

The Kardashians—with their enviable curves, sisterly vibe and multimillion-dollar business empire—have become unlikely American sweethearts over the last year. They've got three fragrances, several clothing lines, three TV shows, a husband, a boyfriend, a baby and more than 20 million Twitter followers between them. They own a killer retail chain, Dash, and they're giving Sears a sexy makeover with their Kardashian Kollection. This year the three collaborated on a novel, and, yes, at 27 (Khloé), 31 (Kim) and 32 (Kourtney), they already have a memoir.

And then, this fall, Kim announced her divorce after a whirlwind 72-day marriage to Kris Humphries. (Their wedding show was E!'s most-watched special ever.) Suddenly *everyone* had an opinion on the matter, from Kim's fans to *Saturday Night Live* to Salman Rushdie (on Twitter!). Some of the media was vicious, but I wanted to know how the sisters—so high-spirited on the show and during the *Glamour* shoot a month earlier—were really doing now. How were Khloé and Kourtney helping Kim cope?

When I arrived at Kourtney's house for our interview, the glam machine was in full gear, with two makeup artists kneedeep in lashes. The girls were eating oatmeal and wearing silk PJs (Kourtney) and gray hoodies (Kim and Khloé). Even at 8:30 A.M. these women looked hot, but the mood felt subdued. This wasn't the zany, fun world we see on Keeping Up With the Kardashians. The energy in this kitchen was more thoughtful. Kim's fairy tale, after all, had just come undone. We talked about being sisters, the end of dreams, and breakups. Here was reality. GLAMOUR: OK, girls, the media insists on defining you, but how do you define yourselves? Kourtney is the "____" one, Khloé is the "___" one, and Kim is the "___" one. What goes in the blanks?

KOURTNEY: I would say I'm the wise one. But I think I was the bossy one growing up.
KIM: She would force me to do so many things—clean her bookshelves, organize her books from shortest to tallest. She was so mean to me!

KHLOÉ: I'm the wild child. I march to the beat of my own drum.

KIM: [Going through Khloé's phone.] I would agree.

KHLOÉ: You weren't even listening! And don't go through my pictures! There are sexual ones with me and Lammy.

KIM: Oh, ew! [Puts down the phone quickly.] I would say Kourtney is the most grounded, and Khloé is the free spirit. But she's also the most sensitive.

GLAMOUR: And Kim?

KHLOÉ: I think Kim is the dreamer in the family. She's also very shy, and I don't think people know that she's shy.

GLAMOUR: That's hard to believe! I know you're all businesswomen, but if one of you has a business question, who do you call?

KIM: If it's a technical or contractual question, Kourtney. She reads all the fine lines.

KOURTNEY: They don't question anything; they just do what Mom says. But I like to make sure we're doing the right things.

KIM: Well, sometimes I'll just have to figure stuff out myself because Kourtney is too busy with the baby, or Khloé's just, you know, busy with Lamar.

KHLOÉ: And I'm "busy with Lamar"? Like that's my only extracurricular?

кім: It really is.

KHLOÉ: No, it's not. I do a lot of other things besides just hanging out with Lamar!

GLAMOUR: Khloé, you met Lamar and got married very quickly. Are you a romantic? KHLOÉ: No, I never was. I used to love 'em and leave 'em before I got emotionally attached. Lamar came out of left field. I didn't want a boyfriend. I was feeling really good about myself—I'd just lost 30 pounds, and I loved being single.

GLAMOUR: What love advice would you give to your sisters?

KHLOÉ: Kim and Kourtney have only been in relationships; they go from one to

another. Before Lamar, I'd been single for years. And I feel like I get my strength from being single, because I learned from my breakups. So when I met Lamar, I was very secure with who I am, and I'm not a shit taker! I could read through the games Lamar was playing, and I was not having it. And 30 days later we were married.

GLAMOUR: So Kim and Kourtney, you guys were never single for very long?

KIM: Kourtney has these 10-year-long relationships. Me, I have a pretty good amount of two-, three- and four-year relationships. GLAMOUR: Kourtney, are you getting married soon?

KOURTNEY: No. I'm really not. What Scott and I have is working how it is, so I don't want to change that. And growing up, I was never like, "I can't wait for my wedding!" That was never me.

GLAMOUR: Kim, was that you?

кім: I think so.

GLAMOUR: Last year at this time, you were single and saying, "God, it's good to be single!" And then the next month you met Kris. What happened?

KIM: I can't really talk about it. But one thing that frustrates me is that from the start people were saying, "They've made \$17 million off the wedding! The wedding cost \$10 million!" So now everyone feels like it was done for the wrong reasons, when none of those amounts are even close to being the truth. I'll also say that I think I'll always be a hopeless romantic.

