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Linda Hogan Dishes About Her Divorce From Hulk, Her Children and Her Younger Love



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After 24 years of marriage, Linda and Hulk Hogan wrestled in divorce court for nearly two years over an estimated \$30 million fortune.

The divorce was settled last week for an undisclosed amount of money. Now, in an exclusive interview on "Good Morning America," the former "Hogan Knows Best" reality star says the war has ended and that she is ready to move on.

"It makes you a tougher soul in a good way. I'm not bitter, I'm not angry ... anymore," Hogan, 49, said. "It makes you a better person being able to weather the storm."

Watch the exclusive interview Monday on "Good Morning America."

'Cougar Queen'? 'Gold Digger'? 'Low Class'?

Last year, Hogan began dating Charlie Hill, who is nearly 30 years her junior. Although she admits her relationship with Hill is "definitely weird," Hogan says she loves him and isn't bothered by the "cougar queen" headlines in the tabloids.

"It's kind of a fad now, it's cool. I'm finally in style because they really knocked me about how bad I dressed," said Hogan, adding that she shops at Wal-mart and K-Mart.

As for the accusations that she is a "gold digger" or "low class," Hogan brushes those off, too.

"We didn't have anything when we started," Hogan said. "Low class?
Well, maybe the way I dress but that would be all. I have blond hair, long
nails ... but I wouldn't say low class, just a product of the '80s."

Brooke and Nick Hogan

Hogan's daughter, Brooke, publicly lashed out at her mother, accusing her of using drugs. Hogan denies it.

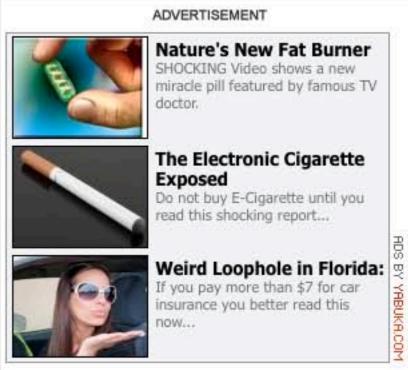
"Brooke was so out of touch with what was real," Hogan said. "I told her many times, 'Please come back, I want to be your mom. I want to be there, I want to be part of your life. I love you."

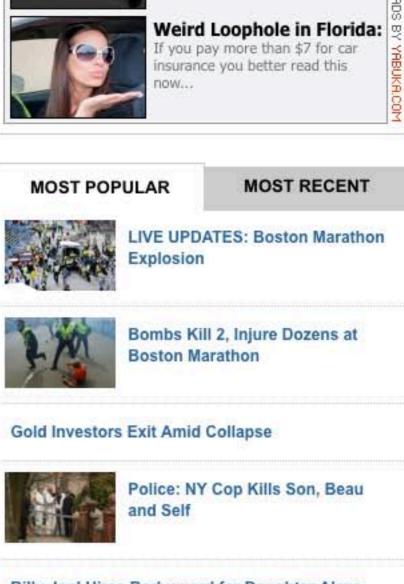
Although her relationship with Brooke, 21, is strained, Hogan says she and son Nick are closer than ever, after his reckless driving accident that nearly killed his best friend.

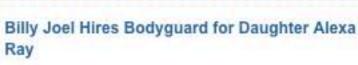
"They put handcuffs on him and they took him right back," Hogan said.

"And I mean it was really hard and I did not see him for six months. They put him in an adult facility, he was isolated. It was just really hard."

Now the former first lady of wrestling is living alone with her 24 pets and says she will concentrate on her charity, "Pink Paws for Life."









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