Celebrity News: Kobe Bryant Dies in Helicopter Crash with Daughter Gianna





By <u>Hope Ankney</u>

In shocking and devastating <u>celebrity news</u>, Kobe Bryant passed away on Sunday alongside his daughter Gianna after their helicopter crashed in Calabasas. *UsMagazine.com* reported that there were eight other passengers on board the flight when a fire broke out. Fire brigade and paramedics attended the scene but authorities said in a press conference that nine people were confirmed dead. So much pain and tragedy for so many families. Everyone's hearts are broken and grieving for those

In celebrity news, we lost a legend recently. What are some ways to cope with the death of a loved one?

Cupid's Advice:

No words have been able to properly describe how heartbreaking it was to hear the news of the loss of Bryant and his daughter. It's never easy to cope when you lose a loved one, especially in tragic circumstances. If you're struggling with the grieving process of losing a loved one, Cupid has some advice on ways to cope in these trying times:

1. Take care of yourself and your family: It can seem like one of the last priorities when you lose someone, but eating well, getting out of bed in the morning, and trying your best to get enough rest will better help you get through each day. It won't be easy, but it is the baby steps that help one through each day going forward.

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2. Accept your feelings: There is an array of feelings that one goes through when they begin the grieving process. It's important that there is no right or wrong way to mourn. Sadness, anger, denial... These are all valid and normal. Don't make yourself feel worse by believing you aren't grieving properly.

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3. Reach out to others grieving the loss: Community is such a healthy way of coping with the loss of a loved one. It might

be hard, but reaching out and helping others who are also grieving this person's loss can be beneficial to both of you. You'll be able to talk to each other about how you're feeling, and not believe you're alone in the process. Sharing stories and feelings about the deceased can help everyone cope.

What are some healthy ways you've learned to grieve a loved one's passing? Comment down below to help others.

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David Boreanaz and Jaime Bergman

The 'Bones' star admitted that he cheated on his model wife after the woman he had a fling with attempted to extort him. The famous couple are still together today. Photo: FPA/FAMEFLYNET PICTURES

Celebrity Couples That Have Bounced Back After Cheating





By Jennifer Harrington and Laura Seaman

For those who follow celebrity news, cheating in Hollywood is

hardly a surprise. What is often more interesting are the couples that, despite the spotlight and scrutiny, manage to stick together through a cheating scandal. So Cupid took a look at a few high-profile lovebirds who have weathered the storm of infidelity to see what lessons about moving on can be learned from the A-listers.

1. Josh Duhamel and Fergie: This couple met back in 2004, became engaged in 2007, and were married in 2009. Soon after they became man and wife, though, a stripper accused the actor of cheating. This didn't seem to upset the Black Eyed Peas singer, as she stayed with him through it all. In 2012, Duhamel addressed the rumors and said, "When you go through difficult times, it really makes you stronger as a unit, as a partnership. It does for us, anyways. Our love today is a deeper love, definitely." In 2013, they welcomed their baby boy Axl Jack Duhamel. What didn't kill this relationship made it stronger, and these two are as happy as ever.

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- 2. Kobe and Vanessa Bryant: Hotel worker Katelyn Faber accused the basketball star of sexual assault back in 2003. While Bryant did admit that he slept with the Faber and cheated on his wife, he denied that it was assault. Through the trial and all of the press, Bryant's wife stayed by his side. The two are still together and are now raising their two daughters, Natalia and Gianna. In fact, they were recently spotted on a family vacation in Greece.
- 3. David Borneaz and Jaime Bergman: The Bones actor and his former Playboy Playmate wife have been married since 2001, but in 2010, he admitted to the public that he cheated on a then-pregnant Bergman. The other woman in the picture is no stranger to scandal: Rachel Uchitel was also a mistress of Tiger Woods. Later, to make matters worse, explicit texts between the two were leaked to the media. Soon after, the

actor commented, saying of him and his wife: "We're working on repairing what has been damaged so badly." He now says that the entire affair was a type of bonding experience for the couple and that they are closer because of it.

