
About Kacie and Simon

Posted by Tara - 2005/08/17 20:50

Simon (26) and Kacie (26)

Los Angeles, CA

Simon comes from a very strict, old-fashioned Pakistani family that believes in wives dressing demurely, staying at home, and taking care of the family. Kacie is a modern, outspoken woman. This couple does not agree on much, and the culture clash is affecting how they raise their four year old daughter. Both Simon and Kacie agree on one thing; marriage is forever, so they need help finding common ground.

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by hsmom - 2005/08/18 22:58

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by Nadia - 2005/08/19 06:15

your right hs this should be interesting but I can't wait!!!! :laugh:

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by Halfdollar - 2005/08/19 07:52

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BANDITA HD!

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by SOChick19 - 2005/08/19 21:19

HD,

How are we to know what they agreed on before they got married? Maybe they still agree upon them now, but roles have changed. But in my never-to-be-humble opinion, they have the best shot in the house. A quiet Pakistani man loved a vivacious, outgoing woman enough to love, respect, honor, and marry her.

And in this day in age of step-half sisters twice removed on my step-mother's side and marriages that are composed of kids from two and three marriages with grandparents raising their great-grandchildren, the fact that they believe their marriage can and will last forever is not only refreshing, but touching. That means they're willing, no matter what their differences to work through them.

But at least, look at it this way, the husband, who sounds very traditional, was brave enough to make a "quantum leap," in the words of our beloved blonde LC, and come to the SOH. An idea I'm willing to bet was his wife's ;)

Enough for now, I'm packing up my soapbox I_ | ^
Back to lurking... (me w/ box)

SOChick19

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by SOChick19 - 2005/08/19 21:21

ok, that picture didn't come out right, lets try it again

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I_ | ^ me, w/ a soapbox

Peace

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by SOChick19 - 2005/08/19 21:22

I give up, darnit

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by hsmom - 2005/08/19 23:00

Funny, SOChick. Glad to have you around. I think I can relate to this couple the most. I am outgoing, my hubby very traditional, and conservative, and quiet, and reserved~~ That is enough for now. Even though we are both Christians, we have our differences. I am interested to see how their relationship can improve with the show's help.

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by turtle - 2005/08/20 08:42

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Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by earthmomma - 2005/09/16 07:42

Well I can't say the I can really relate to any of the couples, but I was married to an Egyptian for what turned out to be a green card venture for him, and a year and a half in hell for me. So of all the couples this one might give me something to talk about. I'll see...

:dry: Earthmomma

Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by Babyface - 2005/09/16 12:15

I think this couple will be interesting.... And I am also curious about what the LC's assignments will be for them. Can't wait til Monday! And of course the discussion after wards. ;)

Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by jaxmom - 2005/09/19 14:46

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I totally forgot about that. Rhonda will be a disaster with them. I can't wait to learn more about their cultures though

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by kari79 - 2005/09/20 12:08

Well I know first hand the conflicts being married to a Pakistani as I am married to one. Simon on today's show says it is not cultural to own his wife, it definitely is as my husband says the same things to me that he says some word for word! They obviously learn some of those phrases in school? I can't believe he is not muslim as in Pakistan the culture and religion are bonded together. When they showed pictures of Kacie's wedding it was a muslim ceremony for her to wear that dress. I think Simon is confused of what religion he really belongs to and needs more counseling then this show can really offer him. He is stuck between the American and Pakistani culture he wants the best of both worlds. Pakistani men don't have their ears pierced its not in their culture, men aren't to wear jewelery either part of their religion/culture! When you are dating a Pakistani you don't talk about how you are going to raise your kids, the wife they will expect you to be after you are married, etc it just happens after you are married they expect this upon you. They expect you to change so much and yet you are still the same person when you first met them. I have compromised in a lot of situations with my husband and we are on common grounds now after a lot of fights in the beginning. I stand my ground! It is always a challenge being married to someone from a different culture especially one that is so strict as to ours with women. I have a son with my husband and am really quite happy that we had one as they celebrate by giving everyone treats when a boy is born, but when a girl is born they don't celebrate. They look on baby girls as being almost a burdon. My husband had told me that when I was pregnant that if it was a girl she would have to be raised in Pakistan with his family otherwise she would become a slut here. They think our culture is bad and corrupt and there kids will be horrible if they grow up here. In Pakistan they don't have social security, when your parents get old the son is to provide for his parents. So that is why a son is such a celebration for them. When a daughter gets married she leaves the home and moves to her husbands house and becomes part of his family. They are constantly worried about how their daughters will turn out in our culture. As they are not allowed to date or do anything with the opposite sex until they are married. If a girl gets caught with a man whom she is not married to they are usually killed and a disgrace to their family. A girl is only allowed to shake hands with their brother, husband or dad no one else as a lot of men over there marry their cousins! ick! The men often show resentment to their American wife after marriage because she is not Pakistani and did not change overnight to their culture. Well being I know so much about this I just had to share this to some of the other viewers so you can understand its not Kacie's fault they didn't discuss all this before marriage. She like all the other Americans married to Pakistani men didn't know they would expect so much of them after the wedding. I'm going to Pakistan in November and am excited/scared about going. I will try to blend in my best with the others, but now I will get tons of looks! If a women is wearing a jeans and a teeshirt there and is form fitted they will be stoned to death! That is why Pakistani men think most American women are bad and easy. The very best thing about being married to a Pakistani has to be that they take care of everything! The woman doesn't have to stress about anything! They are old fashioned in their culture and thinks that the man provides for the family and the wife does the stuff around the house. It works for me! I still work full-time, but don't have to. My husband pays all the bills so I always have my entire paycheck to go shopping with. I have gotten everything I need/want from him no matter what it is.

