

BRAD'S BREAKDOWN

BRAD PITT is a sensitive soul with a fragile ego, who was rescued from the depths of despair by his loving wife, Jennifer Aniston, say sources.

"I crashed and burned, so I wanted to understand how I operate," the Spy Game star says about the year-and-a-half he spent on the psychiatrist's couch.

But insiders claim that it was Friends star Aniston, Pitt's wife of 18 months, who is most responsible for centering the mega-bucks screen idol.

"Brad usually plays the tough guy anti-hero onscreen, but inside, he's a very sweet, kindhearted person," a source close to Pitt tells GLOBE. "It hasn't been easy for him to navigate all alone through the savage jungle of Hollywood.

"Once he found Jennifer, though, it's been smooth sailing for him. Her love has helped him handle the downside of fame and life in a fishbowl."

Pitt, 37, who was twice named People magazine's Sexiest Man Alive, got his first big break in the hit film Thelma & Louise. Since then, he's been romantically linked to several actresses, including Robin Givens and Juliette Lewis, and was once engaged to beauty Gwyneth Paltrow.

But Aniston, 32, won his heart for good and, in 1998, the couple wed in Malibu in a \$1 million ceremony overlooking the Pacific Ocean.



How devoted wife JENNIFER rescued him from shrink's couch

"Until Jennifer came along, Brad seemed uncomfortable being a celebrity," the source explains. "But being married to her gives him an accomplice in fame. They can laugh about it together and forget about the downside of being one of the most famous couples in the world."

The screen heartthrob is quick to point out the drawback of fame.

"It's just a huge trap," explains Pitt, who commands \$17.5 million a film. "We famous people are treated as special and you

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start to believe it. I fight it, but at times I succumb. The money and power crushes everything."

But with Aniston at his side, he can better withstand the pressure.

"They ground each other," says the insider. "Marrying Jennifer has freed Brad up to just be himself. She took the spotlight off Brad the star and put it on Brad the person."

Now, Pitt is hoping to be a dad. "I find myself looking forward to a family," he says. "Anything to take the focus off of me, I welcome."

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