

THE WAY THEY WERE

From love at first bite to her final stake through his heart, relive the Robsten romance

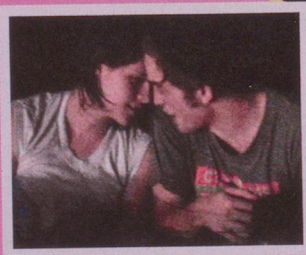


NOVEMBER 2008

On the *Twilight* set, art imitates life. "If you are in love with someone, you can't see any flaw," he says of Edward's devotion.

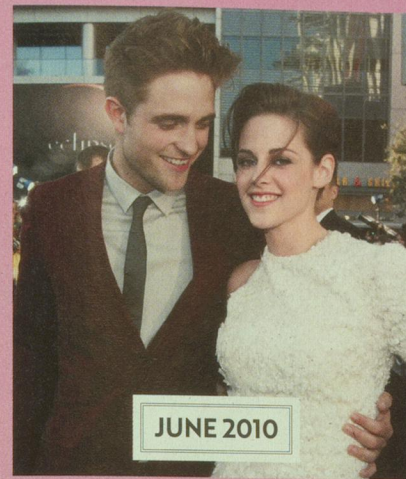
AUGUST AND NOVEMBER 2009

It's on! Twi-hards rejoice as pics of Robsten nuzzling at an Aug. 15 Kings of Leon concert emerge online. The duo are caught on camera again, holding hands while leaving Paris Nov. 10.



MAY 2009

"I need to remove my gum," the actor says after accepting their first of three Best Kiss trophies at the MTV Movie Awards. Though the skit is a tease — the duo merely rub noses — it seems further proof of love to fans.



JUNE 2010

At the L.A. *Eclipse* premiere, the now-official pair sneak out the back door of the afterparty. "She made a clear Team Edward choice," a source says.



APRIL 2011

The couple take a break from filming the final scenes of the series in St. Thomas. "It was amazing," he said of the time. "Just Kristen and I, no worries."



JULY 2012

During Comic-Con in San Diego, it looks like business — and love — as usual. Says a witness, "He seemed so smitten with her, staring and smiling."



Robsten's faithful fans.

Twi-hards Mourn

As the scandal broke, *Twilight* nation traversed the five stages of grief

After photos of *Us*' cover showing Stewart in the embrace of another man surfaced July 24, emotions quickly flooded the Web.

Denial Twi-hards, like Twitter's @HauntedTwilight, accused *Us* of Photoshopping — until Stewart copped to the affair.

Anger Brit Emma Clark (above) posted the YouTube video "How Could You Do This Kristen?!" that has logged more than 2 million views. "I'm so not OK with this!" she cried in the clip.

Bargaining Others took militant action, posting photos on Twitter of their attempts to stick issues of *Us* behind other magazines on newsstands, and imploring fans to hide the truth, too.

Depression As the week grew bleaker for Robsten faithfuls, support groups helped fans cope: #RobstentIsUnbroken trended on Twitter.

Acceptance Gradually, fans resigned themselves to reality. Some, like @kimberleeey, found hope in the tragedy: "Can we all . . . appreciate the fact Robert Pattinson is single now?"



Clark