



"He just led her down the hall and everyone heard a door slam."

Five hours passed.

"Tom forcing Nicole to stay confined until she agreed to a divorce deal is the most brutal example of controlling behavior," says Dr. Carole Lieberman, a noted Beverly Hills psychologist.

"The staff got increasingly anxious as time wore on," the insider reveals. "They knew Nicole wasn't backing down or Tom wouldn't be in there hour after hour."

"When he finally left, Nicole's eyes were red and puffy from crying. She just went into her bedroom and shut the door and didn't come out until the next morning."

According to the source, at issue are:

- The \$65 million in cash Nicole wants from Tom. He's

only offered \$45 million.

- Nicole's demand for \$3 million a year for the next 11 years.

- Nicole's demand to continue sharing in the millions he makes from his films, including 15 percent of his earnings from future Mission: Impossible movies.

- Who pays what percentage of the divorce's legal fees.

- Who will get the \$8 million Los Angeles mansion, the \$3.6 million Australian home and \$350,000 yacht, the \$33 million Telluride, Colo., home and

surrounding property, the nearly \$1 million New York apartment and the \$28 million Gulfstream airplane.

- Art worth \$8.5 million and almost \$2 million worth of jewelry, cars and other luxury items accumulated during their 10 years of marriage.

'Nicole was biting her lip and her hands were trembling'

SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE

MOST of Hollywood was taken by surprise when Tom and Nicole, who have two adopted children - Isabella, 8, and Connor, 6 - called it quits last February.

But a source says their household staff knew trouble was brewing when Tom spent his nights in the screening room.

"Several weeks before they broke up, Tom started sleeping on a couch with a blanket thrown over him," says the insider.

"One day, Nicole was out of the house and without telling her, Tom ordered a



moving van and he and his assistant packed up all of his personal belongings.

"When Nicole came in that evening, she started screaming, 'What's going on?' Tom told her, 'I'm leaving you.'"

"Nicole wailed, 'Why!' She was so upset, she lunged at him and ripped open his shirt. The buttons went flying."

Since the split, Tom has been romancing his Vanilla Sky co-star, Spanish beauty Penelope Cruz, and Nicole has been photographed with Italian movie mogul Fabrizio Mosca.

"From the moment Tom knew the marriage was over, he wanted all of the legal stuff to happen as soon as possible," says another insider. "And when Tom wants something, he wants it now."

"He simply refuses to allow the settlement to drag out into next year."