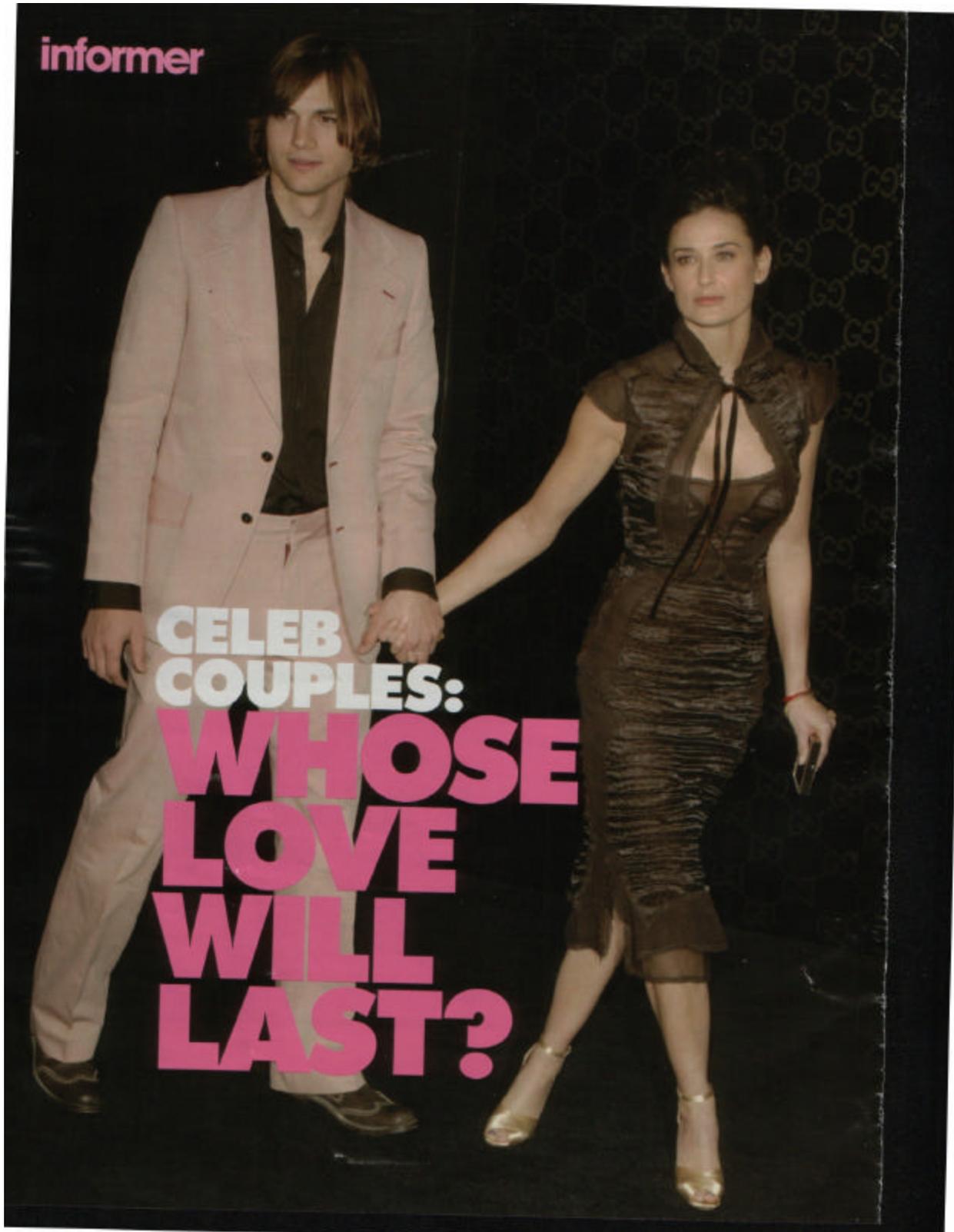


Celeb Couples: Whose Love Will Last? Read what Patti has to say about several celebrity couples in Cosmopolitan's June 2004 issue.

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Body-language expert Patti Wood analyzed the nonverbal cues given off by some of Hollywood's hottest duos to find out which romances are rockin'...and which may be on the rocks.

