

Meeting the “King” came as a huge shock to the “Last Kiss” singer!

This is what Elvis Presley looked like in 1974 when David Cassidy met him at the Presley estate, “Graceland.” The King never let his guard down for a moment!>>>> David recalls his encounter with Elvis

In 1972, at the height of his success as a teen heartthrob, girls fainted in droves whenever David Cassidy gave concerts

“Meryl was there during the photo shoot with Samantha Fox,” David laughs, referring to the alleged “sex scandal with the English model!”

Shortly before David Cassidy flew back to his native America for a few weeks of vacation, POP/Rocky met with him for an interview in London. Read what the charming heartthrob revealed about his fateful encounter with Elvis Presley, his marriages, and his future!

POP/Rocky: Is it true that Elvis Presley had something to do with your decision in 1974 to turn your back on show business?

David: Yes, I met Elvis at his mansion, “Graceland,” back then. He struck me as a tragic figure. Elvis and I talked about music for a while. I liked his sense of humor, but the King never let his guard down for a single moment! That shocked me immensely. I suddenly realized where I myself might end up one day.

That realization made my retirement much easier!

POP/Rocky: How did it come about that Elvis invited you?

David: His daughter Lisa-Marie, who was six years old at the time, was a big fan of mine. She once visited me, accompanied by her mother Priscilla, during the

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Filming “The Partridge Family.” When Priscilla walked up to me, my heart nearly stopped beating from the excitement! She was the most beautiful woman I’d ever met! Later, I heard that little Lisa-Marie had felt something similar toward me when we shook hands. By the way, Priscilla and Elvis could hardly believe that their daughter was already crushing on a pop star at that age!

POP/Rocky: Why did your first marriage to Kay Lenz fall apart?

David: Kay and I simply had too different outlooks on life. We couldn’t find common ground, so we split up.

POP/Rocky: You don’t seem to have those problems in your second marriage to Meryl?

David: Not at all. Meryl and I have complete trust in each other. She’s my best friend and stands by me through thick and thin. What more could a man want?

POP/Rocky: How and where did you two meet?

David: Through our shared hobby: horses. In 1975, Meryl bought a horse from me. I was already breeding thoroughbreds back then. Meryl and her ex-husband had their horses stabled on the same farm as mine. That’s how our friendship began. We also had a lot of mutual friends in Kentucky.

POP/Rocky: Meryl brought her daughter Caroline into your marriage. Are you planning to have children together?

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David: I’m still a kid myself (he laughs mischievously). Well, right now I don’t want any kids. I’m fully focused on my career. It would be unfair to bring children into the world that I couldn’t take care of. But I love kids more than anything and treat Caroline like my own flesh and blood.

POP/Rocky: What does the LP title “Romance” mean to you?

David: A great deal, because I dedicated this title to my wife. I’ll never forget our first night together!

POP/Rocky: For a picture disc version of your single “Romance,” you posed provocatively with model Samantha Fox... and promptly got into trouble with Meryl!

David: That whole thing was meant purely as a publicity stunt for the press and record buyers. So my PR people did a good job, because most newspapers wrote about it. What isn’t true, though, is that there were no scenes of jealousy or even a marital spat! Meryl was there during the photo shoot and even gave us some advice! As for Samantha: Sure, she’s a girl with a lot of sex appeal, but that’s no reason for me to flip out!

POP/Rocky: Do you ever come to Germany for concerts?

David: I’ll definitely be giving concerts in England. As things stand today, I’ll most likely be coming to Germany in late fall as well.

David is delighted with the POP/Rocky T-shirt, which he received from London correspondent Hanne Jordan