

# Rumor: Halle Berry Is Engaged to Olivier Martinez



Halle Berry is no longer on the market, or at least that's the rumor going around. According to [People](#), "Olivier Martinez, Berry's boyfriend of more than a year, has given her a diamond-and-emerald engagement ring." The two co-starred in a French film in 2010 and became a couple shortly after. This would be Berry's third time tying the knot, as she was previously married in the early 1990s as well as in the early 2000s.

**How do you know when it's time to tie the knot?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

It's not always clear when it's time to take the big step of marriage with your partner. Cupid has ways to know if you're meant to be:

**1. No need to impress each other:** You're able to be yourself

around your partner. There's no longer a need to pretend you like their weird music or have a taste for fondue.

**2. Trust:** You trust each other. When you go out, you're not wondering what they're doing and vice versa. A secure relationship is critical when taking it to the next level of commitment.

**3. Ready for forever:** Once you've truly grasped what marriage means and that you want to be with this person for the rest of your life, then marriage may be the next step. If you can't imagine your life without them, maybe you should make them a more permanent part of it.

**What are some other ways to know you're ready for marriage? Share your thoughts below.**

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# George Clooney and Jennifer Aniston Dominate 'Dream Smooch' Survey





With New Year's Eve around the corner, people are beginning to dream about who they'd love to lock lips with at midnight. According to a recent survey of over 1,000 readers from [omg!](#), the two who dominate this list are Jennifer Aniston and George Clooney. For the celebrity men, the survey reported that 28 percent of women wish for a smooch from Clooney on Dec. 31 with Johnny Depp coming in at a close second with 27 percent. Surprising to most, star of *Crazy, Stupid, Love* and *The Notebook* Ryan Gosling only stole 7 percent of women's dream kisses. On the female celebrity side of things, Aniston, the star of *Friends* and *Horrible Bosses*, captured 22 percent of men, while Halle Berry came in second with 18 percent.

**If you could share a kiss with a celebrity at midnight, who would it be? Share your choices below.**

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## **Oliver Martinez Spends Time**

# with Halle Berry's Daughter



Though actress Halle Berry was nowhere in sight, she allowed her beau Oliver Martinez to have his very own bonding time with her 3 -year old daughter, Nahla, according to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com). Nahla is actually the daughter of Berry's ex- husband, Gabriel Aubrey.

However, one would never guess with the way little Nahla and Martinez got along. Their bonding time consisted of swinging across the sand and innocent little laughs and giggles amongst the scenery of a picturesque Malibu beach. It's safe to say that the two enjoyed each others' company.

**How do you know when to trust your new partner with you child?**

## **Cupid's Advice:**

Many mothers have a difficult time letting their little ones leave their sight. So, how do you know whether or not your partner is trustworthy enough for your child? He or she might be just right for you, but not right for the care of your

baby. Cupid has some advice:

**1. If your partner has children:** Observe how well your other half treats his or her kids. This may be your determining factor when it comes to allowing him or her to spend time with yours.

**2. Kid-friendly:** Does your beau even like children? This may simply be a direct question you can ask, or you can observe him come in contact with children and how he reacts.

**3. Responsibility overall:** Look for tiny clues as to whether your partner ranks high on the responsibility scale. If not, you know your answer. When it comes to kids, being responsible is key.

Have some extra tips to add to add? Share your comments below.

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## Halle Berry's Stalker Is Arrested





It's been confirmed!

Halle Berry's alleged stalker was arrested on Monday night. The actress' private security agents apprehended James Franco after he jumped over the fence of the Berry's West Hollywood home. The LAPD informed [Access Hollywood](#) that this was the second time the man had trespassed on the star's property. Franco has been in custody since Tuesday morning.

**How do you deal with someone who has an obsessive crush on you?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

We all love to be loved, but being in the spotlight all the time can be overwhelming. Cupid has some advice for dealing with those who like us excessively:

**1. Avoid them:** It may seem obvious, but do it. If someone is majorly crushing on you and you don't feel the same way, try to spend less time with them at all costs. It may help him or her get over you. If you're too nice and spend too much time with him or her, it could give the wrong idea.

**2. Be upfront:** Don't be ambiguous. The last thing you wanna do is lead him or her on. Communicate your unavailability by mentioning telling things, for example, how you're really into a person you just started dating.



**3. Don't be hurtful:** Unrequited love is no fun. Although you may never have been "obsessed" with anyone, chances are that at some point you liked someone who turned you down. Don't be pretentious with whoever it is that is showering you with attention. Let him or her know that you're not interested, but do it in a considerate way.

