at how I could. I'm not very interested in necessarily being famous, but I'm interested in the good that comes out of it."

While some women may find themselves embittered after a divorce, Wayans isn't joining the cast of VH1's hit reality show to get anything off her chest. Instead, she wants to help other divorced mothers like her. "I get told that I have a little bit of a different viewpoint in life. I tend to try not to look at the minutia of things. I try to take a big step back and have a bird's eye view of the scene."

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Because of that, she says, 'Hollywood Exes' gives [divorced](#) women a new perspective on how to deal with their divorce. A pivotal moment that brought Wayans on camera happened during last season of 'Exes': "I was watching one of the interviews on the show, and they focused on the friendship that was left there after the divorce – not what wasn't there or what was destroyed."

That friendship, she says, is the outlook that kept her relationship with Keenen strong after things ended – and the reason she is on board for this upcoming season.

Wayans explains, "That's the kind of thing we expressed during the pitch for the show. Originally, I got cold feet, and I couldn't go on the first season. But in the end, I was really proud of the women – there was no ex-husband bashing."

This, she says, is why her divorce worked out for the better: "It was hard and heartbreaking, but I kept the picture of our

friendship in the back of my mind. I just started caring for him as a person, as someone I wanted to care for, and we got back to that point where we cared about each other again.”

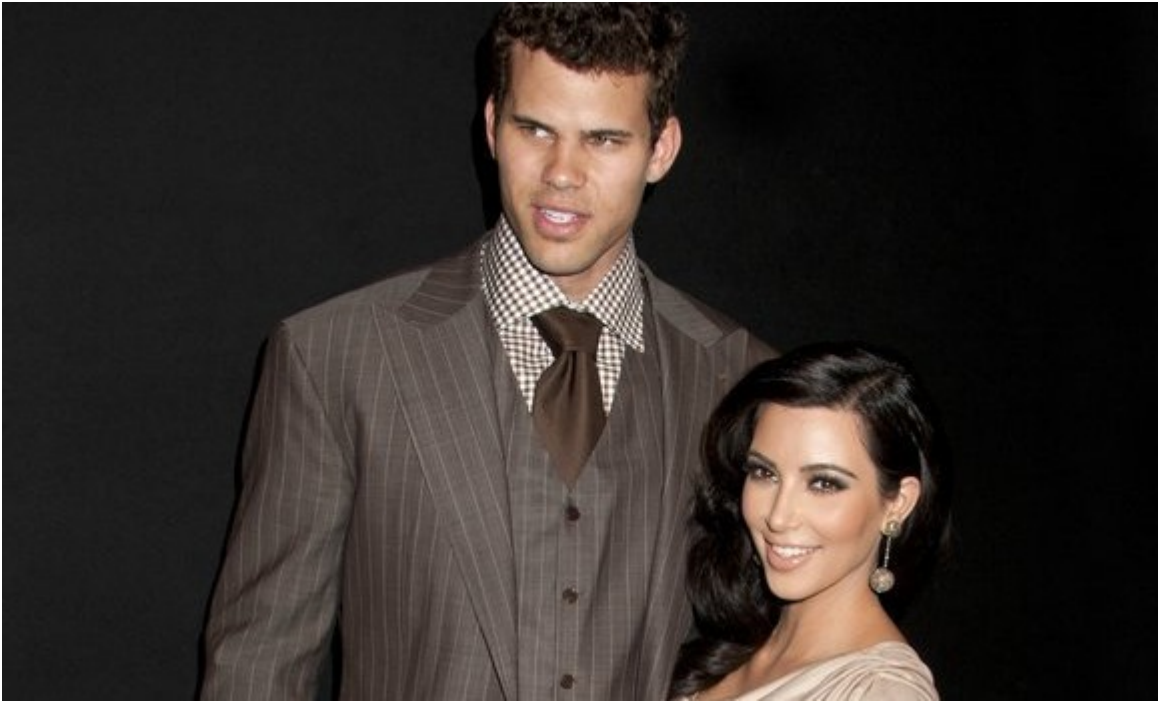
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Her positive view on a split is what Wayans hopes to bring to ‘Hollywood Exes,’ and she hopes viewers can take that and apply it to themselves. “The biggest thing that I’ve learned is – particularly when you’ve had children – you’re still a family. Keenen and I may not be a married couple anymore, but we’re tied together by these five children. That’s what’s left when the smoke clears. Through all the fighting and dismantling of the marriage, you’re still left with a family. You need to figure out what you couldn’t when you were married: how to get along.”

Tune into the upcoming season of ‘Hollywood Exes,’ scheduled to premiere this spring, on VH1 to keep up with Daphne Wayans. You can also follow her on Twitter at @DaphneWayans.

Heidi Klum Opens Up About Celebrating First Holidays Post-Split from Seal





By Jenn

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Christmas in California – is what Heidi Klum has in mind for the holiday season. The supermodel, 39, opens up about the holidays, planning a lovely Christmas at home with her four children from ex Seal, according to UsMagazine.com. On Saturday, when asked about her specific plans, while she was at the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles gala, Klum stated, "We're going to get a big Christmas tree and we might go to Disneyland. We go all over the place." In all this, one question remains. Will Seal, 49, join the family? No news has been said yet. Klum and Seal have recently begun to speak again after the nasty comments Seal made about Klum's new relationship with her ex bodyguard Martin Kirsten. Seal contends that his words were taken out of context.

What are some ways to avoid feeling lonely during a first holiday post-divorce?

Cupids Advice:

Whether you are recently divorced or in the process of one, your first holidays sans your ex can be a very challenging time for you. Although it is natural to feel sadness, that

doesn't mean you have to go through it surrounded by gloom. To get you into the spirit of a "different" style of holiday season, here are a few tips in keeping your happiness alive, even after New Year's:

1. No worries about the ex: During the holidays, pay no mind to how your ex will be spending his time. Instead, focus on yourself and necessary loved ones. Obsessing about what he might be doing will only prevent you from having a happier time.

2. Put negative feelings on hold: Any jealousy, heartache or anger needs to be stored in the back of your mind until after the holiday season; this is not the time to hash them out. Don't worry; you are not in denial. There will be plenty of time later to deal with the pain.

3. Keep yourself busy: In keeping your mind out of the negativity pool, it is best to accept as many party invitations as you can. If partying is not your thing, then try spending your time volunteering at your favorite charity. Just do anything constructive that will help to get your mind off your divorce and keep your spirits up.

How did you keep your spirits up during your first holiday post-divorce? Comment below.

