

## VICTORIA HAS RUSH FAMILY FOLLOWING

**D**ivorce. It's a word that fills Victoria Beckham with dread, thinking of love lost, a family torn apart, accusations and legal battles.

Now, with her sister Louise Flood's five-year marriage in ruins, a tearful Victoria is struggling to support her.

Louise recently separated from businessman Darren Flood amid allegations of fraud relating to companies he has interests in. She has moved back to her parents' home with her children – four-year-old daughter Quincy, her only child with Darren, and daughters Liberty, 16, and Tallulah-May, 12, and son Finley, 10, from two previous relationships – and big sister Victoria has rushed to her side.

The news has hit Victoria at a vulnerable time. Since launching her London boutique in September and a spin-off outlet at Selfridges in Manchester last month, the 40-year-old fashion entrepreneur has been surviving on three hours of sleep a night and a bizarre diet of bee pollen, as she recently told *Vogue*. She's also been juggling her career success with trying to be

## POSH'S TEARS OVER

# SHOCK DIVORCE

Juggling her stressful career with being a mum to (from left) Brooklyn, Romeo, Harper and Cruz is taking its toll on Victoria.

## VIC HOLDS ON TIGHT

Body language expert Susan Constantine reveals what these photos say about the couple.

'Victoria has got both arms wrapped around him – she's actually locking him in from the back to the front, trying to hold onto her man,' Susan says.

'He's not responding. He's more interested in taking the shot and being noticed.'

'You see Victoria tilting her head and looking him in the eyes and he's not making contact with her. She is angling her torso towards him and he's giving her the cold shoulder. She's really bothered by that, so that's why she's grasping.'

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a hands-on mum to her kids, Brooklyn, 15, Romeo, 12, Cruz, nine, and three-year-old Harper.

'It's no secret Victoria's exhausted,' a source reveals. 'She's working way too much right now. She's distraught over her sister's divorce.'

Victoria's heartbreak over the future of her nieces and nephew is not the only reason for her distress. The insider says the former pop star's own marital anxieties returned when David, her husband of 15 years, was spotted last month with an attractive brunette at M1NT nightclub in Shanghai.

'David was promoting his whisky in China and was invited to a club where he was pictured with a Victoria lookalike,' says the source. '[That] brought back all the horror Victoria went through with Rebecca Loos.'

Rebecca, who was David's personal assistant during his Real Madrid soccer stint, claimed she became his mistress in 2003. They were first photographed together at a Spanish nightclub, echoing the new Shanghai snaps.

'Victoria believes David's completely faithful to her, but when these things happen it always upsets her,' the friend explains. 'It was completely innocent, but that hasn't



Victoria is determined to be there for her sister (right) during Louise's split from hubby Darren (above).

stopped Victoria from [worrying].

'They've been hit with so many cheating rumours over the years that they made a pact to be super careful about being photographed with members of the opposite sex.'

Yet it's another set of photos – of Victoria with David at the British Fashion Awards on December 1 (below, inset) – that point to rifts in their relationship, according to body language expert Susan Constantine.

'These photos tell a lot. In each one of them, he's got this false smile... He's feeling annoyed. He's enjoying the limelight but he's not into her right now.'

