

Nicole's

How Keith betrayed her

BEFORE landing in rehab

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KEITH URBAN lied to Nicole Kidman from the day they said "I do," claiming he'd kicked his addiction to booze and drugs - and now friends fear his stunning relapse will lead to a quick divorce.

But to make matters worse, sources say the country crooner's woes could lead to an even greater heartbreak for Nicole - losing custody of her children to ex-husband Tom Cruise!



The ENQUIRER has learned Keith, 39, nearly died after a booze-fueled cocaine binge - prompting Nicole, also 39, to rush to his side when he checked into rehab on Oct. 19.

While the talented actress has stood by Keith so far, she is devastated by his relapse, friends reveal. And there's no denying that after only four months of marriage, Nicole now knows Keith has been lying to her about being clean. With her young marriage built on this foundation of lies, Nicole can't count on a happy future and that's an agonizing realization for her.

"Nicole is absolutely devastated by Keith's relapse - and she's dreading another divorce," a close friend told The ENQUIRER.

"She's heartsick that Keith lied to her about his sobriety. She knew he was vulnerable to substance abuse, but she was assured that he had his problems well under control when they wed.

"Her heart goes out to Keith," but insiders say it will be difficult to forgive him for lying to her.

Grammy-winner Keith first kicked his cocaine and alcohol addiction after a stay in the Cumberland Heights treatment center in Nashville, Tenn., in 1998.

He relapsed briefly a few years



Nicole has stood by Keith since they got married in June, but his latest setback might be the last straw