

6 SIGNS THAT YOU'RE FALLING IN LOVE

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Asked by our lord and saviour Ananta Jalil Probably the First, "What is love?" Is it when you feel a fluttering of butterflies in your belly? A certain warmth in your heart? Or when your pupils dilate? The answer is: don't be stupid, your body is at 37 degrees Celsius and your pupils dilate for plenty of other reasons. For the record though, you might want to consider a diet change.

In any case, there's no real way to answer what love is. But, on the flip side, there are plenty of common symptoms of falling in love, and here are a few.

1. YOU'RE STALKING THEM

Yes, in today's world, people stalk each other all the time online, but real love makes you step up your game entirely. You must know about the number of exes they've had, have a copy of that one picture where they look terrible (which they deleted online) and know what they had for breakfast on the 32nd of January, 2007. You also need to be a time traveller and travel to a different timeline where a day is added to January instead of February during leap years, and don't worry because love will find a way.

2. YOU'RE BECOMING CHEESY/CORNY

Real love touches us deeply, changing our very essence no matter how strongly we fight it. To be honest, very few people actually like being cheesy or corny. Nevertheless, this is the most obvious sign you're falling in love because you're in some stage of metamorphosing into a piece of cheese or a cob of corn.

3. YOU'RE ALWAYS THINKING ABOUT THEM

Believe it or not, it's true. You're always thinking about a Northern Irish band formed in Belfast in April 1964, most prominently known for the garage rock standard "Gloria" and launching singer Van Morrison's musical career.

4. YOU FEEL MUCH MORE EMOTIONALLY CONNECTED

This, in my opinion, is such a strange thing. If you don't understand what I'm talking about, tell me: do you not feel sad when they do? Or hurt when they're hurt? This emotional connection is clearly a sign - that they've invented some variation of a Voodoo doll of you

which transmits their emotions and clearly shows they're dabbling in black magic and you should get away ASAP.

5. YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT HIM/HER TO EVERYONE

It might annoy the heck out of everyone, but you just can't stop talking about either the Finnish gothic rock band from

Helsinki or the 2013 American romantic science-fiction drama film written, directed, and produced by Spike Jonze.

6. YOU LAUGH AT ALL THEIR JOKES, EVEN THE BAD ONES

If you've laughed at any of the terrible jokes in this article, you're clearly falling in love with me.

Now that you've read through such an enlightening article and are armed with more knowledge than before, you now know that I have no idea how to tell if you're falling in love. I have, however, given you two bands and a movie reference. You're welcome.

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THE WAYS PEOPLE BREAK UP

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The other day I was scrolling through twitter and my feed was swamped with #awkwardbreakup tweets for The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon's segment "Hashtags". Reading a few of them reminded me of similar ridiculous ones I had witnessed happen all around me, some of them to my

actually use this as a legitimate reason, I apologise on behalf of all the people who give you sceptical looks due to their preconceived assumptions.

GHOSTING

Less of an excuse, more of a trend; Urban Dictionary defines it to be "the act of cutting off all forms of communication with your significant other in hopes of not having to deal with confrontation altogether". To me, however, it's basically the act of ignoring the elephant in the room until it goes away - a mechanism our society seems to have adapted in situations other than just relating to our love lives.

MOVING TO A DIFFERENT CONTINENT

Some people have gone through great lengths which include photoshopping their way into acquiring "evidence" of them abroad and providing their significant others with an in-depth writeup of all the reasons why a long distance relationship is not feasible for them at that very moment. Things get tricky however, when they post their "bideshi" sight-seeing pictures while the posts show "From Dhaka, Bangladesh" on the location icon.