Dana Adam Shapiro Reviews the Lessons he Learned While

Writing 'You Can Be Right (Or You Can Be Married)'



By

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After making a list of all the people that he knew, under 40, who were divorced, filmmaker and serial monogamist, Dana Adam Shapiro decided to answer the ultimate question: Why does love die? His book, *You Can Be Right or (You Can Be Married)*, contains 30 intimate interviews, where real people share the reasons why their marriages ultimately failed and their own important advice for others on keeping relationships alive. In an exclusive interview, Shapiro shares what it was like to write this intimate book, discusses the common reasons why he believes marriages fail and shares advice on what can be done to prevent this from happening.

You have become pretty successful in the film industry, what

made you want to write a book about divorce?

The reason I was interested in the topic of divorce was because many of my friends started getting divorced. It started happening when I was 35. I guess people must have been going through that '7 year itch' (people that got married in their late 20s). I didn't realize how common divorce really is. I was incredibly surprised to hear that they were getting divorced each time because people are really good at putting on a show. Marriage is a great mystery: you never really know if they are happy, or even what the idea of happiness is. Some people may find it difficult to address the reasons they got divorced. Inevitably, because the interviews would not be anonymous on camera, there really was no way to make a documentary about it.

What was it like asking people to open up about their failed marriages?

I think the key to being a good interviewer is being genuinely interested in the topic. I was just genuinely, personally interested in what they were saying. This wasn't just an assignment, it was something I was truly curious about and wanted help with. I was literally asking for their advice. I wanted to learn what went on behind closed doors and what they did wrong that they could have done better. I think that came through. There were definitely times when I was listening to a story and I thought, "Wow, you really did that?" But of course, you can't say that in the middle of an interview. It's very rare that people are allowed to speak about these types of things. How often can you really open up to a therapist? I don't think there are that many opportunities for people to really open up about themselves. Most of the people said that they've never spoken so deeply about the issues before and at the end, the interview almost felt like an exorcism. I got to know these complete strangers in one interview better than their own friends know them.

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Almost all of the interviews are extremely intimate. Why do you think these first-hand accounts of failed marriages will benefit your readers?

I think this type of hard-worn wisdom, for me, is more powerful and more provocative. All great drama has conflict and that is what these stories are about; the break ups. It was kind of the opposite of *When Harry Met Sally*, where everybody was sitting on the couch telling you how amazing their marriage is or their love-life is. My book, on the other hand, is really about how to learn from other people's mistakes.

What was the most common reason marriages failed for the people you interviewed?

Personally, I think it's because people marry the wrong person. I don't think that most of the marriages that ended could have been saved. Many people get married too young and too quickly. Most of the time, in the courtship phase, when we're dating, there is a lot of 'airbrushing' going on; we really want to present ourselves to be as good and as strong as possible. Maybe we're even afraid to show our true selves because we just want so badly to get married. I think we tend to not see characteristics in our partner that may bother us. There is always the thought that, "Maybe they'll change." This alludes to how everyone talks about this idea of compromise. I believe it is essential, but there is such a thing as too much compromise. So many people woke up seven years into their marriage saying, "Where did I go?" or "Who am I?" People are so focused on trying to please their partner and becoming their ideal that in doing so they've lost themselves. The most important and first chapter in the book is called 'Accelerating the Inevitable'. Honestly, I think that the inevitable is that you're going to become yourself. Any attempt to alter your character in some way and please another

person, or think that someone can fundamentally change to please you, is a recipe for disaster.

What do you think are the most important things someone can do to prevent love from 'dying' in their relationship?

I think you have to genuinely enjoy putting the other person before yourself. Because of fairy tales and movies, I think the idealization of love is corrupting what we believe it is supposed to be. To have a realistic idea of love is to really understand what it means to put another person completely before yourself. As a culture, I think we are getting more and more selfish. I think that's the problem because marriage is really about the two of you. One of the things that kept coming up again and again, if you traced it back to the beginning, was that one spouse felt under-appreciated or neglected for some reason. I think it sort of festers into resentment or withdrawal. In many cases, this makes someone susceptible to the affection of other people and can lead to adultery or an affair. Ultimately, the reason the marriage ends is because two people simply grew apart and are living in the future thinking maybe it will get better.

Has this helped you, in any way, in your own relationships?

Yeah. It has definitely forced me to acknowledge all of these things about myself; to really just encourage my partner to be honest about who they are and for both of us to be vulnerable; to say, "If it doesn't work out, it's alright, it's not that you're wrong or I'm wrong, it's just that we are wrong about each other." I think to prioritize marriage or eternity is a slippery slope. If marriage can work out then that's great, but it's not the only result.

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After writing this book, would you ever get married?

Yeah, I would like to get married. I think that is the ideal. If it is a great marriage, then yes. I think bad marriages, however, are far more common and the idea of happiness is definitely a tough concept when it comes to marriage. I think this idea that 'You're mine until the day that I die' is a dangerous idea.

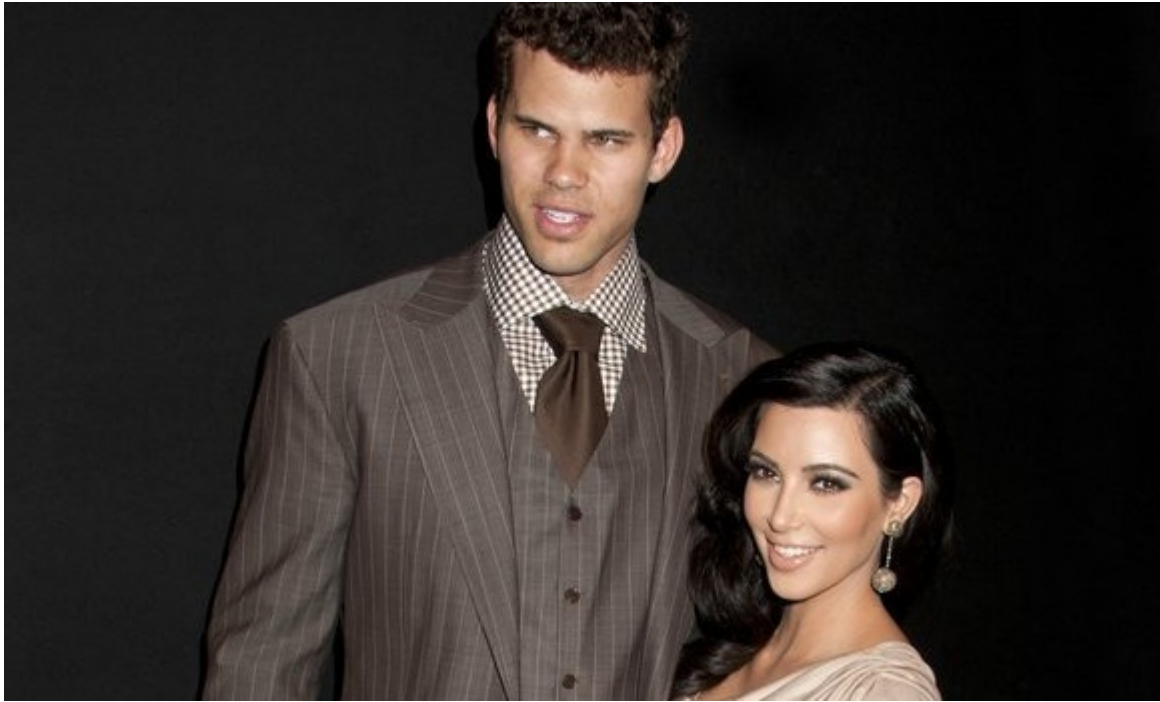
Lastly, will there be any other books in the future?

