

## BACK (YOU CAN'T GO)

“Second time around, shame on me.” — Sal “The Fish” Love.

“Don’t repeat yourself, or your mistakes.” — Reverend Love.

“The less she knows, the longer you last.” — Fast Eddie Love.

Tom broke up with Caprice. They missed each other. After two weeks, they bumped into each other at the library. They ended up talking for a couple of hours about all the good times — not the bad times that caused the breakup. Caprice convinced Tom to “give it another shot.”

You may watch a soap opera or read an article about a couple remarrying or reuniting after she almost killed the guy (all being forgotten!). It might work on TV or the big screen, but it doesn’t work on “the street.”

Tom can’t go back to Caprice because of all the bloodletting and resentment. They had their time together, and to go back is to go back to all the issues that turned them off to begin with — reasons that still exist! It’s just a waste of energy and time to beat the proverbial “dead horse.”

You always hear about the one Hollywood couple who is so happy the second time around. You never hear about the million other real-life couples who also tried to “re-make it” but only ended up where they started – hating each other. Just think of the girls those guys might have met if they had clean slates.

The Reality Factor says that when you go back, you go back to a dirty slate. You can’t go back because there is only now and the future – what’s done is done. Men who believe that with enough time a woman will “see the light” still believe in tooth fairies — and that you can go back! Remember, you can’t go back because:

1. She will get rid of you (again).
2. She hasn’t changed.
3. She is going to hurt you some more. Get it, hardhead?