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by mydogkat - 2005/09/20 12:19

Kari, thank you for sharing. You add an interesting bit of wisdom that I certainly had no idea about.

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by honeyspur - 2005/09/21 10:37

Kari - I was really impressed with your insight. It's interesting to know just how many people out there are experiencing what Kacie and Simon are going through.

I go between being frustrated with Simon and being happy with him. Today when he was sitting alone and Iyanla pulled him out of his shell, I felt the victory. But when he was reading his journal entry about what he needed from Kacie to feel respected, he didn't seem completely honest about the assignment.

I guess I feel that way about Kacie too, but feel more sympathy for her because of her past. She does seem passive-aggressive, which must make Simon stay in the controlling role. You have to stand up for yourself at some point, no matter what your past is. It's a risk you have to take.

So we'll see how things develop. I definitely want to see Simon learn how to open up.

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by reed - 2005/09/22 10:24

After all that kari wrote, I was waiting for her to close with something about what her husband brings to the relationship. If this is the tape that you play in your mind everyday, maybe we can expect to see your couple soon on starting over.

And as for the word "incompatible," what ever happened to the words "loving relationship"? Compatibility is just another word word for selfishness and self-centeredness.

My relationship is also international, intercultural, and inter-religious. We have to communicate a lot. I don't know where we would be if we did not have the love.

I have confidence in the counselors, but I also believe some of those writing in could learn a lot from the five points that they listed in the beginning.

Good Luck!

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by 2cents - 2005/09/22 12:19

reed....I do not understand what you mean when you say :

"Compatibility is just another word for selfishness and self-centeredness."

How is that???

I feel differently as far as love.
You can love alot of people....but compatibility will make it work.

I love alot of people.Could I live with them all???
Heck no !!! :blink:

Webster's II Dictionary ;

compatible....capable of living or performing in harmonious,agreeable,or friendly association with another.

just my 2cents :)

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by harleigh69 - 2005/09/22 13:45

Thanks so much for sharing. It was interesting. Did anyone else see Simon cross himself at the dining room table today before he ate?? That is so far from being Muslim. I find Simon to give off such mixed messages. But I guess what bothers me the most is how these two blindly stepped into marriage and parenthood without discussing the basics. For them to be this far in their relationship and him still think he owns her body and that he can tell her what to wear and what not to wear. Kacie on the other hand appears like she jumped into a marriage just to escape her horrible childhood. Unfortunately, these 2 have so many HUGE issues to get through and they already have brought another life into the

picutre. That to me is very selfish and irresponsible.

It appears that Kacie is genuine in wanting to resolve the things that drove the 2 of them apart. Simon on the other hand seems to have this silent control thing going on.....kind of like I came here, what else do you want from me. He is so at ease with the other men in the house but the minute Kacie comes into the scene you can just see that jaw line of his clench. Kacie is not the only one who finds Simon's eyes scary. There is something about Simon that just doesn't sit well with me. JMHO I truly hope that Kacie finds the strength to express herself honestly and whoever she lives the rest of her life with, I hope she find the happiness she is lacking.

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by kari79 - 2005/09/22 13:55

Luck has little to do with relationships! It is a lot of hard work and devotion to make a marriage work, but is definitely worth it! My husband and I are happily married. I was making references in my previous post about the struggles there are to make it work with cultural and religious differences and how hard the first couple years of our marriage were. We have gotten through a lot of bumps in the road like even most american/american marriages except we had different bumps that most people don't know about and wanted to share those so viewers who don't know the difficulty of two different cultures coming as one in marriage. Don't hold your breath for my husband and I to appear on Starting Over! Yes we hit bumps in the road and yes we still come across issues, but we know that communication is the key and that is how we have gotten through so much and are still together!