I'd like to do a book on alternative marriages; anyone who isn't doing the traditional marriage like swingers, bachelors, or communes. It could be interesting to see whether these situations are created by chance or by choice.

You can purchase a copy of 'You Can Be Right (Or You Can Be Married): Looking for Love in the Age of Divorce' in bookstores and online from Amazon. For more information about Shapiro, you can visit his website DanaAdamShapiro.com.

Demi Moore Is 'Jealous and Frustrated' by Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis' Relationship





By Jenn

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It can be extremely painful for a woman to tolerate an ex finding a new love; even celebrities are not immune to this sadness. Demi Moore has had a rough year, starting with ex Ashton Kutcher's cheating scandal, leading to their divorce and now – coping with his new love, Mila Kunis. Moore, who will celebrate her 50th birthday this November 11, has been described by a close source as "jealous and frustrated." Also, many sources have reported to [People](#) that friends are worried she hasn't fully recovered. On the other hand, a separate source maintains that Moore is moving forward and doing well. "...despite the depression of going through a divorce, she came through it."

What are some ways to cope with your ex's new relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Your relationship has broken up. You are trying to move on. So far, you are doing a pretty good job. Then, you hear your ex has a new love and the pain feels like you are back to the day after the breakup. Have no worries. Coping with the news can

be easier by considering these three tips:

1. Accept the sadness: Unfortunately, the wound is open again no matter how “over it” you believe to be. Feel the pain, again. It’s useless and hurtful to your future to ignore it. Realize that it will not last long and will not hurt nearly as bad as the breakup.

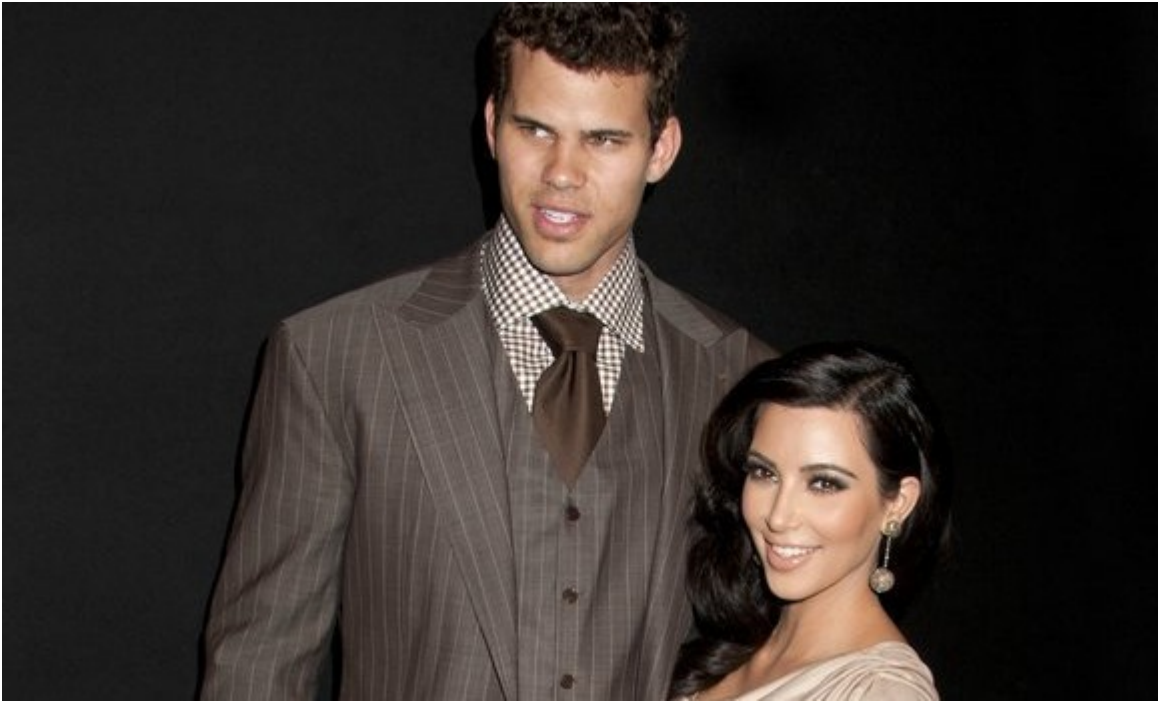
2. Find a new hobby: Want to learn how to surf? Or cook? Involve yourself in a new hobby, something you have always wanted to do. By focusing your mind on yourself in a positive manner, you are gaining confidence. This will help to alleviate the sadness much quicker.

3. Support your own relationships: Remember those friendships you had before your ex that slowly disappeared? Rekindle those again. Reach out to old friends and start anew. Also, go out and meet new friends. Thankfully, a partner is not the only form of love and support in this world.

How did you cope with your ex finding a new partner? Tell us below.

Sources Say Russell Crowe and Danielle Spencer Have Split





By Nic

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Oscar winner Russell Crowe and musician Danielle Spencer have split after an eight year marriage, according to the [Sydney Morning Herald](#). The relationship blossomed after the two were cast as lovers in the 1990 movie *The Crossing*. The New Zealand-born actor married Spencer in her native Australia April 7, 2003. Spencer is currently in Sydney with their two children, while Crowe is on a N.Y.C. stage with Alan Doyle, Sting, and upcoming *Les Misérables* co-star Emma Watson. Crowe's rep did not respond to [People](#)'s request for comment, Sunday.

What are some ways to get through a rocky patch in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting past the hurdles in a relationship is easy. Every couple has problems, but all it takes is a bit of effort to move on. Before you go wasting your money on therapists and bartenders, check that you're both completely invested in making it work. It only takes a spark to get the fire going again.

1. Clear the air: Don't tiptoe around ongoing issues. Find out what burdens your relationship. Tell your partner what makes you unhappy, and listen to your their problems as well. Think about the times when you worked well as a couple, and examine why relations are suddenly different.

