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MIRANDA REVEALS ON BLAKE

Still seething over how Blake Shelton handled their 2015 divorce, Miranda Lambert is finally getting back at her ex-husband

Miranda Lambert's Highway Vagabond Tour hadn't even started yet, but she had something to get off her chest. During a rehearsal show at Joe's Bar in Chicago on Jan. 24, the singer introduced her song "Ugly Lights" to the crowd by saying, "I got divorced so I started drinking a little extra... I found myself in Midtown in Nashville three nights in a row at, like, last call and with the lights coming on, and I'm still sitting there. So I wrote a song about it."

In the 19 months since her ex Blake Shelton blindsided Miranda with

Ignoring Her Pain

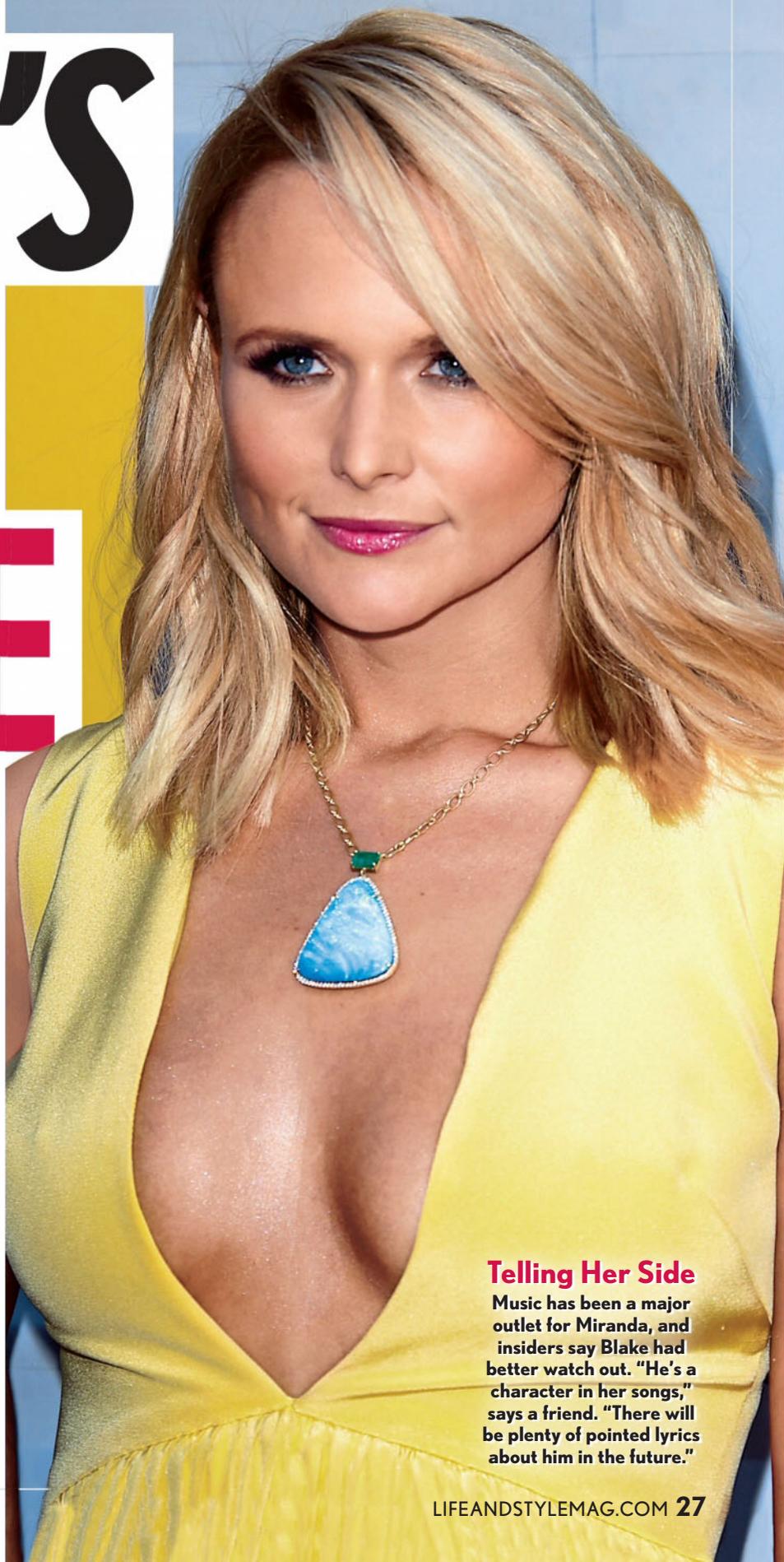
After their split, Blake insisted he and Miranda were "buddies." Not according to Miranda. Devastated, she says she spent "nights on my porch crying, drinking whiskey" post-divorce.