4. David and Victoria Beckham: The soccer starwas hit with a cheating accusation back in 2010 by In Touch Weekly, who published a piece stating that he had cheated on his wife with a call girl named Irma Nici. Beckham sued the magazine, and the suit was dropped. Beckham's rep released a statement saying the allegations were "completely untrue and totally ridiculous, as the magazine was told before publication." This past July, the couple, who has four children, celebrated 15 years of marriage.

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5. Scott Disick and Kourtney Kardashian: This reality couple has faced allegations of unfaithfulness throughout the course of their seven-year relationship. In 2011, rumors swirled that Disick and fellow reality star Kristin Cavallari were having an affair. Cavallari denied the rumors and speculated that they were initiated to spark interest before the premiere of a new season of *Keeping Up With the Kardashians*. With Kardashian pregnant with their third child, it sounds like all has been forgiven!

Ultimately, cheating should be avoided, and it's never a desired ingredient in any romance. But, unfortunately, it does happen. The examples from these high-profile couples proved that with time, forgiveness, and family support, it's sometimes possible to mend a relationship broken by unfaithfulness.

Did you and your partner's relationship survive post cheating? Share your comments below.

Is Kobe Bryant Reconciling With Ex-wife Vanessa?





What better day for L.A. Lakers basketball star, Kobe Bryant to rekindle the love with estranged wife, Vanessa Bryant than on Valentine's Day? Filled with adrenalin and confidence from his victory against the Atlanta Hawks, Bryant was photographed kissing Vanessa on his way back to the locker rooms, according to TMZ. Vanessa Bryant filed for divorce back in December. As a result of their divorce settlement, she was recently given full ownership of the ex-couple's three Newport Beach

Homes at an estimated \$18.8 million. Maybe this encounter with love will mean good things for the former couple, who have two daughters together, ages 9 and 5.

How do you make the relationship work the second time around?

Cupid's Advice:

The best part about giving your relationship a second shot is that you know what not to do. Don't continue to do the things that tore your relationship apart the first time. Here are some ways to make it work the second time around:

- 1. Trust each other: A successful relationship is built around trusting one another. You can't be happy with someone if you can't rely on them.
- 2. Start new: You're giving your relationship another chance for a reason. If you both keep digging up old dirt then there's no way you will be able to move forward to a fresh start.
- **3. Spend some time alone:** Try to rekindle the love you once had by doing the things you did together when you were both happy. Sometimes all you both need is some one-on-one time to get back to that happy place.

What are some other things to consider the second time around in a relationship? Share below.

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Hollywood Relationships That Spiraled Out Of Control





By Katanya Royster

Relationships can be hard work, and they require a lot of effort to be put in from both ends. When you both commit, it makes it all worthwhile- in most cases. While many relationships start off on a high note and continue on the path of blissfulness, others plummet to a place of irreconcilable differences, physical altercations and repeated infidelity. They end up heading straight to Splittsville. In fact, all you have to do is ask the following couples:

1. Chris Brown and Rihanna: Typically, the phrase "first love" invokes visions of butterflies, sunsets and all things untainted. But, in 2009, we saw an ugly side of first love. Singer, Chris Brown, was accused of assaulting his popstar girlfriend, Robyn "Rihanna" Fenty. At the time of the assault, Brown was 19 and Rihanna was 20. After pictures of Rihanna's badly beaten face surfaced, fans immediately took sides. Some were ready to dismiss Brown's actions as a forgivable misstep, while others were relentless in their criticism of him. Either way, it was the worst possible ending to a seemingly beautiful love story. Or was it? Recent tweets make it seem as if reconciliation may be on the horizon.

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- 2. Russell Brand and Katy Perry: A shocked public let out a collective gasp when Russell Brand filed for divorce from his wife of 14 months. Failed Hollywood marriages are no surprise, but for some reason, we thought these two would be different. So what if Brand is a recovering sex addict and Perry is the daughter of evangelical ministers? We still thought this couple had a fighting chance. Brand's boredom with the couple's sex life and his inability to be alone, may have contributed to the couple's marital problems, reported US Weekly.
- 3. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries. Many thought Kim and Kris' lavish wedding was a publicity stunt. So, when Kim filed for divorce after only 72 days of marriage, no one was shocked except maybe Kris. The NBA star claimed he was surprised by Kim's actions and that he wanted to make the couple's marriage work. After the split went viral, Kim was embarrassed and, in a rare move, retreated from the public eye while her ex-hubby was booed in NYC during a basketball game. Thus, if the marriage was a publicity stunt, it may have been the worst one in history.

