

## SALLY STRUTHERS

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Two years passed and Sally had to go to New York to make some talk show appearances. "I thought," she said, "I'll look up Barry's number and give it a try. I called him and he was shocked at my getting in touch with him. He said, 'I've been thinking about you and wanting to call you for two years. But I didn't have the nerve.'"

And that started them again.

Sally told a reporter: "In the three years we've known each other, we haven't been able to get each other out of our minds. Our feelings for each other

were deeper than the hurt."

And now they have the hurt again.

"I don't want to be a Hollywood statistic," Sally said. Three marriages and three divorces before I'm 30. I want to get married but I want a marriage that will last."

But there were so many problems. First of all, they were separated too much of the time. He was in New York and she was in California.

"It's tough. It's hard being separated for such long periods of time," Barry had said. "I want to be with her every day. But I tell myself we'll be together for the rest of our lives. Then we'll appreciate it so much, because of the months apart."

But the separations got too tough. And Barry decided to move to the Coast. He

gave up his friends, his family and his job and hurried to Sally's side. He got a new job—a fabulous one—quickly enough. But that was all he got. He was accustomed to New York living. He felt like a stranger in a strange land. And Sally had to be away from him so much. Not only was she working on her TV show, "All in the Family," she was also doing a movie that was being shot in Texas. So Barry had to spend much of his adjustment time pretty much alone.

Then there was the matter of her career. Barry had once stated flatly that he'd never ask her to give up her career. "I'm not marrying her to change her," he said. "I'm marrying her to be with her—to share her life."

But perhaps he didn't realize then that her career would take her away from much sharing of her life with him.

So that must have been a problem.

And then there were the differences in religion. They both said that that was no problem. "She's a genuinely good person and there aren't too many of them in the world," Barry said. But Sally did admit that she had wanted to convert to Judaism to please Barry and his parents. She enrolled at the University of Judaism to study and then be converted. But, as she says, "I wanted to, but in the end I didn't."

Finally, they had to admit that there were just too many problems, too many differences. They had to talk about it and face it. And so for the second time they thought, *we'll never make it*. And with love, because they still do love each other, they broke up.

But who knows? With all that love, they might still get together for a third time.

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never knows what next season will bring. And, although his "Partridge" albums are selling like mad at the moment, one never knows when the buyers will turn and find a new idol.

David, as we have been told, is a bit worried.

"Show business is my whole life," he once told me. "I really live and breathe it. No, I don't date much because I am working so hard on my career. No," he continued when I asked him about marriage, "I don't think I will get married until I happen to be much older. I am so busy with my career that I can't think of going steady let alone getting married. It wouldn't be fair to any girl to even go steady with me because I'm on the run so much of the time. My weekends are taken up by meetings, interviews and travel.



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