

Divorce & Love

My cousin, Brandt, is twenty-eight years old and is recently divorced. As he went throughout the various stages of dating, engagement, newlywed, marriage, and divorce, his definition of love has changed a lot. When he was dating his ex-wife, Kristin, he was on cloud nine. He couldn't get enough of her and she couldn't get enough of him. Kristin had a child from a previous relationship. So, not only did Brandt gain a relationship with Kristin but he was also a dad to her first child and gained a strong relationship there as well. He thought with Kristin everything was bound to be absolutely perfect. A couple of years later he finally proposed to Kristin. He said that he really made sure that Kristin was the "right one". As they were engaged things were still really good between them. Of course, the wedding planning was a bit stressful. But, even on their marriage day they thought that they would be together forever. The newlywed stage was a tough stage for Brandt and Kristin. Kristin started nit picking everything Brandt did that she didn't like. For example, he used to leave his dish on the table. Kristin got annoyed of every single thing that Brandt did. As time went on, they sort of got over their differences but the huge love, they thought they had, was no longer there. As their marriage went on, Kristin started distancing herself from Brandt and her child. Brandt would stay home on weekends with Kristin's kid while she was out partying with her girlfriends. Brandt did everything he could to still please her though. He was so in love with her and tried so hard to make it so that she would feel the same again. One day, Kristin

came to him and said that the spark she had for him was no longer there and that she wanted a divorce. Brandt was absolutely crushed. I mean, the woman he thought that he would be with for eternity is sitting here and telling him that he simply just doesn't have enough sex appeal for her anymore. He said that it absolutely crushed him. Throughout the divorce process, he would cry himself to sleep night after night. It was even worse finding out that while they were married; Kristin had cheated on him more than one time. He explained to me that it was the hardest thing he had ever gone through in his life and he wouldn't wish that much pain on anyone.