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- 4. Kobe and Vanessa Bryant: In 2003, Kobe was accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old hotel employee. Kobe proclaimed his innocence, but admitted to infidelity and famously apologized to his wife, Vanessa, with a \$4 million ring and a custom-made Lamborghini. It seems that Kobe's relationship patchwork was a bit like someone putting a Band-Aid on broken leg a nice gesture, but it didn't actually fix the problem- a cheating husband. In 2011, after 10 years of marriage, Vanessa finally filed for divorce citing "irreconcilable differences,". Either way, a woman scorned, plus a husband worth \$150 million dollars, minus a prenup, equals trouble. With that kind of money up for grabs, this downward spiral may have only just begun.
- 5. Tiger Woods and Elin Nordegren. Tiger Woods' fame had just as much to do with his clean cut image as it did with his amazing golf game. However, a one-car accident near Woods' and Nordegren's Florida home changed his reputation forever. A parade of women subsequently emerged and admitted to having affairs with the golf pro. In an attempt to save his marriage, the father of two spent six weeks in a rehabilitation program for sex addiction. Nonetheless, Nordegren filed for divorce granted on the basis that the couple's marriage was "irretrievably broken." Nordergren was awarded an undisclosed settlement amount thought to be in the neighborhood of \$100 million dollars.

How did you know when you or a friend's relationship was over? Share your stories below.

Kobe Bryant Relocates to a Resort Post-Split





When Kobe Bryant was forced to leave wife Vanessa after cheating allegations, he didn't have to go very far. The NBA basketball star found a private villa located on the Newport coast of Southern California. The resort that Bryant is staying at has 24/7 housekeeping and butler service. However despite these services for \$800 a night, Bryant has apparently elected to take advantage of the laundry unit located in the private garage provided to him, as he was spotted doing just that, according to *RadarOnline*. Don't misinterpret that move, thought, because Bryant is still living the life of the rich and the famous after his impending divorce. According to

sources, he has his \$400,000 Lamborghini parked outside his villa.

How do you decide where to go after a sudden split with a live-in partner?

Cupid's Advice:

When you make a decision to separate from a live-in partner, it can come with all sorts of consequences, one of which is where to go after the split. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Assess current living arrangements: If you're currently paying the rent and are responsible for the lease, then it's obvious that your partner should be the one to leave and find new living arrangements. If the reverse is true, you'll need to relocate.
- 2. Friends and family: If you have to find somewhere to go after a sudden split, often the best case is to live with a family member or friend until you have more permanent living arrangements figured out.
- 3. Temporary living quarters: If you have the means, you can live in a resort or hotel like Kobe Bryant decided to do after his breakup. Of course, if you don't have quite the same level of income as Bryant, you might have to live without room service.

What did you do after you split with a live-in partner? Share your experiences below.

Can Cheaters Ever Change?





By Sarah Foulkes, GalTime.com

It can be a devastating blow to a committed relationship. One partner strays and the other is left picking up the pieces—and left with difficult decisions. If your significant other cheats on you— can he or she change? When is there hope to salvage the relationship… and when is it hopeless?

The latest example: after ten years of marriage and sticking by her husband through his self-admitted infidelity in 2003, Vanessa Bryant has filed for divorce from NBA star Kobe Bryant citing' irreconcilable differences'. Reports say Vanessa believes the basketball star was up to his old tricks again.

It's obviously a difficult time for the Bryants, who put out a joint statement through their publicist:

"The Bryants have resolved all issues incident to their divorce privately with the assistance of counsel and a Judgment dissolving their marital status will be entered in 2012. We ask that in the interest of our young children and in light of the upcoming holiday season the public respect our privacy during this most difficult time."