**Have any advice for dealing with obsessive stalkers? Share your comments below.**

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## Halle Berry Accuses Gabriel Aubry of Child Neglect



Halle Berry and ex Gabriel Aubry are involved in what is sure to turn into a nasty custody battle. Berry has accused Aubry of endangering their daughter's life and violating their custody agreement.

Her rep told [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), “Halle has serious concerns for her daughter’s well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her.”

**What do you do if your mate’s parenting values don’t match your own?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Everyone is brought up differently so it’s possible that you’ll fall in love with someone who doesn’t have the same parenting values as you do. How do you deal? Cupid has some tips:

**1. Compromise:** Whether you’re single or in a relationship with someone, parenting is a two-way street. You need to set aside your differences and think about what’s in the best interests of your child. It can’t always be one parent making the tough decisions.

**2. Make a schedule:** Adhere to a strict set of rules for co-parenting. Set up a schedule and have a set plan that details how the two of you will make changes to that schedule without getting into an argument.

**3. Be discreet:** Inevitably, as parents, the two of you will have disagreements. However, the key is to *never* argue in front of your child. This not only affects the child emotionally, but it will add negativity to your relationship as well.

**What are some ways you have dealt with the issues that come along with co-parenting? Share your experiences with a comment below.**



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# Top 10 Sexy, Successful and Single Celebrity Women Over 40



By Krissy Dolor

Think women over 40 don't have a place in Hollywood? After reading this list you'll see that isn't the case. While The MovieFone Blog came up with 40 actresses over 40 that are killin' it on the big screen, we wanted to narrow it down to our favorite 10 – but they had to be single. Why? Simple! While there's no doubt that every woman on the list is sexy and successful, we wanted to highlight the celebrities who prove that you don't need a man (or woman!) by your side to make it big. So go ahead ladies – keep doing what you're doing! Read on to see our picks for powerhouse women in Hollywood:

**1. Jennifer Aniston (42):** Though Aniston is constantly singled out as *the* icon for unmarried and over 40 women (which some tabloids don't view as a good thing), she brushes it aside and continues to make us laugh alongside funnymen like Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller. She'll continue the comedy streak in *Horrible Bosses*, which includes a cast of Jason Bateman, Jason Sudekis and Jamie Foxx. With a list like this, being single is *definitely* a good thing!

**2. Halle Berry (44):** Not only is Berry a Revlon spokeswoman and a former Miss USA runner-up, she is *still* the only African-American woman to have won an Oscar for her role in 2002's *Monster's Ball*. Though she is currently in a custody battle with ex Gabriel Aubrey over daughter Nahla, she hasn't let it slow her down completely. In fact, rumor has it that she's dating Oliver Martinez, her co-star in their upcoming film, *Dark Tide*.

**3. Sandra Bullock (46):** This woman won a Razzie for comedic flop *All About Steve*, an Academy Award for *The Blind Side* the day after, then went through an excruciatingly public breakup with husband Jesse James, handling it with extreme grace. Need we say more? While baby Louis is the only man in Bullock's life, she is working with a few good ones in her upcoming films, including Tom Hanks, John Goodman and James Gandolfini for 9/11-themed drama *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* and George Clooney for sci-fi flick *Gravity*.

**4. Courteney Cox (46):** Though Cox currently has an estranged relationship with longtime husband, David Arquette, she openly supported his decision to check himself into rehab for alcohol abuse and depression. While their future still remains to be seen, the two currently star in this year's *Scream 4*, the movie that brought them together in the first place.

**5. Jodie Foster (48):** We've all seen Foster on film – but did you know she's a director, too? Check out May's *The Beaver*, where she'll co-star alongside drama-daddy Mel Gibson. If

anyone came tame that guy for a few months of filming, that's considered success!

**6. Melissa Leo (50):** You may not have heard of this longtime actress, but Leo made news when she won a Golden Globe, Screen Actors Guild and an Oscar for best supporting actress in 2010's *The Fighter*. You'll see more of her this year next to Robert Duvall in *Seven Days in Utopia* and Jesse Eisenberg and Tracy Morgan in *Predisposed*.

**7. Susan Sarandon (64):** Though many have speculated that Sarandon is dating ping pong business partner Jonathan Bricklin, she insists she doesn't have a boyfriend. But let's be serious – who *doesn't* like imagining a little cougar action when it comes to this sexy starlet? After all, she was in the Beastie Boy's *Fight for Your Right Revisited*, a Sundance short – a sure sign of her staying with the times.

