



David has often dated Judy Strangis of Room 222 fame. We wonder if he's revoked his rule of not dating actresses!

## How Susan Dey Is Getting Even For What David Cassidy Did To Her!



A woman scorned can be dangerous—David had to learn his lesson the hard way—from Susan! Even Shirley was amazed!

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The studio was bustling with the chaotic excitement that accompanies the beginning of shooting any new series. Actors, actresses, prop men, make-up men and directors were rushing from one end of *The Partridge Family* set to the other, readying their young wards for the big moment before the camera. But amidst all the confusion, one young girl stood out from the rest of the nervous young soon-to-be-TV stars. Her name was Susan Dey, she stood tall and beautiful behind a chair, and from a distance she appeared to possess the poise of an accomplished actress. But a closer look revealed tears slowly welling up in her deep blue eyes. Her hands nervously twisting a well-dampened handkerchief, she appeared to murmur to herself, as if trying to give herself the courage to perform. But it was more than merely a bad case of jitters that had so upset Susan. And those who had closely observed her, especially Shirley Jones, during the few minutes prior to filming time, saw her glance anxiously at her

young co-star, handsome David Cassidy, more than a few times. Yes, David Cassidy was responsible for Susan's seeming stage-fright. In fact, because of David she almost couldn't appear in the first episode of *The Partridge Family* at all!

"Boy, did I have a wild crush on David," she sighs today. "Even before we actually worked together, I even fantasized our falling in love and getting married."

In fact, Susan had *such* a crush on David, that the thought of performing opposite him on the screen absolutely petrified her. She was positive he would know how she felt, and she couldn't know for sure exactly what his reaction would be—would he respond to her as a woman, she wondered, or ignore her childish infatuation, or, even worse, laugh at her? The feelings that arose within her that first day of shooting were overwhelming, and Susan broke down.

At first, her worst fears were confirmed. David seemed to tune her out. He, too, was feeling confused about this beautiful young girl who, he

felt, seemed to like him but nervously scurried away with his approach. He couldn't figure her out, he told his step-mom, Shirley Jones—also his co-star. With the rise of his career he had been surrounded by girls, girls, girls, but here was one girl he just couldn't understand. What did she want from him? David puzzled. And so, acting on Shirley's advice—and she was an interested side-watcher in the entire episode—he decided to give Susan time to make her feelings known. But Susan mistook *his* indecisiveness for rejection. And it was quite some time before *either* had the confidence to approach the other for a candid discussion.

In the interim, Susan grew more morose. David was ignoring her, and she couldn't understand what she was doing wrong. So, in her ignorance, she went out of her way to attract her co-star's attention. First, she tried acting as sexy as possible when David was around. She flaunted her young, lithesome body around the set in tight, open outfits. But no luck. Now, (Continued on page 70)