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Hero and heroine sitting in a tree K-I-S-S-I-N-G

First comes love...

Rumors are a-swirling that Kareena and Saif got hitched, but that's been debunked by both parties. The big rock she sports on her finger (which, btw, he gave her), along with the tattoo of her name that he's carved on his arm, have fueled these latest whippers. At the music release for *Race*, Kareena's name was plainly visible on his forearm. Kinda reminds you of Tom Cruise jumping on Oprah's couch, doesn't it?

Then comes marriage ...

Sanjay Leela Bhansali and choreographer Vaibhavi Merchant, plan to wed at the end of March. They kept their courtship under wraps for quite some time but things were pretty evident at the *Saawariya* premiere. Merchant seemed very comfortable with SLB's mother and sister; in fact, she even made a grand entrance with them.

Munnabhai kj shaadi

Well, he finally got hitched to his lady friend. Sanjay Dutt married Manyata aka Dilnawaz Shaikh on February 7th in Goa. Things didn't seem right from the beginning, though. Sanjay's sisters didn't know about the wedding when asked by the media! Suniel Shetty performed the *kanyadaan* and a handful of guests were in attendance. There seems to be a major rift between the Dutt family regarding Sanjay's choice of bride. Apparently Manyata has become insanely possessive of her hubby to the point where she accom-

panies him everywhere he goes, eavesdrops on all his conversations, has taken over his wardrobe choices for films, even demands retakes of shots!

Then comes baby in a wheelie carriage ...

Farah Khan and hubby Shirish Kunder, are the proud parents of triplets ... two girls and a boy. Jury's out on names, though. The press has christened them *Om Shanti Shanti*.

Hrithik and Susanne Roshan are expecting their #2; he is hoping for a girl this time.

Munnabhai kj Waat lag gayi

Now the latest rumor is that Manyata is expecting ... again. Rumor has it that she was expecting before Sanjay was sent to jail, but miscarried. So technically this would be out of wedlock. Egads!! Or not. Apparently they had two previous wedding ceremonies before the public one in February; one civil and one *nikaah*. According to the priest who performed the Hindu ceremony in Goa, the *shlokas* had to be adjusted for a woman in her third month of pregnancy.

Oh, and did you know that she was previously married? Yep, to some guy who's in jail for sending lewd text messages to Bollywood women. And he's refused to grant her a divorce. Now, she's been sent notice by the court to prove a) residency in Goa as she stated on their marriage certificate; and b) proof of annulment and/or divorce for her first marriage. I hope for Munnabhai's sake he hasn't chosen poorly. Heaven knows his family has stuck by him in thick and

thin. Now a bad choice of wife seems to be causing problems right from the get go! Not to mention the fact that her family has disowned her and his family hasn't acknowledged their marriage.

Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band

Ameesha Patel and Vikram Bhatt have broken up. So sad.

Bipasha Basu is still waiting for a ring from John Abraham. Tsk tsk tsk.

Aftab Shivdasani and Yana Gupta are no longer an item number.

Neither, for that matter, are Rakhi Sawant and Abhishekh Awasthi. Boo hoo.

And Salman Rushdie is not interested in Riya Sen; he's interested in her mother, Moon Moon.

If you really want to know

Mallika Sherawat is being cast in an Aussie production of Jesus Christ. No, not as Mary Magdalene, which is the conclusion I jumped to. This movie will be focusing on Christ's travels outside of Jerusalem, namely India. Mallika is to assay the role of Saraswati, a friend and guide of Christ.

Sushmita Sen, Lara Dutta, and Priyanka Chopra will be starring in the *desi* version of *Charlie's Angels*. They might as well add Ash and Diya Mirza to round things out and call it *Apsaras*!!

Ash and Abhi may be starring in a tale of Buddha, where Abhi plays none other than Siddhartha Gautama and Ash plays his wife, Yashodhara. The movie is supposedly to be narrated from her point of view.



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