2. Compromise: Someone's needs are being neglected in your relationship. Trying to push past a rocky patch means resolving to make the necessary adjustments. Talk with your partner about the needs you both have. Figure out what structural tweaks will keep your twosome blissful.

3. Change: Resolving to improve means nothing without action. As a couple, you move forward together. Half the pair can't be crushed by all the relationship maintenance, while the other shows no interest. Obviously your relationship changed once before when it slid into this rut, now something has to change again. Follow through on the changes you discussed with your partner.

How did you get past a rocky patch in your relationship? Share your experiences below!

Courtney Robertson Is Spotted Without Engagement Ring





By Jenn

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Nothing spells a breakup any clearer than when a woman takes off her engagement ring, as is the case with *Bachelor* couple Ben Flajnik and his ex-fiancée Courtney Robertson. This Monday, Robertson, 29, was spotted out wearing workout gear minus an engagement ring just a mere few days after Flajnik, 30, had confirmed to [People](#) that the two had split up. As if this was not enough confirmation, Flajnik then posted online, "Welp, another weekend ahead and there is so much going on in San Francisco. I can't even begin to tell you how crazy of a weekend it's going to be." Will Flajnik be the next second-time Bachelor? Stay tuned.

How do you know when to call off your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

Thankfully, most of us do not have to deal with a breakup while being constantly followed by the media. However, this does not make ending an engagement any easier for you. Before you walk down the aisle, here are a few signs leading towards ending your engagement:

1. Infidelity: Without a doubt, if someone is cheating in your relationship, this is a major sign that the engagement needs to be called off; at the very least, the wedding needs to be postponed. Infidelity is a usually symptom, and not the cause, that someone is not 100 percent on board with a union between two people. Without full commitment from both parties, your future marriage will not last long.

2. Too many missing links: By the time you are engaged, certain fundamental questions should be agreed upon by you and your partner. Where will you two live? How many children will you have? What, if any, religion will the children learn? Who will stay home with them? Not agreeing or compromising to these questions will set your relationship up for future surprises and high risk failure.

3. Instincts are loud: If on the outside everything in your relationship seems perfect but your internal instincts are screaming “run,” feeding it cookies will not do you any good. Never let a perfect, albeit false, image of your love life prevent you and your partner from having true happiness, even if it’s separately. Like all other challenges in life, you will survive a breakup and be stronger for it.

What made you decide to call off your engagement? Share with us below.

Celebrity Break-Ups That Broke Our Hearts



By

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We've all gone through our own break-ups, and no matter how painful they can be, sometimes, seeing [celebrities break-up](#) is even worse. These splits involve not only the two in the celebrity relationship but also their entire fan base. Break-ups in Hollywood mean more than just broken hearts; they also mean no longer seeing them pose together on the red carpet, waving goodbye to those PDA-filled paparazzi shots, and saying sayonara to those lengthy interviews where they gush about how much in love they are. Here are three celebrity break-ups that had us crying:

Three Celebrity Break-ups

1. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes: Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes's split is the most recent and therefore the most sensitive of topics. From the moment Cruise not-so-humbly jumped on the couches of *Oprah* proclaiming his love for Holmes, we all

envisioned a happy ending to this celebrity love story. There was the birth of TomKat, followed shortly by the actual birth of their daughter Suri. The famous couple had a six-year run before Holmes shocked the world by filing for divorce in New York City earlier this month. What will we do without seeing ever-so-cute family photos of the duo with their fashionable little girl?

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2. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston: This golden Hollywood couple married in 2000, and everyone dreamed of watching their picture perfect celebrity love story play out. From [Brad Pitt](#)'s guest appearance on Jennifer Aniston's show *Friends* to always walking hand-in-hand on the red carpet, it seemed like this celebrity couple was as strong as could be. Then came the 2005 movie *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, in which Pitt co-starred with the one and only [Angelina Jolie](#). The rest is history: Pitt and Jolie are now engaged with six kids. Aniston isn't doing so bad either: She has found a new man – Justin Theroux – and was recently voted hottest woman of all time by *Men's Health* magazine.

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3. Sandra Bullock and Jesse James: It seems like a woman can't win the Academy Award for Best Actress without subsequently splitting with her man. Kate Winslet, Reese Witherspoon, Halle Berry and now Sandra Bullock are just a few of the many actresses who won big in their career yet fell short in their love life soon after. Bullock's marriage to TV's *Monster Garage* host Jesse James seemed better than ever, especially due to the heartfelt award speech she gave about him. But just days later, Bullock and the entire world discovered James' cheating rampage. As if we couldn't feel any worse for America's sweetheart, the famous couple was in the process of

adopting a baby boy, whom Bullock now solely cares for. However, she now seems very happy as a mother.

What celebrity break-up broke your heart? Tell us below.

Tom Cruise Is Moving On But Misses Suri



By

Jennifer Ross

Although Tom Cruise has moved on from his divorce to ex Katie Holmes, he deeply misses Suri. With his new role in the upcoming action film *All You Need is Kill*, Cruise has been based in London since August for pre-productions, which has made it virtually impossible to see his 6-year-old daughter.

As reported by a friend to [People](#), Cruise, 50, has said, "I've got to see her." Adding to that difficulty is Suri's permanent relocation in New York City, where she began first grade at the private Avenue's School in Chelsea. However dim, all is not lost. The first grader is still able to have a relationship with her father, via phone, several times per day.

What are some ways to remain in your child's life after a split?

Cupid's Advice:

In any break-up, the relationship between you and your child may become estranged. In order to regain that special bond between parent and child, Cupid's Pulse has a few tips to help you stay connected:

1. My home is your home: When you are settling down in your new home, be sure to create a personal room/space for your child as well. Allow them to decide on the room decorations. Their very own room will make them feel wanted and welcomed, giving them a sense of security during the time they are with you.

2. Share a common interest: Start a hobby that you both like and can enjoy together. Whether it is an outdoor sport like football or something calmer, such as starting a book club, the interest needs to be exciting for both of you. This will give you a common ground to relate and help create a positive connection with your child.

3. Always remain consistent: No matter how busy your life may get or how difficult your ex may be, there must be consistency between the parents! Therefore, set the ground rules with your ex regarding your child and follow them. Otherwise, different rules in different homes will only lead to emotional chaos and destruction.

How have you remained in your child's life after your break-up? Tell us below.

Sources Say Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise's Divorce Has Been Hard on Suri



By

Nicole Weintraub

Ever since Katie Holmes filed for divorce from her former beau Tom Cruise, their six-year-old daughter has been acting out, according to UsMagazine.com. Ever since the power couple decided to call it quits, Holmes has been toning down her lavish lifestyle and is trying to spoil her daughter, Suri, a

little less. Cruise has been known to spoil his little girl to pieces, for example, spending over \$6,000 on their recent helicopter excursion to The Hamptons. Holmes, though, is taking a different parenting route by enrolling her daughter in an elementary school that calls for a strict dress code. The young Cruise is not too happy about the recent changes, though. According to Holmes, she still needs time to adjust.