**8. Sarah Silverman (40):** This funny lady keeps it controversial, addressing racism, sexism and religion in her comedy stints, but everyone knows that a woman who isn't afraid to speak her mind is sexy. You'll see in her in this year's *Take This Waltz* with Michelle Williams and Seth Rogen.

**9. Marisa Tomei (46):** She's starred in hits like *My Cousin Vinny*, *The Wrestler* and *The Lincoln Lawyer*, and you'll see her next in *Crazy, Stupid, Love* along bigwigs like George Clooney, Ryan Gosling and Julianne Moore.

**10. Robin Wright (44):** After her highly-publicized divorce from Sean Penn, this former soap star threw herself into new projects, including crime thriller *Rampart* with Steve Buscemi and Sigourney Weaver; *Moneyball*, an adaptation of author Michael Lewis' (*The Blind Side*); and the adaptation of Stieg Larsson's *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*. With all that on her plate, who has time to think about exes?

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# Halle Berry Speaks Out About Custody Battle with Gabriel Aubry



The rumored custody battle between Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry might be coming to a close, reports [People](#). The duo, who split last April, have been recently engaging the court's help to solve their issues revolving around their daughter, Nahla, 3. "When there's a child involved, it's a relief when you can resolve things in a good way," says Berry, who also mentioned that the court proceedings have gone well. "Our issues were never about fighting for her. We both know a child needs both her parents. But what I want to say about it is sometimes, as a couple, you reach an impasse. We needed a court and a judge to help us work out some of the delicate issues, and I'm so

happy we've arrived at that place – because for her sake, this is the best way. We both love her more than life.”

## **What things should you consider when deciding on custody issues after a divorce?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Divorces are tough enough without the added turmoil revolving around kids from the relationship. Cupid has some things to consider about custody after a split:

**1. What the child wants:** Perhaps the most important thing to think about in the midst of a separation is how the child is thinking and feeling. Before fighting over the best interests of the child, make sure to listen to what your children have to say about the situation. They might shed some much-needed light.

**2. The child's best interests:** Try to think about who is best equipped to have a child in his or her life post-split. If you're both completely willing and able, consider joint custody and split the time with your child down the middle. If one of you has a demanding career, perhaps full custody should go to the parent with a less time-consuming job ... with visiting rights for the other of course.

**3. What's best for you:** Although it's true that your child's interests should most likely come first, don't ignore what would be best for you in your situation. If raising a child will prove difficult for you, perhaps you should consider giving up custody. If you can't imagine your life without your child, voice that opinion, too.

**What would you do in a custody battle? Share your experiences below.**

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# Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry Fought Over Kim Kardashian



Although Gabriel Aubry and Kim Kardashian's recent romance fizzled soon after it began, [People](#) reports that Halle Berry was not happy to see her ex out with a reality TV star. Aubry, 35, and Kardashian, 30, took in a Lakers game and a movie in late November before calling it quits. Halle Berry, 44, who split with the French Canadian model last year, was angry about the relationship because of her daughter, according to a source close to the actress. "Halle was very upset... She just didn't want Nahla exposed to the cameras that are undoubtedly around a reality star." But Aubry had no intention of bringing someone new into his daughter's life right away. "Gabriel wanted to make sure he dated someone for six months before he introduced them to his daughter," says the source.



## How soon should you bring a new partner into your child's life?

### Cupid's Advice:

After a breakup, it's hard to know when to bring a new partner into your kid's life. Cupid has some tips on when and how to make the introduction:

- 1. Talk to your child:** Give your son or daughter a chance to come to terms with his or her parents' separation. Once they realize that Mommy and Daddy aren't together anymore, they will be more ready to accept someone new.
- 2. Warn your partner:** Tell your new mate what your child is like so he's prepared. Giving him as much information as possible will help make the introduction go smoothly.
- 3. Wait until it's serious:** While there's no time limit on when your child and partner are ready to meet, it's a good idea to wait at least a couple of months. Then, it's up to you to know when the relationship is serious enough to bring someone new into your child's life.