MIRANDA'S VENGEANCE LAKE

divorce papers, she's barely said a peep. Until now. Miranda has acknowledged that her smash double album, *The Weight of These Wings*, was inspired by the breakup. And as she crisscrosses the U.S. playing the songs for packed crowds at 29 venues, she's taking the opportunity to get revenge on Blake by revealing new details about the demise of their 10-year relationship. "She feels Blake treated the split like a small speed bump in the road," a friend exclusively tells *Life & Style*. "Miranda was truly heartbroken when Blake immediately moved on to a high-profile romance with Gwen Stefani. So you can bet she's going to continue to take jabs at her ex."

TAKING HIM DOWN A PEG

The timing couldn't be worse for Blake, 40. He and Gwen, 47, will be back trading cutesy banter on *The Voice* together on Feb. 27. But for Miranda, 33, seeing promos for the



Telling Her Side

Music has been a major outlet for Miranda, and insiders say Blake had better watch out. "He's a character in her songs," says a friend. "There will be plenty of pointed lyrics about him in the future."

GWEN & BLAKE KEEP FLAUNTING THEIR ROMANCE

It felt like Blake was trying to twist the knife in Miranda's heart: His big coming-out with Gwen in November 2015 included flying her to Nashville for the Country Music Awards. Nashville was the new home Miranda had retreated to after the split—and yet there Blake was, showing off his new pop princess love to all of their old friends. “Miranda was devastated when Blake began parading Gwen around,” says a pal. “It was like Miranda was a total afterthought.” The PDA has only gotten worse since then. From movie premieres to dates documented on Instagram, Gwen and Blake never miss an opportunity to flaunt their romance. The *Voice* co-stars even released the duet “Go Ahead and Break My Heart,” which they then proceeded to perform everywhere. “I love talking about Gwen,” says Blake, who never recorded a duet with Miranda during their 10-year relationship. “It’s been good for me to be with someone so grounded.... and she’s hot!”

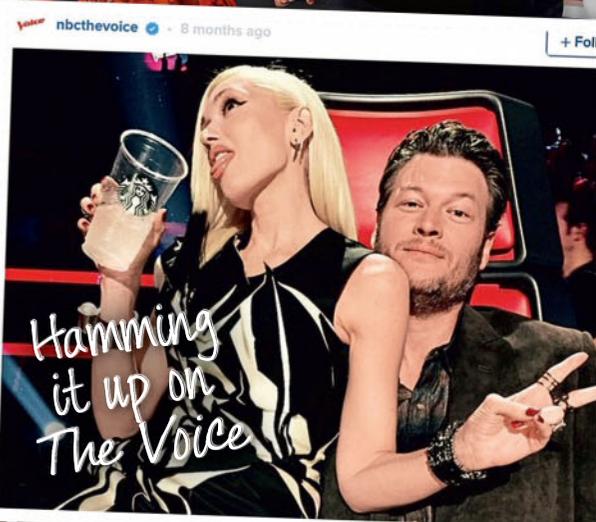
new season gave her another motive for lashing out now. “She’s confided in her closest pals that she thinks of Gwen and Blake’s relationship as a superficial Hollywood love affair,” reveals the friend. “Miranda doesn’t believe it will last.”