How do you keep the drama of a split from affecting your children?

Cupid's Advice:

A separation can be brutal and ugly, especially when young children are involved. Here are some tips on how to shield your children from the drama of your split:

- 1. Don't drag the kids in:** Under no circumstances is it ever okay for a child to think that they caused their parents to split up. Assure your children that this was a decision made by the two of you as adults and had nothing to do with them.
- 2. Don't badmouth:** Don't badmouth your former partner in front of your children. Not only will that affect your child's relationship with that partner, but also you're only going to get yourself into trouble with the other person.
- 3. Remain civil:** Children absorb everything, especially things that they pick up from their parents. You don't have to like each other, but try to be civil with one another and "play nice" while in front of your kids.

Have you gone through a split with kids involved? How did you deal with shielding the kids from the split? Tell us in the comments below.

Usher Opens Up About His Heated Custody Battle



By Erin

Minty

Usher is finally sharing the story of the heated custody battle he went through with his ex, Tameka Foster. UsMagazine.com reports that the claims have now been settled after three years, and Usher was rewarded primary custody of the couple's two sons, Usher V, 4, and Naviyd, 3, on August 24th. Usher has agreed to open up about his custody battle for the first time to Oprah on *Oprah's Next Chapter*, which aired Septemebr 16th. "This will be the only time that I've ever chosen to speak about it. I've been a man of integrity

throughout the entire process, which I hope my boys will understand,” Usher told host Oprah Winfrey.

How do you make sure your custody battle doesn't affect your kids?

Cupid's Advice:

Custody battles can be extremely difficult, and things can get heated between you and your ex. Making sure your kids stay out of it, however, is extremely important. Cupid has some advice:

1. Don't talk about it in front of them: While the custody battle is probably the most important thing on your mind, you should never be talking about it in front of your kids. You don't want to drag them into the drama, so don't say something bad about your ex or what is happening in court in front of your children.

2. Remain civil: things may get out of hand and you may really dislike your partner at this time, but it is important not to show that side to your kids. Try to remain civil with your partner when your kids are involved.

3. Act like nothing is wrong: Treating your kids like nothing has changed is the only way to keep them comfortable during this confusing time. If they have questions, answer them as best you can, but otherwise continue about your daily life, as you would have before the drama started.

**How did you keep a custody battle from affecting your kids?
Let us know your story below!**

Jennifer Lopez Opens Up About Divorce From Marc Anthony



By

Nicole Weintraub

Jennifer Lopez recently opened up about her divorce from ex Marc Anthony to Katie Couric on her new show *Katie*, according to UsMagazine.com. The duo were married in 2004 and have twins together – Emme and Max. “You never want to break up a family,” Lopez confessed in regards to coming to the conclusion that it was time to file for divorce. She thought very carefully, especially since the pair has two children. The former partners are doing their best to co-parent, even though they are no longer together. “We love our kids and we have love for each other,” she revealed in regards to her current relationship with her ex. The star is currently dating Casper Smart, a choreographer who is 18 years her junior.

What are some things to consider before getting a divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Calling it quits on a marriage and filing for a divorce is a tough decision to make. Here are some things to keep in mind before taking that route:

1. A brighter future: Divorces are absolutions to marriages, which is a huge step. Make sure that you're not just looking for an easy way out. If times are hard, they may get better in time. For better or worse and there might be better days in the future.

2. The repercussions: If there are children involved, especially younger children, it's not going to be easy. Custody battles ensue as well as splitting money and properties. Make sure that you are prepared to deal with what is to come.

3. Communicate: Does your partner know how you are feeling? If you are sensing problems in your marriage, before filing for divorce see if they have similar views. Try to work things out before calling it quits.

What are some things you would consider before divorcing? Share with us in the comments below.

Heidi Klum Says She and Seal Aren't 'the Greatest Friends'

Right Now



By Erin

Minty

The relationship between now separated Heidi Klum and Seal is complicated at best, after things got heated last week. After some rude comments Seal made about Heidi, including that she should “at least wait until we separated first before deciding to fornicate with the help,” the supermodel is speaking out about where things stand between the former couple. According to UsMagazine.com, Klum told Katie Couric, “I don’t know if we’re the greatest friends right now, especially because of the things that he said.” She went on to say that they were in an “okay” place. After 7 years of marriage, hopefully the two will be able to work things out, especially for the sake of their 4 children, Leni, Henry, Johan and Lou.

How do you keep a messy breakup from affecting your children?

Cupid's Advice:

Breakups can be hard, especially when you and your ex had children together. Cupid has some advice on keeping a messy breakup from affecting your kids:

1. Don't talk about it in front of them: One of the most important things is to try to keep your kids out of it. You should never be badmouthing your partner in front of your kids; it will make things uncomfortable and awkward.

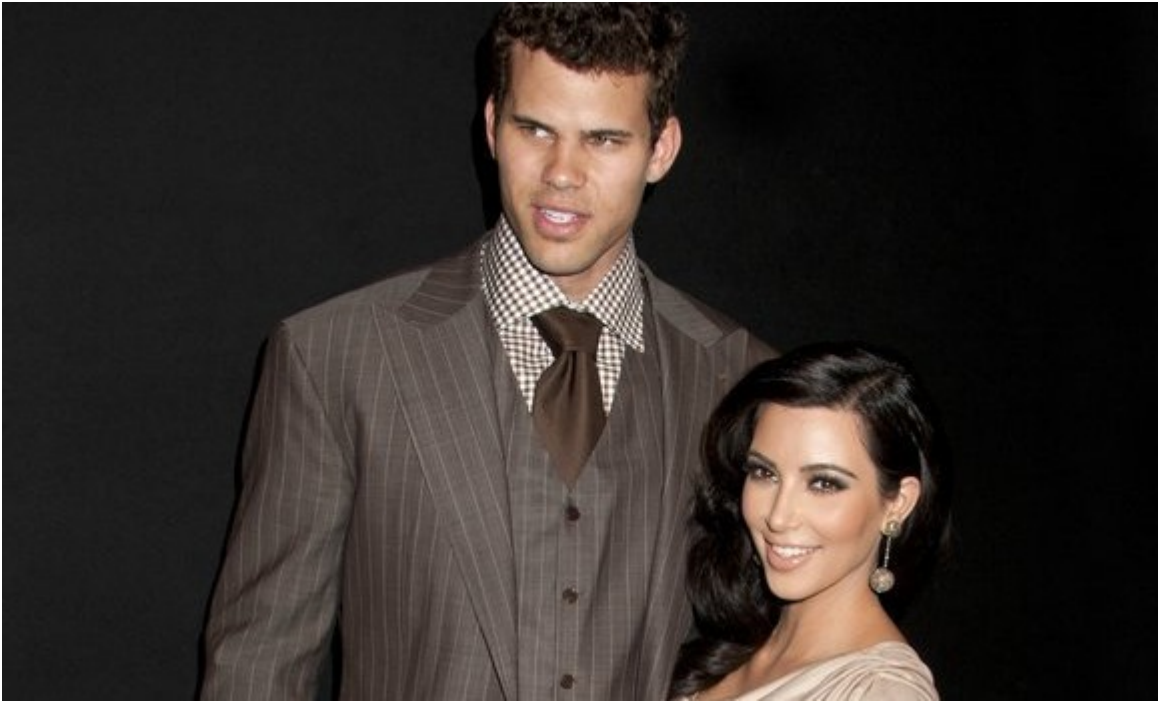
2. Don't ignore their questions: On the other side of the spectrum, you don't want to ignore your kids' questions about your breakup. If they ask you what is going on, try to explain it to them without giving too many details about the situation.