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## Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry Begin Ugly Custody Fight





Award-winning

actress Halle Berry and her model ex Gabriel Aubry have begun what seems to be a brutal battle of custody over 3-year-old daughter, Nahla, [People](#) reports. Berry and Aubry, who split last year after four years together, have brought their battle public. Earlier this week, Berry released a statement voicing, “serious concerns for her daughter’s well-being while in the care of her father.” Sources close to Berry claim that Aubry became verbally abusive to her after their break-up, even using a racial slur. Still, Aubry’s friends stand by his side. One source said, “I never saw someone more dedicated to their child.”

### **How can you keep your child out of your custody fight?**

#### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Nobody wants to be involved in a custody battle. But if you do find yourself drawing up visitation papers, make sure to keep your children calm, happy and distracted:

**1. Keep them busy:** Arrange for your kids to go home with a friend after school or spend the weekend with their grandparents. The more you distract your children and keep them away from the fights, the less they’ll worry.

**2. Activities and clubs:** After-school activities and clubs,

whether it be a sports team or drama club are great outlets for children to release pent-up energy and anger. By the time their activities are done, they're home for dinner, homework and bed.

**3. Stay in check:** This is you and your partner's battle, so don't involve your children. Even though it may be tempting to say something harsh about their mom or dad when tempers rise, don't do it. Children take in everything, and we forget just how observant and impressionable they are.

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## Why I'm Rooting For Jennifer Aniston in 2011



By The Single Filez

2010 is drawing to a close, and the new year will soon be upon

us. While this is usually exciting for me, I must admit that I'm not looking forward to watching the clock strike midnight this year. Let me explain. I turn 35 next year. If I'm being honest, I'm scared shitless. Luckily, I still feel and (thanks to great genes), look 25. But no matter how young I look, the fact remains the same: next year I will be 35 and still single. I'll be single with not even a whiff of any potentials and without ever having experienced a long term relationship. The older I get, the more worried I feel about my singledom.

Just like Jennifer Aniston (and many other single women out there), I'm notoriously unlucky in love. Although Jen has the distinct advantage of having been married to Brad Pitt, whereas I have the advantage of still being in my mid-30's (Aniston is in her 40's). Either way, I'm rooting for Jen because I'm sick and tired of the reaction in the media to her lack-of-a-man situation. Everything they say about Aniston are the same things my friends, family and co-workers say about me: "but, she's gorgeous," "but she's successful" and "why on earth can't she keep a man?." It's frustrating, it's tiring and it's just not fair.

At first, I was going to write about why Jennifer Aniston and Halle Berry (another successful hottie who seems to be a serial douche bag dater) scare the hell out of me. I was going to say how nervous I am about still being single when I'm 40, but then I thought, "NO." Actually, what I want to do is root for Jennifer Aniston in 2011. I want to do for her what I want my folks to do for me. Despite my bad luck with men, I feel confident that I will find the right man eventually. So, HAPPY NEW YEAR Jen! I hope you find a good love in 2011. Enough of the 'Mr Right Nows,' like John Mayer, Bradley Cooper, Vince Vaughn and Gerard Butler. Give us singletons the opportunity to look at you and say, "Hey, there's hope after all. It is possible to find true love after a long bout of bad luck." But most importantly, do it

for yourself. Wouldn't it be nice to stick your middle finger up and prove to the world that you're gorgeous, successful and can keep a man?

Go Jen!

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# Hunting for Love Later in Life



By KB in NYC

We all know that dating is a minefield, right? But here's the thing; getting older doesn't help. A lot of 40-year-old men only want to date 25-year-olds. And here's why: a woman in her 30's or 40's knows what she wants. She's been around the block a few times, and she's less willing to compromise. She's less easily impressed and she is, in a word, more

discerning.

Now that's not necessarily a bad thing, but it does make dating harder. Also, when man hunting at an older age, you tend to want different things. At 24, a cocktail and a great make out session will suffice; at 40, not so much.

Hollywood is filled with fabulous women, all of whom have achieved enormous success and are finding themselves single in their mid-30's and 40's – think Jennifer Aniston, Charlize Theron, Sandra Bullock and Sheryl Crow.

The thing is, these celebrities are pretty much set: they have millions of dollars in the bank, they look fantastic and if motherhood tickles their fancy, there's always adoption. And yet, they can't get the man thing right. Famous or not, who doesn't want to get the man thing right?

Whether you're single by choice or on a serious manhunt, the parameters are kind of the same. Be honest with yourself and the men you're dating about what you want. If it's marriage and kids, then own that.