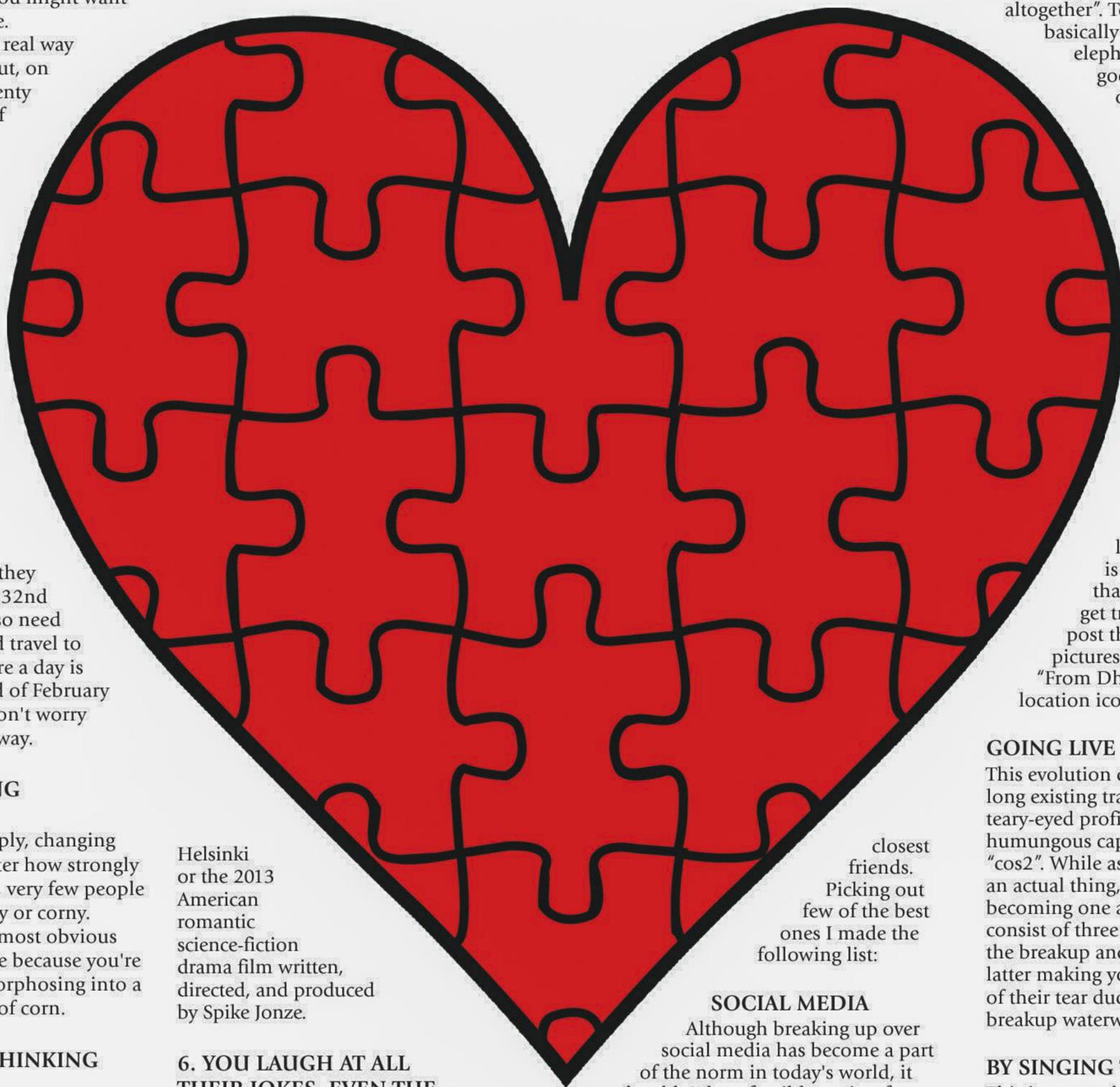
GOING LIVE ON FACEBOOK

This evolution derived itself from the long existing tradition of people posting teary-eyed profile pictures with humungous captions describing their "cos2". While asking people out live was an actual thing, breaking up on air is becoming one as well. The videos often consist of three stages - the initial reason, the breakup and the after effects, the latter making you frown at the existence of their tear ducts as a result of the post-breakup waterworks.

BY SINGING THEM A SONG

This is a complete no-no and are often used by people who take the phrase "music is a universal language" way too seriously. While singing to your significant other is sweet, singing to them with the sole purpose of breaking up is not. All in all, expressing every emotion through songs may seem inspiring to you while watching musical shows like Glee, but if there's a line between real life and television, this is where you draw it.

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closest friends. Picking out few of the best ones I made the following list:

SOCIAL MEDIA

Although breaking up over social media has become a part of the norm in today's world, it shouldn't be a feasible option for a number of reasons. For instance, suppose you're breaking up with someone over Facebook and you left a message for him or her. Your significant other, for whatever reason doesn't log in for a while and hears it from someone else first. The sheer awkwardness that follows is too painful to fathom for even an apathetic human being like me.

"AMMU MANA KORECHE"

This resembles hypocrisy to a whole new level as this excuse is often used by the rather "rebellious" chain-smoking playboys looking for an easy way out, subsequently making sure to keep a good boy façade going. To the ones who