

Katy's Confessions

Perry's movie, *Part of Me*, details why she and **Russell Brand** split

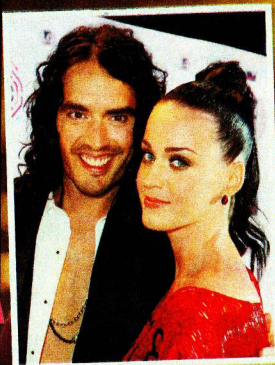
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The Distance Issue

ABSENCE MAKES THE heart grow... lonely. Katy Perry struggles throughout the documentary *Part of Me* — shot during her year-long 2011 world tour — to keep her marriage to Russell Brand intact. From the outset, the singer, 27, instructs her management that she will go "no more than two weeks" without seeing

Brand, 37 (she travels from Austria to L.A. to spend just a few days with him). Cut to seven months into her tour: An exhausted Perry studies a calendar on a private plane, implores her

staffers, "Where are my relationship days?" then becomes irate upon learning she's going 18 days without seeing her husband. The tension boils over when a colleague asks if Brand will visit *her*. Her testy response? "He should be, but he's not." Finally, Perry looks to the camera and pleads, "I'm trying to keep my marriage alive!" Clearly she's in pain. Later in the film, she wells up when her older sister tries on wedding dresses!

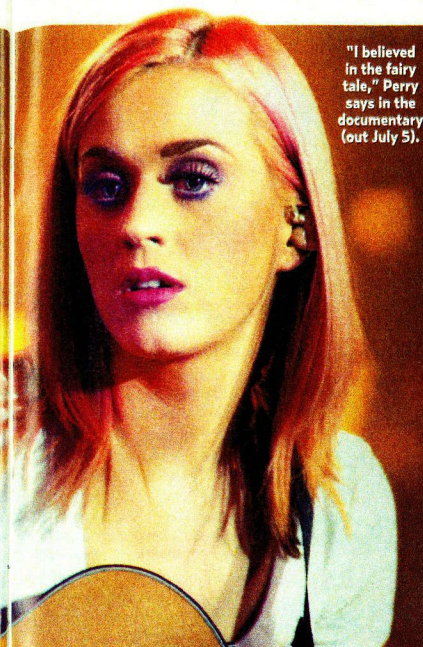


★ Their Courtship ♥

IN THE EARLY SCENES — BEFORE her relationship unravels — Perry gets mushy talking about Brand. They met when she filmed a cameo in *Get Him to the Greek* (which was later cut). Her first impression of the actor-comedian? "He's cute!" She recalls that on their first date in September 2009 in NYC, they talked for two and a half hours. "They fell in love so fast," her stylist says wistfully. Indeed, the pair got engaged less than four months later, over New Year's Eve in Jaipur, India.



Brand with Jonah Hill in *Greek*.

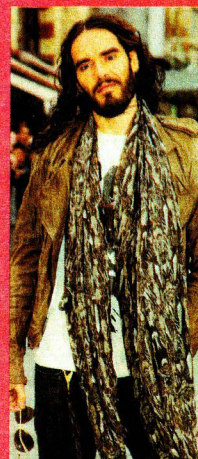


"I believed in the fairy tale," Perry says in the documentary (out July 5).

Russell's Reaction

He finds her behavior "immature"

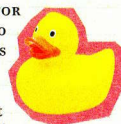
Brand views the high-voltage film as classic Katy Perry. "She throws tantrums, and the movie is just another version of that," says a Brand source. "He thinks that Katy's immature. He's like, 'This is why we couldn't be together. She's a drama queen and loves attention.'" As for why Brand visited Perry so infrequently on the road, a second Brand source notes, "He hated going to see her on tour because he felt he was just part of the entourage — not her husband. But when she came to see him, it was just the two of them, and he was happier."



Brand "is ready to move on," says a source.

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BRAND SEEMED READY FOR parenthood. Perry, not so much. In one scene, Brand texts a picture from a McDonald's and jokes that the two should name their kid Ronald. But a few minutes later, Perry admits matter-of-factly that babies are not in her immediate future. "A baby can't have a baby — and I'm still a baby." A Brand source confirms to *Us* that children were a sore spot: He "feels there's no point in being married if you don't have kids."



💧 The Breakup 💧

PERRY HITS ROCK bottom in Brazil. As 25,000 fans chant her name in a São Paulo stadium, the star is curled up in a makeup chair, weeping and clutching a necklace that Brand once gave her. Even after Perry collects herself, she swallows more tears — in full costume — until the second before she steps on the stage. Three months later, Brand announced their split. Perry later concludes, "I did everything I could, but it still failed."

