

Attention, Recently Separated/Divorced Men



Oh, it was an ugly breakup, all right. Angry words, the pleas for mercy, the sobs of despair. And that was just when she threatened to return. Look, you told her, I need my *space*. Now you've got plenty of it, literally speaking, anyway. That's right—the whole house/apartment/garage is yours.

But being unattached does have one hitch: You lost the custody battle for the furniture. Sure, you could revisit your college years by plopping down a beanbag chair and a couple of milk crates, or you could take that money you've been

hoarding under your mattress and splurge on some swanky new stuff—if, that is, the little woman (who, despite her small stature, has a huge vindictive streak) had left you the mattress. No, the trick now is to get something cheap but not *cheap*.

The new Knothead Furniture line by Landon Architects of Chicago offers pieces that echo the simple sophistication of Frank Lloyd Wright designs without the designer prices. You choose from twenty-three pieces (most for between \$130 and \$1,000) bearing names Papa would appreciate: Good Chair (left), Simple Mirror, Wide Dresser, Shelves on Legs. All done in twelve-ply birch, it's furniture that's built and stained to order by a cabinetmaker. Furniture with no added elements—cutouts serve as knobs. Furniture that originated from built-ins the firm made for a teen shelter, the kind of project that's the company's bread and butter.

And furniture, no doubt, sure to impress whomever you have over. All of which will lead—should the next become an ex—to a familiar problem if you don't do the right thing: Give *her* the space. You keep the stuff.

—YEUN LITTLEFIELD

It being January, the traditional time for resolutions, we hereby resolve to: Talk less . . . Listen more . . . Recognize that "No

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