

Bruce & Kris Jenner THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS PARENTS

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New Idea sat down with the vivacious couple in LA last week to talk love, lavish weddings and life in the spotlight

It's not easy keeping a brood of 10 in check, but when you're the head of the Kardashian family, it pays to have a solid marriage.

'Mumager' Kris Jenner already had four kids – Kourtney, Kim, Khloe and Rob – when she met Olympian Bruce Jenner 21 years ago. He also had four kids and together they had daughters Kylie and Kendall.

Life as a Kardashian may have its ups and downs but

one thing this famous pair agree on is that they couldn't make it work if they didn't love each other...

Congratulations on Kim's wedding to Kris Humphries! You clearly loved every minute of planning it...

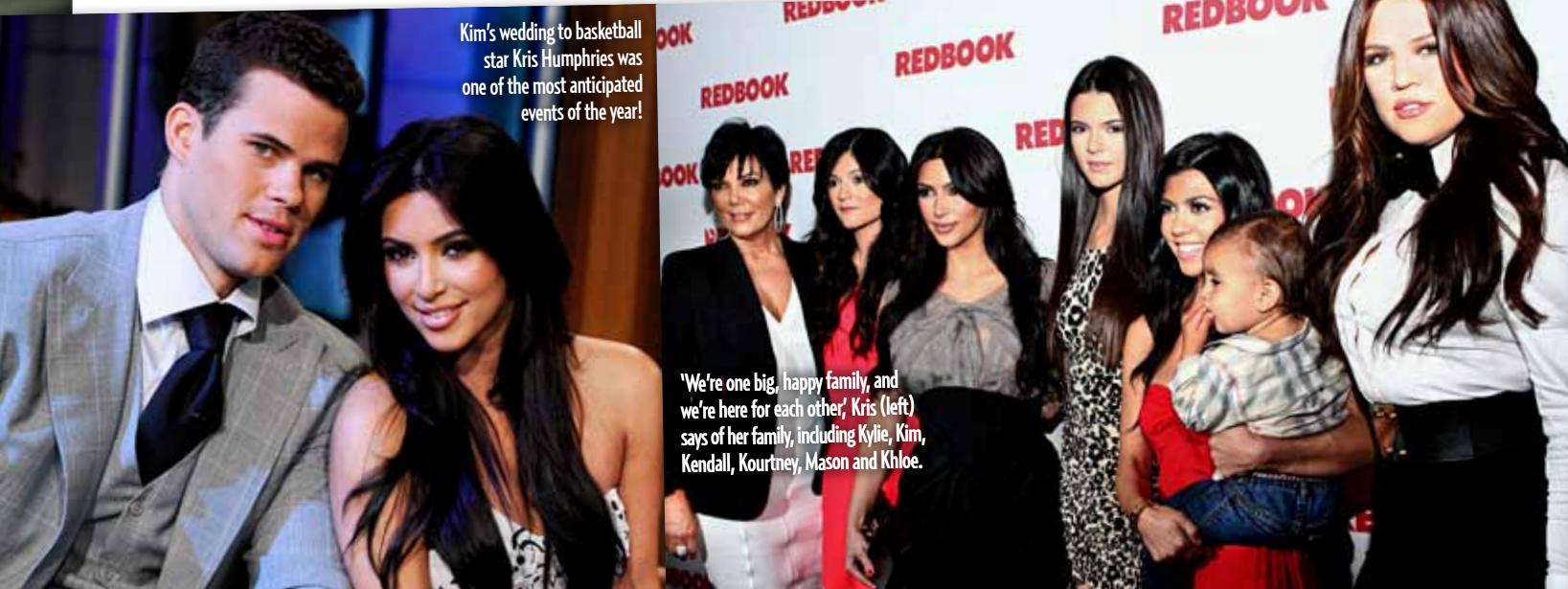
Kris: Seeing it unfold and the creativity that went into the planning was like a dream come true. Entertaining is one of my passions so something on that level was spectacular.

What would you say to those cruel posts on the internet that said the wedding was fake?

Kris: My head is always wrapped around business, and that's a lot of money to spend if you were going to fake a wedding! I don't think Kim gives that kind of criticism a second thought either. People will think whatever they want, and whatever we say probably wouldn't change anybody's mind.

Did you have the surgery on your neck to look good at the wedding?

Kris: I was very self-conscious. Kim would say 'gobble gobble' and it wasn't Thanksgiving, if you know what I mean. I listened to my grandmother my entire childhood – I'd stand next to her when she was getting dressed and she'd look in the mirror and say: 'My neck, my neck.' So I gave myself one thing for the rest of my life – it looks natural and gave me a confidence boost. ▶



Kim's wedding to basketball star Kris Humphries was one of the most anticipated events of the year!

'We're one big, happy family, and we're here for each other,' Kris (left) says of her family, including Kylie, Kim, Kendall, Kourtney, Mason and Khloe.

