

split (and Simpson telling *Us* on December 3, "I'm going to be OK!"), neither star has commented publicly about the separation (perhaps that will change when Simpson appears on the July 2006 cover of *Vogue*). And privately, the *Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica* stars continue to give each other the silent treatment. "I don't think they've spoken in quite a while now," says the Lachey source, who blames Simpson for not returning her husband's phone calls. "Nick was open to keeping the dialogue open. He still cares about her and would probably talk to her if she called him now."

Lachey may be saving the real hard feelings for Simpson's manager-dad, Joe, who is now in control of his daughter's end of the divorce. "Nick is still very, very hurt and blames Joe," says a source close to the former 98 Degrees star. "He feels Joe manipulated and used him and [then] turned his back on him. He is mad at all of them for ditching him. His heart is truly broken." At least he does have a few allies in the war — namely, brother Drew and pal A.J. DiScala, 34 (who is separated from Jamie-Lynn Sigler, 24). "He really appreciates anyone who stands by him right now," says a source who speaks to Lachey regularly. "You'd be surprised how many people will turn on you if that's the easier path."

## Cheating Rumors

Even without either party talking, the split is getting nastier. The latest: On December 12,

New York *Daily News* columnist Lloyd Grove reported on an alleged September 2004 fling between Simpson and Maroon 5 lead singer Adam Levine, 26. Simpson and Lachey had been huge fans of the Grammy-winning rockers, something Levine appreciated. "They seem like sweet people," the singer told *Us* last year, before the alleged incident. "It's cool that they respect our music."

The couple attended a Maroon 5 benefit concert at the Troubadour in L.A. on September 23, 2004, but according to one witness, Simpson showed Levine her true appreciation over drinks at the Sunset Marquis Hotel and Villas earlier

that month. Seated in a booth with friend CaCee Cobb, her bodyguard, Levine and drummer Ryan Dusick, Simpson and the frontman were "whispering in each other's ears and cuddling," the club-

goer tells *Us*. "She had her hand on his leg." Although the source did not see the pair kiss, they eventually left the bar together. "Adam and Jessica are friends and that's it," Levine's rep tells *Us*. "Nothing more than that." Simpson's rep, Rob Shuter, also tells *Us*, "It's not true."

Previously, Simpson has been accused of hanky-panky with her *Dukes of Hazzard* costar Johnny Knoxville, 34, as well as his *Jackass* pal Bam Margera, 26; Lachey has been accused of kissing a college student (who confirmed details in a TV interview) and getting too close to a stripper at a bachelor party (she's currently sell-

## DID JESSICA GET HER LIPS DONE?



**BEFORE**

Nearly five months ago (at a July screening in San Diego), Simpson's pout looked smaller than today's plumped-up pucker.



**AFTER**

Now Simpson (on December 11 in L.A.) has a pillowy pout. "Jessica appears to have had a filler — most likely Restylane — injected," Anthony Youn, a cosmetic surgeon featured on *E!'s Dr. 90210*, tells *Us*. "It appears she's used gloss to cover her swelling and bruising." (Simpson's rep had no comment.)

**"The lawyers will hash [the divorce] out. Most of it will be pretty simple. They don't have property like ... Brad and Jen."**

— A SIMPSON SOURCE