3. Act normally around them: As much as it may hurt, it is important to try to act as if nothing is wrong when you are spending time with your kids. Take them to school, make their meals and talk to them about their day just as you would have before the breakup. You need to make them comfortable even when you aren't.

How did you keep a breakup from affecting your kids? Share your insight below!

Carrie Ann Inaba Calls Off Her Engagement





By

Jennifer Ross

Dancing with the Stars judge, Carrie Ann Inaba, and her fiancé, Jesse Sloan, have called off their wedding. The two came to this decision back in early summer and have remained friends since then, according to [People](#). There is no news yet of the official reason for the break-up. Sloan had proposed to Inaba, on *Live! With Regis and Kelly* in March 2011.

What are some circumstances in which you should call off your engagement?

Cupid's Advice:

You have just begun to plan for your wedding, but something seems wrong with your vision. Is it the venue, the dress, the caterer...or the fiancé? Before you pick out the invitation card, you had better confirm your fiancé is the one. Here are a few warning signs that it is best not to move forward with the wedding:

1. Simply too young: As you think about your future wedding day, you notice your fiancé thinks about future clubbing days. Are you two on the right path? Sometimes, an engagement can

make a person realize just how young they are and whether they are ready for the life-long commitment of marriage. If being engaged is too much too soon, do not fret. There is plenty of time to get there, as long as you are willing to work it out.

2. I don't know you: As exciting as it is to become engaged, it is also added pressure to your relationship. It is during this new level of stress that deeper levels of a personality will come out and they are not all positive. Is your partner the same person you thought you they were? Do they handle the pressure in a good or bad way? If the engagement had brought out a bad side you have never seen, you may have not known them after all.

3. Avoids discussing the wedding: It is only natural that one partner may be more interested in the wedding details than the other. However, if your fiancé completely objects to speaking about any details at all, there is a bigger problem. To have any annoyance or hostility to an event that is suppose to join you two as one means one of you either is not ready to get married or believes they are marrying the wrong person. Either way, all plans should stop.

Did something happen that made you realize it was time to call off the engagement? Tell us below.

Giveaway: Win Tickets to See Divorce – The Musical





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By Deanna Atkins

Whether you're divorced, married or single we can all relate to the heartbreak and fury one in every two married couples are facing these days. One thing to keep in mind is that it's "better to be mad than sad" – as Ruthe Ponturo, creator and co-producer of [Divorce – The Musical](#), says.

After a blissful, 34-year marriage Ponturo had her life turned upside down the day her husband unexpectedly told her that he no longer wanted to be married to her. She was left in complete shock with many thoughts running through her mind: Is he having an affair? Is there a younger woman? Is this just a part of his mid-life crisis? Instead of spiraling into depression, getting plastic surgery or wallowing in self pity, Ruthe made the bold choice to express her boiling emotions through comedic songs.

Partnering up with musical director, John Thomas Fischer, they created 'Divorce – The Musical': a cabaret show which showcases Ponturo's "get on with life" attitude through a variety of hilarious songs all from different genres. The

musical offers something for everyone, especially an opportunity to laugh until you cry.

Dying to see how this strong woman triumphed despite hardship and heartache? Well, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will have the chance to win two tickets to see the show in NYC by following the details below:

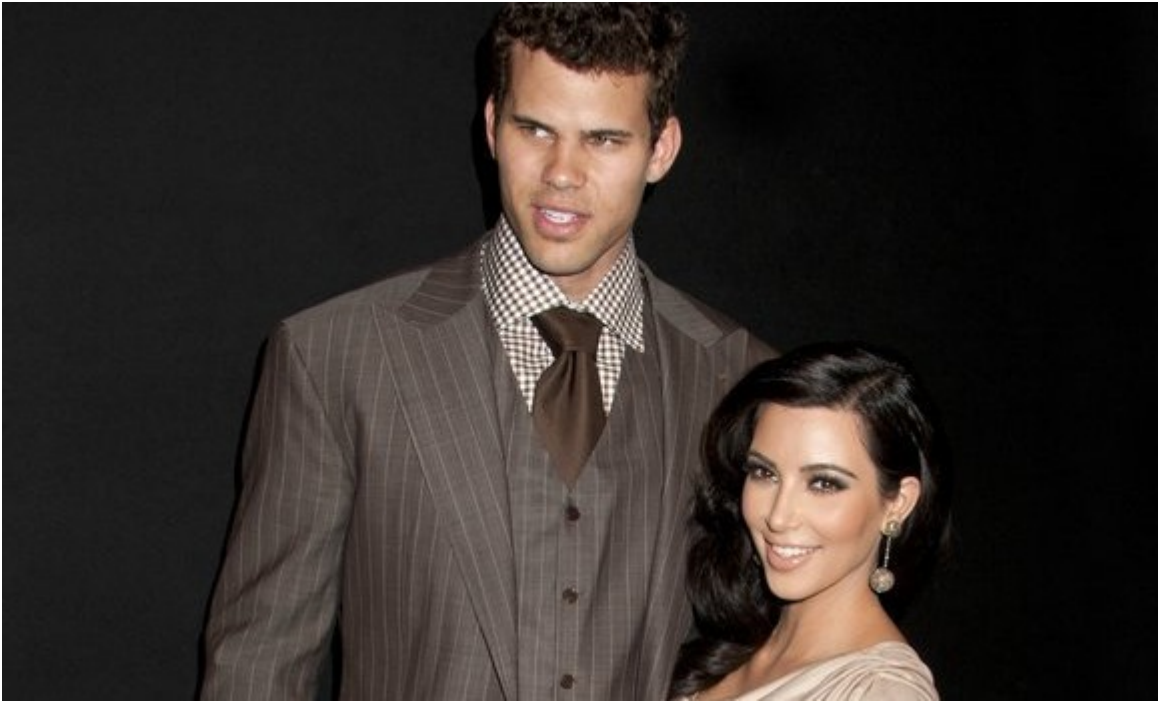
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Congratulations to Lynette Barbieri for winning two tickets to 'Divorce – The Musical!' Enjoy the show!