Which leads us to the question, can cheaters ever change?

According to Sharon Rivkin, a licensed marriage and family therapist, and expert in dealing with extramarital affairs, some cheaters change and some don't.

"The cheaters that don't change are the ones where the cheater feels a huge sense of entitlement, is a narcissist, lacks any sense of remorse, and has virtually no impulse control," Rivkin says. "The cheaters that can change are the ones who do not have a character disorder or addiction and who have cheated because they were very unhappy in their relationship, their relationship had deteriorated to the point that they were not getting their needs met, and they had very poor communication skills."

Rivkin emphasizes that an affair never happens out of the blue— and is actually an extreme symptom of a relationship that's been in trouble for some time. It actually serves as a powerful catalyst that can either end a relationship or take it to a greater level of intimacy.

So what are some signs that a cheater will (or will not) change? Those willing to change show that willingness with their actions, Rivkin shares.

Signs that a cheater will change are:

1. A sense of remorse and pain over cheating.

- The willingness to get help individually and/or as a couple to change the issues that caused the cheating in the first place.
- 3. The willingness to show their partner their cell phone, emails, etc. without getting defensive.
- 4. The ability to break off the affair to work on their primary relationship.
- 5. Admitting that they DID cheat (no excuses) and that it was wrong.

Signs that a cheater will not change:

- 1. No remorse.
- 2. History of cheating in other relationships and reluctance to seek help.
- 3. Continuing to be secretive with their phones, emails, texts, etc.
- 4. Inability to stop the cheating. Character disorder, i.e., narcissism, sex addiction.
- 5. Inability to actually admit that what they did was wrong…lots of rationalizing, excuses, and blame.

Of course not everyone is dealing with a husband who plays professional basketball and who is allegedly cheating on them. But when is it time to give up and get out of a relationship?

"When the cheating continues even though the partner is saying they aren't cheating," Rivkin affirms. "If a person continues to cheat, like Kobe Bryant, there is virtually no hope that this behavior will change."

According to Rivkin everyone needs to explore their own relationship and circumstances.

"When couples don't stay together, it has less to do with the particular circumstances of the affair than with the couple's long-term history, and with their willingness and ability to explore it," Rivkin says. "Sometimes it seems the reservoir of resentment and hostility is just too overwhelming, and that

so much damage has been done that there is little left to salvage. For some people, they are done with one indiscretion and some aren't. The only right answer is what is right for you."

After all is said and done, Rivkin expresses that if you feel you can't trust them again, even if they show signs of change, you may need to walk away.

"It's not a failure or a sign of weakness to leave a destructive relationship," Rivkin states.

What are your thoughts on cheaters changing? What about the Kobe divorce?

Kobe Bryant's Wife Files for Divorce





NBA star Kobe Bryant is heading towards divorce, reports <u>People</u>. Vanessa Laine, Bryant's wife of 10 years, filed for divorce on Friday, citing irreconcilable differences. Laine is also seeking spousal support and shared custody of daughters Natalia, 8, and Gianna, 5. Bryant's marriage was also tried in 2003, when he was accused of allegedly raping a 19-year-old hotel employee in Colorado. "I sit here in front of you guys, furious at myself, disgusted at myself for making the mistake of adultery," said Bryant at a press conference that year. "And I love my wife with all my heart."

What are some ways to regain trust in your relationship after a betrayal?

Cupid's Advice:

Betrayal shakes up a relationship, but it's possible to get back on track. Here are a few ways to regain trust after a betrayal:

- 1. Spend time together: In order to rebuild trust in your relationship, you'll have to put in more effort than you usually do. Go on vacation or play hooky and spend the day at a park to get some quality time together.
- 2. Get counseling: If you feel that your relationship is troubled, but ultimately worth fixing, try counseling. It's expensive, but it could save your relationship.
- **3. Give it time:** Sometimes the best medicine is time. After a while, the betrayal will fade and your trust in your partner will gradually return.

Have you ever been betrayed in a relationship? Feel free to leave a comment below.