After 20 years of marriage, Bruce and Kris showed they're more in love than ever when New Idea visited them at home in LA for an exclusive photoshoot last week.



A modern-day Brady Bunch... With their 10 kids, Bruce and Kris give Mike and Carol Brady a run for their money in the happiness stakes.



How does Kris look so good? She swears by Nicole by OPI's Kardashian Kolors nail polishes, Unbreakable (Khloe and her husband Lamar's unisex fragrance) and Frownies Beautiful Eyes bag.

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Sometimes the girls can be mean on the show, is that hard?

Kris: The show is real, and we don't have scripts or preconceived notions of what we're going to be doing, so you see the good, the bad and the ugly. Thank God that with my kids, as crazy as they may be sometimes, three minutes later we're all warm and fuzzy again.

Bruce: If you think this is tough, I wish the cameras had been there when Kourtney, Kimberly and Khloe were teenagers!

So were you a strict dad?

Bruce: I was in a unique situation, especially when the girls were young and their dad Robert [who died in 2003 from cancer] was still alive. One of the first things I learnt is there's a difference between being a dad and a stepdad. Sometimes I'd call Robert and tell him what was going on, or talk to Kris and let them deal with it because some things they won't take from a stepdad. You have to find your place.

Kris, you've written a book called *Kris Jenner... and All Things Kardashian*. Do you two ever pinch yourselves at how your life has turned out?

Kris: I'm very thankful. I arrived home yesterday, saw the boxes with my book and started to cry – I wrote a book! It took my breath away. I thought to myself: 'This is the most surreal moment I've ever had.'

Bruce: *Keeping Up with the Kardashians* has been extraordinarily successful, which always amazes me. I feel very fortunate to be involved in it.

Kris, people were outraged you told Khloe to lose weight. Were you right?

Kris: To tell Khloe she needed to work on a certain issue is a mum talking to a daughter. But you can't worry about what someone is thinking or writing, you have to be true to yourself. We're just getting through life one day at a time, like anyone else.

Kim was on the *US Dancing with the Stars* and now it's Rob's turn. How has he been going?

Kris: Doing this has given him self-confidence and self-respect. I don't know what he's going to do when it's over. I'll just be so thankful for the experience he has had and how it has enriched him.

What's it like being grandparents?

Kris: It's a great role – you get all the joys and at the end of the day they go home! But sometimes I feel bad Kourtney's got to be up all night doing mummy stuff. **Bruce:** I don't – when they have a messy diaper, I just hand them back! I told the kids that at the last Christmas Eve party of my life I want 30 grandchildren there. We have 10 kids, so if each has three I could do it.

How do you find time for your family when you're so busy?

Kris: I feel like the luckiest woman in the world because

I get up every single day and work with my family.

Bruce: Our life revolves around the family, and the show has been great in that I get to work out of my house with my kids. It doesn't get any better than that!

How do you manage to find time for each other?

Kris: It's hard because there are so many things going on. But what's good for Bruce and I is how we manage to keep it together, and that's because we travel a lot. When you have that space it's really nice when you're finally back together again.

Bruce: You always make

sacrifices but I realise as hard as Kris works, she absolutely loves it. Little did I know that under all the fluff there was a mogul there. She's done a great job, and I give her the freedom to do what she loves.

Can you remember the first time you two met?

Bruce: Two people set us up on a blind date, and we were together from that point on. **Kris:** I really didn't want to go because I'd had it with guys... **Bruce:** ...and I'd been single for eight years. **Kris:** We didn't have any expectations. We came to the

table with the same amount of baggage – and not Louis Vuitton, if you know what I mean!

Bruce: ...kids – she had four and I had four.

Kris: We went skiing on one of our first dates with all the kids. Can you imagine 20 skis, 20 gloves, 20 poles?! You know, it was crazy, and this was before the two little ones! We knew that if we could survive that ski trip we would be good married.

Bruce: And we were married five-and-a-half months later.

So can you tell us your secret for a successful marriage?

Kris: I'm very vocal, so if

something bothers me I tell him what it is. I'm the type of person who needs to get it off my chest.

Bruce: It's extremely important in marriage that one person doesn't try to dominate the other.

Why do you want Kourtney and Scott to marry?

Kris: Scott's proved to be a good partner for Kourtney, and I think it will be nice for [their son] Mason. I'm old-fashioned in that

way but they roll their eyes when I start pitching marriage.

What advice would you give to couples with a lot of kids?

Bruce: It's tough finding time for everybody, so the important thing is to be able to talk. Business partners and friends come and go but your family will always be there, so treat them with respect. **NI**

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Want to know more about the matriarch of the world-famous Kardashian family? Kris Jenner tells all about marriage, motherhood and her family's meteoric rise to fame in her candid new book, *Kris Jenner... and All Things Kardashian* (Simon & Schuster, \$29.99), which is on sale November 1.