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by dbmcmommy - 2005/09/22 20:45

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Posted by turtle - 2005/09/23 12:52

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I think you've got something there! While sharing their story the other day, Simon said their relationship began eight years ago. When Kacie was only 18!

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This is because, as she told iyania, when Simon gets angry, it shows in his eyes. And, it makes her feel unsafe. Because, his "angry" eyes look, to her, the same as the eyes of the man who molested her when she was living in a foster home.

Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by theTruthspeaks2all - 2005/09/23 13:37

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Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by BriarRose62 - 2005/09/25 05:04

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A very wise woman in my life once stated that its too easy to take the things you learn and apply them to others. Always apply it to yourself first!

I agree with you and her and found my life more enriched.

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Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by netty - 2005/09/25 09:52

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Re>About Kacie and Simon

Posted by MoonsCrescent - 2005/09/25 20:54

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One of the first things they both said at the beginning was that neither of their families approved of their marriage.

It's unfortunate that because they both so strongly believe that marriage is forever. I think they'll spend an eternity both wishing they could get out and start over.

I, too am in an inter-racial marriage and my husband and I don't share the same religion (or religious background). I had my parents marriage as a role model while my dh had his to learn from. His parents stayed married for 20+ years because they both followed the religous belief that marriage is forver. Because they insisted on staying married they turned out 2 grown kids who BOTH resent them for the pain and anger they each brought to their home. My dh (and his brother) always says that his childhood would have been a lot happier if his parents had split up when he was a kid.

I don't think Simon even takes this whole thing seriously. he's there to shut his wife up and probably to keep from looking like a jerk. What he fails to realize is that he looks like a jerk anyway. Kacie needs to get her daughter and run. She won't ever be able to "fix" herself with Simon around.

That's my 2 cents. You can keep the change. B)

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Re>About Kacie and Simon

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Posted by MoonsCrescent - 2005/09/25 21:01

I don't think Simon is there to actually fix anything. I think he's there because he wants KACIE fixed, as if he has no real issues.

I'll be the first to point out that marriage is not perfect. But I also know that my husband takes any issues that we have as OUR issues and not MY issues. And you better believe that no one ever has to tell my husband to put his arm around me when I cry. He has enough compassion to do it on his own.

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by Dragonfly - 2005/09/26 09:28

I think IV really hit the nail on the head today by telling Kacie she is manipulative (sp) and then got Simon to not only talk but he cried as he opened up and expressed his rue feelings. Kacie may not like being a 7 year old, but if the shoe fits.....

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by campingshadow - 2005/09/27 08:55

I thought Simon made a real breakthrough. He has been holding so tight to his emotions and has refused to deal with them up until now. I thought it was great that Iyanla held him and basically validated him when he started to let himself feel!!!

But what was with Kacie. She sat next to him like a lump with her arms crossed and shut him out. She has done nothing but complain that he isolated himself - then when he shows feelings she ignores him. She should have been holding him herself....instead she was more concerned about being called out for acting like a 7 year old.

I think Simon has come a long way and I respect him for his progress. I think Kacie is a spoiled brat and she needs to get past herself and invest in the relationship.

Shadow

Post edited by: campingshadow, at: 2005/09/27 11:56

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by netty - 2005/09/27 09:55

I think Kacie probably doesn't know how to deal with it. Ever happen to anyone else here? You want something, but when you get it, you don't know what to do with it?

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by minn306 - 2005/09/27 10:37

maybe it is just me but I am having a hard time "understanding" this couple.

Are they in the house to get help or show how they are the "hurting" one??

Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by netty - 2005/09/27 10:41

A little of both I think

Hopefully in their attempt to point out their individual "rightness", they will discover some healing.

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by minn306 - 2005/09/27 10:45

I agree.....hopefully they will find happiness in themselves, along with each other.

This would be my hope for all the couples at the SO house!!

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by NYgirl65 - 2005/09/29 14:31

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Posted by turtle - 2005/09/29 15:11

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Before Season 3 began, I wondered if Simon and Kacie's marriage was arranged. Obvuiosly, it wasn't. Simon's parents were originally opposed to his marrying Kacie. Probabltly because they were both so young, only 18. It took them several years, he said, to accept her.

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Posted by turtle - 2005/09/29 15:17

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Posted by Mercredi - 2005/09/29 20:19

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Well if Kacie is not AA, what do you think she is?:laugh:

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Re:About Kacie and Simon

Posted by MoonsCrescent - 2005/09/30 08:26

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