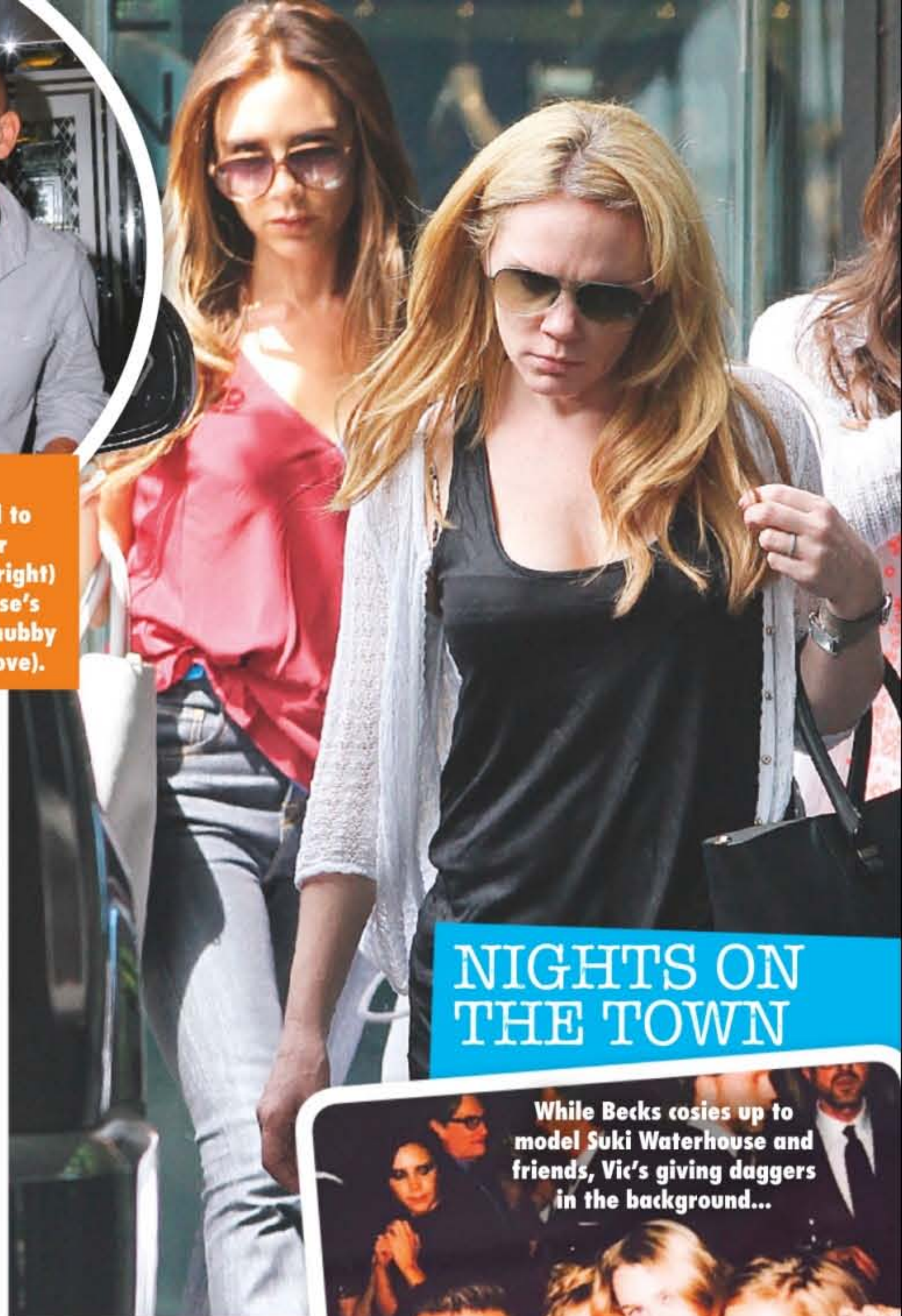
'There's no happiness in her face, her eyes don't light up, she's wary, she's unhappy. It's so sad because the more she grabs on, the more he pulls away.'

While Victoria received a Best Brand gong at the awards, the insider insists any look of unhappiness stems from her concern for her sister and her children – and David's recent car accident hasn't helped.

On November 29, the soccer star was leaving the Arsenal training ground just outside London with Brooklyn, 15, when a woman crashed into his Audi. Her car was a total write-off.

'Beckham and Brooklyn are lucky to be alive,' a witness told the UK's *Daily Mirror*. 'Beckham took the hit on the driver's side – it could have been a completely different story.'

David has been in previous car accidents in the past few years, including two with Brooklyn in Los Angeles. Sources say that Victoria has urged him in the past to take a defensive driving course.



## NIGHTS ON THE TOWN



While Becks cosies up to model Suki Waterhouse and friends, Vic's giving daggers in the background...

'David's car accident with Brooklyn has sent her into a nightmare of worry over his driving – something that's worried her for years,' the source says. 'When she's so tired all the time, small things get blown out of proportion.'

'They're not in a great place right now. David's trying to work out his next career move, while she goes from strength to strength and never stops. He wants her to slow down and part of him feels like a failure as she's bringing home most of the bacon right now.'

Indeed, Victoria's net worth is estimated at \$390 million, close to eclipsing David's \$415 million.

'Things are pretty tense,' reveals the source. 'But Victoria's solution... is to work even harder.'

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...and David being snapped in a Shanghai nightclub with a mystery brunette hasn't helped calm matters either.

Photo of David with Suki Waterhouse and friends: instagram.com.



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