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Subject: 1232-TOM/KATIE-MORE EXPERT QUOTES ON SURI IDEALIZING TOM

FROM DR. DEAN LEAV, PSYCHOLOGIST ON SURI/TOM:

1. Suri would idealize Tom if they had a healthy parent-child relationship when they were together. If Tom was distant and inattentive towards Suri, then it would be difficult for her to idealize him. She may even feel somewhat relieved that he is out of the picture.
2. There is a high likelihood that Suri misses Tom and would like to spend more time with him. There is a special bond that exists between father and daughter. The father is a main source of strength and courage for the daughter. Having Tom around would help give Suri the strength to endure the challenges triggered by the divorce. Suri may be feeling very frightened by all that is happening around her because Tom is not there to protect her.
3. Because Tom is away, Suri may feel a sense of abandonment. She may question if Tom actually loves her and is committed to her.



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