

# WHOOPI SAYS WHOA! AS BEAU PUSHES TO WED

WHOOPI GOLDBERG has often cold feet about walking down the aisle a fourth time, say pals — even though

she's crazy about her beau Michael Visbal.

"Whoopi and Michael are very happy together," confides an insider. But she's told him that she doesn't want to get married again.

When GLOBE's spokesman spotted them lunching in a Malibu eatery and taking a stroll, they looked as cozy as an old married couple. "They seemed like best

friends as well as lovers," says an eyewitness.

The 45-year-old Oscar winner met businessman Visbal, 45, in 1999 after her five-year relationship with actor Frank Langella crashed. Sources say he'd been pressuring her to tie the knot.

Whoopi has been married and divorced three times. Her exes include drug counselor Martin Alvin, filmmaker David Claessen and union official Lyle Trachtenberg. She's also romanced actors



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Whoopi and beau Michael grab a snack (left) and walk the dog in Malibu

Timothy Dalton, Gerard Depardieu and Ted Danson.

But friends believe Whoopi has finally found her soul mate in Visbal.

"She has a great thing going with him," confides a source close to the Hollywood Squares funnygal.

"They have an incredible chemistry going on — intellectually, emotionally and sexually."

Pals say the actress is deeply involved in a spiritual quest and has been studying the mystical Jewish book the cabala and believes her relationship is somehow connected.

"She keeps asking, 'Why are we here?' and 'What's the meaning of life?'" says the insider.

"She believes that she and Michael were brought together for some mystical reason.

"But Whoopi wants to know 'why' before taking the big step of plunging into marriage for the fourth time."

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