

Instead of the usually bouncy, energetic steps that is her trademark around Columbia Ranch, Susan walks very slowly into her dressing room. Her head is bowed and the long shiny strands of hair covers her face. In her hand, she holds a rolled up magazine. Every few steps, her hand grips the magazine tighter!

When she reaches her dressing room, she collapses onto the couch and stares blankly at the wall. Moments later a soft tapping on her door snaps her out of her sad trance. David slowly peeks in and sees her sitting very still and whispers, "Hey Sue, are you ok?"

Before she can utter a word of explanation, tears spill from her large blue eyes and she hands David the magazine in her hand. When David reaches for it, the pages fall to a section that Susan has obviously been looking at for sometime. The title seems to scream out from the pages... "David and Susan—When is the Wedding?"

TEARS OF PAIN

Without even reading a word of the story, David already knows what it says. He slumps to the couch next to Susan and lets out a very weary sigh. When he looks up at her, she's got her face hidden in her hands and tiny sobs of hurt escape as she asks him "Why don't they leave us alone?"

Realizing that tears are sometimes the only release for heartache, David places a comforting hand on her shoulders. Her tears represent the frustration and pain they both feel about the rumors and stories going around about their "romance!"

It doesn't seem to matter to them that Susan and David are not in love with each other. Those who have blinded themselves to the truth, have also turned a deaf ear to what Susan and David have said from the beginning... they are only **good friends!**

The reports and stories about their dates are completely false. Susan and David have only gone out on a date **once**... one date... that's all! When they were filming the pilot for Partridge, they went out on a date together. After that one date, they realized that

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