If you're interested in purchasing tickets for *Divorce – The Musical*, [click here](#)! Don't wait – The show will be at the Triad Theater in New York City between Friday, September 28th, and Saturday, October 13th.

Heidi Klum Says She's Moved on from Seal





By Erin

Minty

Supermodel Heidi Klum says she's moved on since her divorce from husband Seal, according to [People](#). The two split last January after being married since May of 2005. The exes have both been speaking to the public about their relationship and moving on in their separate personal lives. Klum was seen cozying up with her bodyguard recently, to which Seal made some comments that were misinterpreted. The two both claim that their split was completely amicable, and that they still love each other very much despite both moving on.

How do you know when it's time to enter the dating scene after divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Approaching dating after a marriage has ended can be a daunting task that must be approached carefully. Cupid has some advice:

1. Wait until you are ready: There are probably a lot of people in your life that will try to push you into a relationship before you are ready by trying to set you up with

friends, or asking you about any potential dates. The most important thing is to wait until *you* are ready. Take your time; don't rush into the dating scene because of any social pressure to do so.

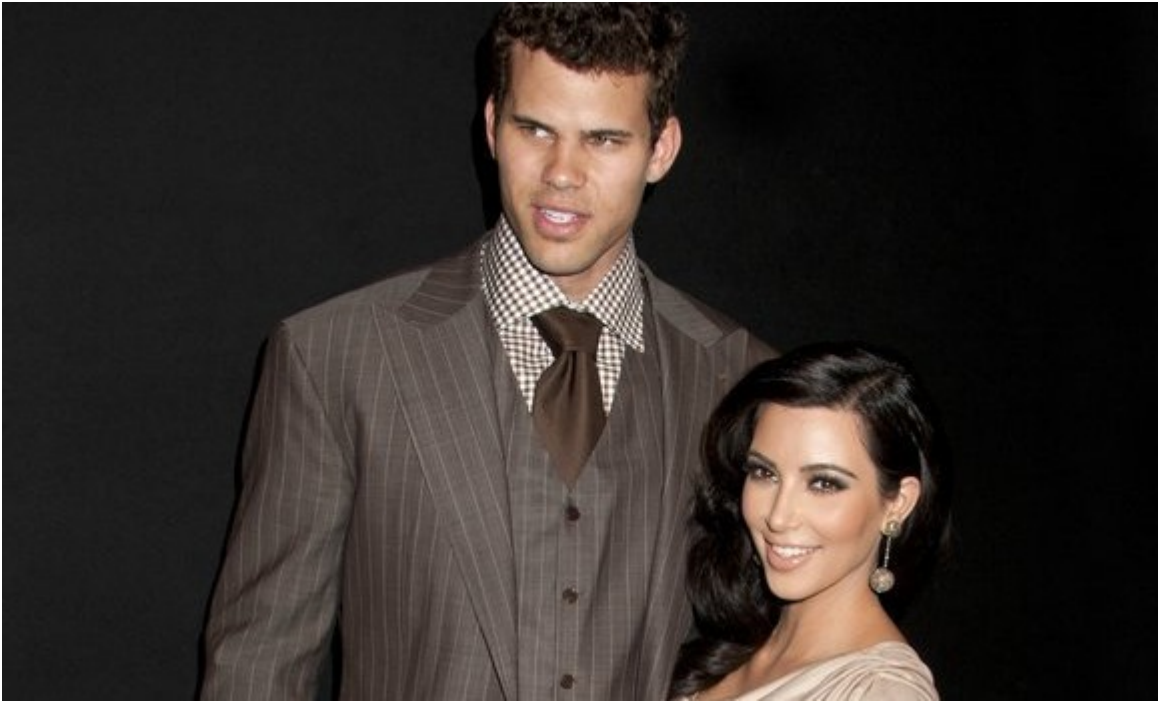
2. Don't take it too seriously: After a divorce, you will probably be in the mind-set of a serious relationship. Take a breath. Go on one date. This person doesn't have to be your future partner; you can just go out, relax, and have a good time. Take it very slow at first until you know you are ready.

3. Think about who you are looking for: It may be difficult for some time to picture yourself with anyone else besides the person you just divorced. Take some time to think about the kind of person you want to be with. When it gets to a point where you can imagine yourself with someone else besides your ex, you may be in a good position to go out on that first date.

How did you know when to start dating again after divorce?
Leave us a comment below!

Seal Clarifies That Heidi Klum Did Not Cheat





By

Nicole Weintraub

After seven years of marriage Heidi Klum and Seal called it quits in January, with Klum officially filing for divorce in April. According to [People](#), Seal would like to clear the air and state that Klum was not cheating on him whilst they were together. In a statement he had made prior in an interview, rumors spread that Klum had cheated on Seal with her bodyguard Martin Kirsten. Seal sets the record straight by explaining the statement in his interview by claiming that they are separated, but still legally married. Photos of Klum and her bodyguard vacationing surfaced and Seal said he expected her to “have shown a little more class...before deciding to fornicate with the help.”

What are some ways to know that your partner is being unfaithful?

Cupid's Advice:

Being in a relationship, no one wants to find out that the person they trust the most is the one that is hurting them. Here are a few tricks on how to find out if your partner is being unfaithful:

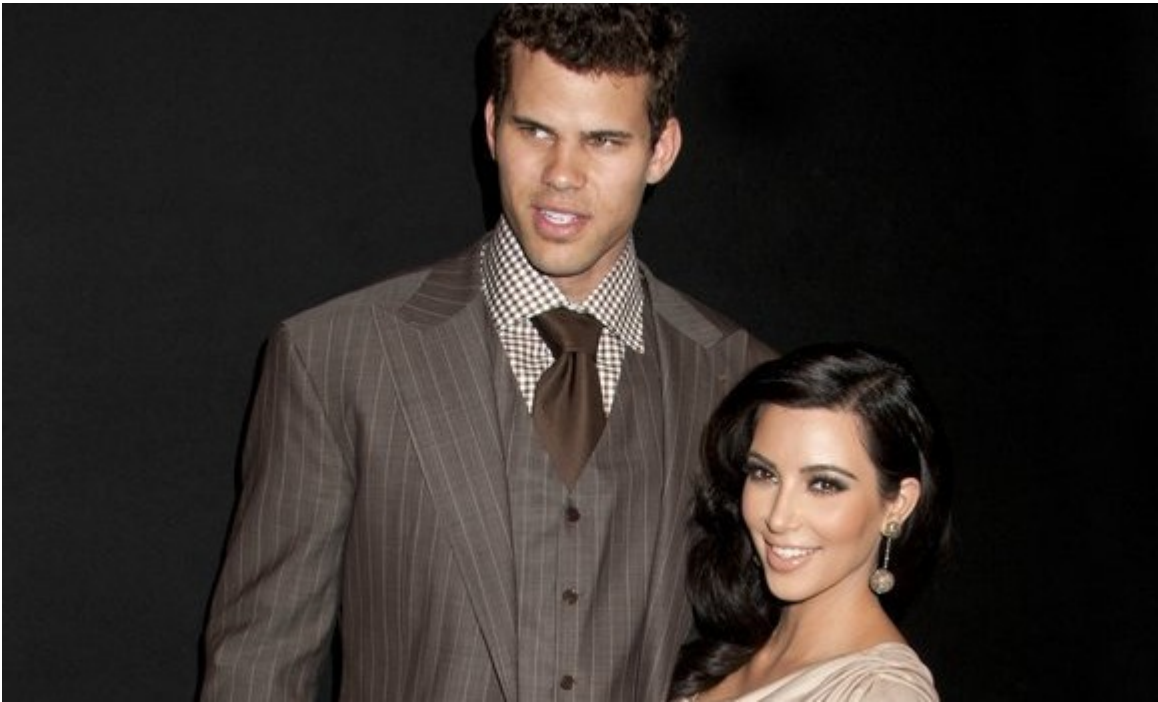
1. Hot and cold: If your relationship has been on the rocks or unstable recently, that could be a huge clue that your partner is experiencing a wandering eye. When we are not happy in current relationships whether it be due to the spark dulling or constant arguments, we tend to look elsewhere to see if we are missing out on anything. Keep an eye out for your partner being out of tune with you emotionally and keeping you out of their schedule.

2. Excuses, excuses: Honesty is one of the most important ingredients in a healthy relationship. When you start hearing excuse after excuse, it's time to start looking for more clues. One late night at the office is understandable, but when the same excuse comes up over and over again, chances are it's not just an excuse anymore.

3. Sudden changes: Sudden changes in mood, behavior and scheduling may be indicators that your partner is unfaithful. Constant canceling and postponing plans that your partner has with you is a red flag. It may be a sign that your partner is seeing someone else, or it may be a warning that the spark is dulling in your relationship.

Have you found your partner being unfaithful? What red flags did you find? Share your comments below.

Reports Reveal Katie Holmes Visited Ohio 'Many Times' Pre-Divorce from Tom Cruise



By

Sarah Ribeiro

While Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise may have had a rocky marriage, Holmes still kept a close bond with her family. A source has reported that Holmes visited Ohio “many times” while married to Cruise, according to [People](#). The pair announced their split early last month.

What can being homesick tell you about your marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Even in the best marriage, you may find yourself missing your single life – and your bed at home. Here's what being homesick can tell you about your marriage:

1. You're normal: It's perfectly acceptable and *normal* to miss home every now and then. Even if your husband is your perfect match, he can't make your mother's famous breaded chicken. Remember that your family is important, and that it's okay to

miss them.

2. Stress: Sometimes, when life gets too stressful, you just want to curl up in your old bed and sleep your troubles away. If your stress is coming from your married life, though, you should address the problem before it grows rather than running home and avoiding it.

3. You're unhappy: If all your relationship is doing is making you miss home, you have to reconsider your marriage. No one can be happy when they want to be somewhere else.

What can being homesick tell you about your marriage? Tell us below.

Celebrity Couples Who Function As Families After Divorce





By Evan

Goldaper

In the world of Hollywood, it's easy for celebrities to move on after they've been through a breakup. After all, there are always new and exciting people for them to meet, and everyone already admires them. However, some celebrities don't choose to completely separate from their exes. Although they didn't start dating each other again, these celebrity couples had their reasons to remain a family even after their divorces:

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1. Bruce Willis and Demi Moore: For thirteen years, Bruce Willis and Demi Moore were among Hollywood's strongest power couples. The two actors were at the heights of their careers when they married in 1987, making their wedding one of the most talked-about events of the year. However, by 2000, their marriage had fallen apart and the two divorced. Unlike many other settlements, both in and out of Hollywood, Willis and Moore's split was uncontested and ended peacefully. They both agreed on the reasons for the divorce, blaming the increasingly small amount of time the two could spend

together. Willis always said that Moore and their children's happiness was the most important thing to him, and he gave around \$90 million to her in spousal support. When Moore was still married to Ashton Kutcher, they would their spend holidays with Willis as one large family. As Bruce said to *People*, "Life is too short to spend what little precious time you have alive being unhappy."

2. Courteney Cox and David Arquette: It's rare to see any relationship end as amicably as that of Courteney Cox and David Arquette. After meeting on the set of *Scream* in 1999, the two actors were married. Eleven years later, they began a separation that ultimately ended this June with a legal divorce. This separation was very simple and surprisingly friendly. Neither used a lawyer, assets were split 50/50 and Arquette didn't ask for any support. In a statement they both released, they said that "the reason for this separation is to better understand ourselves and the qualities we need in a partner and for our marriage." Even while separated, the two remained committed to raising their daughter Coco as a team. Cox told [People](#) in 2012 that Arquette is still her "favorite person in the world." It's easy to believe that: Cox came to cheer Arquette on when he appeared on *Dancing With The Stars*, Arquette had a guest role on Cox's sitcom *Cougar Town*, and their joint production company Coquette Productions still makes television shows.

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3. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver: Although this divorce was one of the messiest splits in recent years, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver have managed to remain respectful and friendly. We've all heard the story: after being married for 25 years, Schwarzenegger revealed that he had fathered a child with their housekeeper over a decade earlier. He remained apologetic and said he deserved all the criticism he was sure to get, making him very accepting of his marriage's inevitable end. In part because of the love they

still shared and in part because of Schwarzenegger's political position, the two tried to fix their marriage in couples therapy, but a divorce still seemed likely. Though the two are now separated, Schwarzenegger still has a great deal of respect for Shriver and the two raise their children as a team. As he said to the [Huffington Post](#) earlier this year, "The most important thing is that the kids are doing well, and Maria always has been an extraordinary mother and always has worked with the kids very closely."

**What couples do you think have had the friendliest breakups?
Tell us below.**