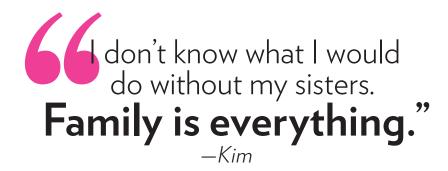
GLAMOUR: What do you mean by that?

KIM: It means that I believe in love and the dream of having a perfect relationship, but my idea of it has changed. I think I need to not live in a fairy tale like that. I think I maybe need to just snap out of it and be a little more realistic.

KHLOÉ: I love Kim's belief in love and the fact that she feels so strongly about it. She has that dream every girl has.

KIM: Well, I don't think I have it right now. KHLOÉ: Which is fine, but I'm your sister and I know why you don't have it right now. But I know you will get it again.

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KIM: I hope I do. But by then I hope maybe I'm a little bit more realistic.

GLAMOUR: Realistic about what?

ким: The fact that what I want isn't possible. кньое: What, a guy on a white horse coming to get you? That doesn't happen!

KIM: I don't know. I always wanted what Mom and Dad had. And at first I was like, I want six kids. Then I went down to four, then I was down to three...and now I'm like, maybe I won't have any. Maybe I'll just be a good aunt.

KHLOÉ: But Mom and Dad got a divorce, and she met Bruce. And you were a child; you don't know what Mom and Dad had. As an outsider looking in, it probably looked like paradise.

KIM: At this moment in my life, I feel like maybe I'm not supposed to have kids and all that.

KHLOÉ: Oh my God. Don't be dramatic all of a sudden!

KIM: That's how I feel. Maybe my fairy tale has a different ending than I dreamed it would. But that's OK.

GLAMOUR: Do you think you'll ever want to discuss this difficult time in your life?

KIM: I think at some point. You know, I do share so much of my life on a reality show that there are some things in life that, you know, I want to be private about. And I think this whole experience has taught me that maybe I want to be a little more private about my life than I initially thought.

GLAMOUR: How have your sisters helped you get through this divorce?

KIM: Family is everything. They get you

through the best of times and the worst. I don't know what I would do without them. I wouldn't be able to get through all the things I've gone through without my sisters, and I think vice versa. No matter what, there's no judgment here within our sisterly bond, and we know that.

GLAMOUR: If each of you had a love question, who would you call first?

KHLOÉ: I don't call anyone. I've learned that the more you involve other people in your relationships, the more opinions you'll get. But no one really knows the whole story or what happens behind closed doors. So I keep things to myself, and we work it out as a couple.

кім: I talk to my mom about it.

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KHLOÉ: Kim calls everyone.

KIM: I know I do. I'm an indecisive person—if I can't decide what color nail polish to wear, I'll call 10 people and be like, pink or white?

GLAMOUR: Was there a time in your lives when you weren't as close?

KOURTNEY: Khloé went through a phase after my dad died when she was kind of a loner. She wouldn't even give me her address! I had to follow her home once, secretly, to see where she lived.

KHLOÉ: Whenever I saw them it reminded me of my dad. So I chose to really distance myself. But it ended up hurting me more than helping me.

KOURTNEY: Then I made Khloé move in with me. I don't know how I convinced her. Khloé: I think it was just time. **GLAMOUR:** Is it hard to balance your work schedules with your personal lives?

KHLOÉ: My family comes first, so I go to every home game of Lamar's. And I like to cook dinner as often as I can. I have to make it a priority, because it's the way I make time for my family.

GLAMOUR: On a lighter note, it seems like comedians love to have fun with you guys. Did you see the recent *Saturday Night Live* skit about Kim's "divorce special"?

KIM: We were literally crying.

KHLOÉ: It's so funny. It's obviously a joke, that's not who we are. But it's hysterical.

GLAMOUR: What's the craziest thing that you've ever read about yourselves?

KHLOÉ: The thing about Kim's butt exploding on a private plane.

KIM: They said that I have a fake butt, and that it exploded one time when—

KOURTNEY: —she was at a high altitude!

GLAMOUR: [Laughs.] Do you have any
New Year's resolutions?

KIM: I always say I'm going to eat healthier, and I never do. But I've been getting better.
KHLOÉ: Uh, I was in Australia with you—those Tim Tams [Australian cookies]. You were not eating healthy, honey.

KOURTNEY: Mine is to be nicer to Scott. And I want to push the limits a little more when it comes to fashion design. To be able to grow with the process is amazing.

KIM: I'm going to really give back more and not make everything so much about myself. That's my New Year's resolution! ■

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What really went down with Kim and Kris? Only her sisters know: They were there for her every step of the way.