By Lesley Goober

■ Coupling up in Hollywood can sometimes be more of a career builder than winning an Oscar. That's why high-profile pairs feel compelled to look happy and loving in public...even when that affection is forced. And while it's tough to distinguish a smitten duo from a pair of fakers, body-language experts such as Patti Wood can tell the difference. In fact, Wood says she can assess what's up with a couple simply by observing which person is always leading when they are walking together. "It's not necessarily bad if one person is usually in front," she explains. "It's how far in front they are, how they relate to their mate behind them, and how their mate reacts that can be very telling."

We asked Wood to analyze some of the hottest celeb twosomes in Tinseltown and reveal how strong their relationships are based on their sauntering styles. As it turns out, it's not about talking the talk...it's about walking the walk.



▲ **HEATH LEDGER AND NAOMI WATTS** 🍷🍷🍷

It's obvious that Heath calls the shots in this relationship. In the first picture, he walks a step in front of Naomi and holds her hand behind his body, which suggests that he's a little too obsessed with keeping their romance a secret. (It's normal for intensely private pairs to try to hide their

affection, but this is over-the-top.) But the really alarming sign is in the second picture. Heath is still in front, and Naomi grasps his hand in a needy way, while he gives her no warmth or tenderness in return. It seems like Naomi is trying to hold on to something that isn't there anymore.

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◀ **DEMI MOORE AND ASHTON KUTCHER** 🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷🍷

Demi is always out in front, taking charge. Her age and media experience make her the natural person to take the lead, and Ashton appears to be completely comfortable letting her run the show (note how he willingly allows her to guide him along in all three pictures). The way their bodies overlap in the second shot indicates extreme closeness and intimacy. And their strong, tight handhold in the last picture (near left) is more proof that these two can't get enough of each other...at least for now.

Couple Key

SEXUAL CHEMISTRY	LONG-TERM POTENTIAL
AMPLE AFFECTION	DANGER AHEAD



WOOD: PATTI WOOD; LEDGER AND WATTS: (top left) VANCE BUZZI (Patti Wood), (top right) KEVIN MAZUR (Patti Wood); MOORE AND KUTCHER: (middle left) JEFFREY MAYER (Patti Wood), (middle right) JEFFREY MAYER (Patti Wood)



Tom and Nicole

**YOU
COULD
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Tom and Penélope may have split in January, but this picture, taken at the *Last Samurai* premiere on December 1, indicates that they'd been on the outs for months.

The way Penélope steps out in front and pulls her lower body away from Tom's (as Nicole used to do in the latter days of her marriage to Tom) shows that there was no sexual connection between them. She's also pushing back on his hand as if she wants him to let go of her. This picture predicted that Penélope was getting frustrated by the lack of romance in their relationship.

▼ **JUDE LAW AND SIENNA MILLER**

Jude's not too far ahead of Sienna, which is good, but as he waves to the camera, he doesn't touch her to bring her into the picture, which would make her feel included. Sienna has an uneasy smile on her face, but Jude makes no effort to minimize her anxiety. Her cupped hand is waiting out at her side for him to grab, but he doesn't reach for it. Overall, Jude seems apathetic toward Sienna.



Justin and Britney

▲ **CAMERON DIAZ AND JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE**

In both shots, Cameron is in the lead. But Justin nips at her heels, indicating that he's a strong guy who won't be left behind (paparazzi shots of him and Britney indicate that he was always in the lead with her, so this is a bit of a change of pace for him). The strongest sign that these two are truly in love is the way their bodies are arched the exact same way. This shows that they are totally in sync.

► **BEYONCÉ AND JAY-Z**

Beyoncé and Jay-Z are very far apart in the first picture. Since they are trying to keep their romance under wraps, this isn't a huge red flag. The real problem is in the second shot. Jay-Z is several steps in front of Beyoncé, and he is closed off from her. The way Beyoncé's hands fall helplessly at her sides indicates that she's ill at ease in this environment, but Jay-Z is oblivious. In a crowded place, a man will generally try to walk evenly with the woman so he can protect her, but Jay-Z seems solely concerned about himself.