You may not be in your 20's anymore, but that's no reason to act desperate. Like Jen taking back John Mayer after he had publicly humiliated her? That had a whiff of desperation to it. Know what you have to offer, and never accept anything less than you deserve, no matter how desperate you may be to "put a ring on it."

Take a page out of Jen, Cheryl or Sandra's books and surround yourself with great people. Friends make the world go 'round, and being happily single is about having your emotional needs met.

It's such a cliché, but oh-so true: be comfortable in your skin, even if it requires Artefill to keep it looking as good as it once did.



We are a society obsessed with aging, and yet many celebrities are just getting better the older they get. From Halle Berry to Kate Winslet, Jenny McCarthy and Susan Sarandon, age certainly hasn't gotten in the way of dating fabulous men.

Which leads one to contend that if age is just a number, attitude must be everything.

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## Kim Kardashian and Gabriel Aubry's Romantic Thanksgiving





It looks like things between Kim Kardashian and Canadian model Gabriel Aubry are heating up! The pair spent a romantic Thanksgiving together in Los Angeles, according to [RadarOnline](#), Kardashian and Aubry were spotted catching a late night showing of *Burlesque*, starring Christina Aguilera and Cher. The reality star's sexy outfit included high heels, a short skirt, and a tuxedo jacket and her date's classic ensemble of a pressed white shirt and black pants left no doubt that the two were on a date. Suspicions of a new romance were heightened when the two drove away in Gabriel Aubry's white Rolls Royce Ghost. **Does what you wear on a date send hints to your partner?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

What you say is only one form of communication. Both body language and your choice of clothing also play a significant role in how your date perceives you. Cupid has some advice on how to send the right signals:

- 1. Smiles are always in style:** If you're enjoying yourself on date, always wear a smile.
- 2. Too sexy is not the way to go:** Though you may want to impress your date by showing off your hot bod, leaving something to the imagination sends a more positive signal.

Try showing off only one feature at a time. If you're sporting a short skirt, wear a conservative top.

**3. Dress up:** Though you don't have to go all-out, putting effort into what you wear on a date is always appreciated.

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## Kim Kardashian and Gabriel Aubry: Newly Dating?



New couple alert!

Rumors are flying after Gabriel Aubry and Kim Kardashian were spotted sitting together at an L.A. Lakers game. A source tells [People](#), "They've been dating a little bit." Gabriel Aubry's ex, Halle Berry has already moved on after their split earlier this year, and it looks like the Canadian model is doing the same with Kim Kardashian. While the curvy reality star was enjoying being single, she had also complained about

her lack of a love life. **How do you take your time in a relationship?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

If you want a relationship to last a long time, you have to move at your own pace. Here's how:

- 1. Wait until you're ready:** Don't hit the milestones in a relationship just because they're there. For example, say, "I love you" only when you feel ready.
- 2. Lighten up:** If you just ended a serious relationship with someone like Gabriel Aubry did, don't get serious again right away. For now, date without thinking about where it could lead.
- 3. Don't use labels:** If you want to take your time in a relationship, wait a while to make it official. Using the labels "boyfriend" and "girlfriend" too early could put pressure on the relationship.

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## **Halle Berry Steps Out With New Beau**





Although actress Halle Berry and new beau Olivier Martinez have been spotted together before, last week they finally made their relationship official by gracing the red carpet. The couple made their first red carpet appearance over the weekend at the Carousel Of Hope gala in Beverly Hills. Berry, 44, wore a stunning red dress by Yves Saint Laurent and beau Martinez, also 44, looked very handsome, as usual. The duo met while working together on the upcoming thriller, *Dark Tide*. An onlooker told [Us Weekly](#) that the “smitten” twosome were “inseparable” at the event. Martinez was “constantly leaning in and whispering in Halle’s ear, making her laugh,” added the source. Hey, maybe inter-office dating *can* work!

**When should you make your relationship with a co-worker public?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Dating someone you work with can be a challenge, but if you’re serious about making the relationship work, you have to be careful about when and how you go public with the relationship. Cupid has some ideas on how to make the transition as smooth as possible:

**1. Will I get in trouble?:** Almost every company has rules on

inter-office dating. Look into your office's policies to make sure you're not in danger of getting fired before entering into a relationship with a coworker.

**2. Is it serious?:** Before you start telling people, make sure it isn't just a fling. Dating someone at work brings a lot of extra baggage with it so you need to be certain that the relationship can go the distance before you open up about it.