Her own fairy tale with the country crooner came crashing down in July 2015, and Miranda was devastated. While Blake already had been divorced once when he wed Miran-

da, his bride had publicly declared that “divorce is not an option” for them. He *made* it an option, though, by secretly filing divorce papers and kicking her out of Tishomingo, Okla., the town she’d lovingly adopted as her home. Blake seemed to get over the loss of love in an instant. Miranda didn’t. Now she’s getting even. Reminding the world of the emotional cost of her divorce, she poured her tears into songs like “Ugly Lights,”

which contains the telling lyrics, “I wear my sadness like a souvenir/I drink too much to fall apart/That’s how I fight this broken heart.”

In other tunes, she takes more direct aim at Blake’s behavior. “Keeper of the Flame” reveals how Miranda has been “burned down to ashes” and “bent.” “Miranda tells it like it is when it comes to her music,” notes the friend. “If Blake gets his reputation muddied along the way, he’s get-



ting what he's long deserved. She'd write a song a day about him if she could." Clearly, Miranda's not done telling all about Blake. "If anything, her songs are getting more detailed and sharp-tongued about her failed marriage."

REFUSING TO HOLD BACK

Miranda's also throwing shade at Gwen. As *Life & Style* previously reported, Miranda took a swipe at Blake's cosmetics-adoring girlfriend shortly before she was announced as the new face of Revlon by proudly captioning a gorgeous selfie on Instagram "#nomakeup." The dig came less than a year after Miranda crushed Gwen in ticket sales when they were touring at the same time in 2016. "Miranda reveled in knowing Gwen had to sell discount tickets to her shows," says the friend, "when she was playing to sell-out crowds."

Now Blake is the one going up

"I'm always honest and stay true to myself."

— Miranda on her revealing new album

against her on the road. He's on his own Doing It to Country Songs Tour through March, and has additional concerts scheduled every month until September, while Miranda's tour continues through the end of August. "If Miranda can steal some ticket sales as well as download and record sales from him, all the better," says the friend. "Miranda is nothing if not competitive when it comes to music."

But it's her willingness to dish on the divorce onstage that took Gwen and Blake aback the most. "They're really surprised that Miranda got so

personal and divulged intimate details," says a source. "Gwen fears that she will never escape the drama of Blake and Miranda's marriage and messy breakup."

MOVING ON

Miranda wants to escape the drama herself. But first she's making sure everyone knows that things weren't hunky-dory after her marriage fell apart. Her pain was real. But she's lifted a weight recently by selling the Brentwood, Tenn., mansion she got in the divorce. "Miranda was glad to get rid of it," says the friend. "While Blake loved the place, it held a lot of sad memories for Miranda."

Now she's busy making happy memories with singer Anderson East, 28, on her new ranch in Primm

Springs, Tenn., a few towns away. While Gwen and Blake flaunt their love in the most public of ways, Miranda has found bliss going on low-key runs to Costco and Walmart with her new man and sitting on her front porch penning songs with him. "They connect on so many different levels," says the friend. "They love dogs, riding horses, writing songs or cooking dinner together."

So, really, she's already gotten the best revenge there is, say pals: Miranda's found her true love and is set to live happily ever after, even after the heartbreak Blake put her through. "Miranda and Anderson are hoping to marry and start a family this year," reveals the friend. "They both feel they were meant to be together!" 

Miranda & Anderson: Summer Wedding!



Expect Miranda's next album to be brimming with love songs. She's so happy with Anderson East, her boyfriend of 14 months, they're planning a summer wedding, *Life & Style* has exclusively learned. "At the reception, they want gourmet Southern and Tex-Mex food and performances by friends like Carrie Underwood and Chris Stapleton," reveals a friend. "Of course, there will also be a number of duets by the bride and groom themselves." It will be an affair to remember — and to erase the lingering pain from her last relationship. "Miranda's trying to shed her past life with Blake as best she can," says the friend, "because she's on to such a great new one with Anderson."