**3. Who should I tell?:** If you tell your cubicle mate you're dating someone in the office, she might start a rumor that could easily get out of hand. Mum's the word as far as other coworkers go until things get serious. Then make sure your supervisor or boss is the first to know before telling others.

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## Jennifer Aniston Voted Most Eligible Single Woman







The celebrity with the most scrutinized love life is also the world's most eligible bachelorette. Jennifer Aniston, who counts Brad Pitt, Vince Vaughn, and John Mayer among her exes, was voted the most eligible single woman in the world in a new 60 MINUTES/Vanity Fair poll. [Us Weekly](#) reports that the 41-year-old actress earned 29 percent of the vote, ahead of Halle Berry (21 percent), Elin Nordegren (15 percent), and Betty White (11 percent), among others. Despite her history of failed relationships, Aniston doesn't want people to pity her. She told *Vogue*, "This whole 'Poor lonely Jen' thing, this idea that I'm so unlucky in love? I actually feel I've been unbelievably lucky in love... I'm right where I'm supposed to be."

**Can being labeled as a "single" destroy your chance for romance?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Being known as an eternal single can actually be a hindrance to finding a serious relationship. Cupid has a few reasons why being sans boyfriend or girlfriend could keep you single:

**1. Commitment-phobe:** Male or female, when you bounce from one relationship to another without finding anything permanent,

people might think you are afraid of commitment. If you're chronically single, you may also give the impression that you're a player and therefore unlikely to settle down.

**2. Undesirable:** While it can be fun to be single with no attachments, the opposite sex might think it's because there's something wrong with you. Even if that's not the case, people may jump to conclusions or tread with cautiousness if you're always riding solo.

**3. Not serious:** If you've never been in a serious relationship, it may send a message that you lack emotional maturity. Someone looking for a serious partner may not want to put their heart out there if they feel that the other person isn't able to sustain a long-term relationship.

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## Halle Berry & Gabriel Aubry Keep It Civil





Actress Halle Berry and model former beau Gabriel Aubry go global with their 2-year-old daughter, Nahla. The former couple, who broke up in June, may not feel the sparks flying anymore, but the love of their daughter keeps them close. In recent months, they have been seen together in California, South Africa and England, according to [People](#). “They are great parents and they want the best for Nahla,” said a source close to Berry. “They’re going to co-parent and go on with their lives.”

**Should a couple stay together for the sake of their children?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry chose to separate, despite their daughter. It can be extremely difficult to decide whether to stick out a relationship that isn’t working or to go your separate ways when there are children involved. Cupid points out some things to consider:

**1. Can you remain civil?:** If you aren’t able to put aside your issues when your children are in the room, separating is probably the best option. Exposing kids to an unhappy and hostile relationship can teach them the wrong lessons. If you’re able to keep it civil, it might be best to stick out a poor relationship for the sake of keeping your family intact.

**2. Be realistic:** No relationship is perfect, and life isn't like the movies. Overall happiness is important, but chances are you aren't going to be happy with your mate every minute of the day. Make sure that the problems you are having in your relationship truly are unresolvable before you do anything drastic like involve your children.

**3. Think like your kids:** It may feel like all the pressure in the world is on top of you when you're forced to decide whether your relationship is worth fighting for. Stop thinking like an adult for a little while. Put yourself in your child's shoes and consider what the best scenario is from his or her perspective.

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## Halle Berry & Gabriel Aubry Take Nahla to Disneyland





Oscar-winning actress Halle Berry and her ex, model Gabriel Aubry, took their 2-year-old daughter Nahla to Disneyland in Anaheim, California last week, according to [UsWeekly](#). The three were spotted in the land of Mickey Mouse taking pictures, and of course, wearing smiles!

**Is an outing with an ex (who also happens to be the biological parent to your child) an ideal situation when kids are involved?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sure, as long as any disagreements or other dramas remain behind closed doors and away from the kids. Staying platonic with your ex for sake of family ties can strengthen the bond you have with your children. If you're planning an excursion with an ex and the kiddies, Cupid has some tips for a successful day:

**1. Lay the groundwork:** Talk with your ex in private beforehand. Communication is crucial to maintain peace and civility while you're out. Any ulterior moves from either of you will be counterproductive.

**2. Keep it simple:** If it's your first attempt at devising this type of plan, keep it light. Instead of a huge theme park

like Disneyland, try the local park – think swings, trees, and paths to stroll down.

**3. Keep conversation light:** If you experience any awkwardness during the day, bring your focus back to the kids, and enjoy the time you've set aside for them.