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JENNIE AND PETER He Takes the High Road

While **Garth** blabs about the breakup, **Facinelli** keeps quiet

JENNIE GARTH HAS MADE IT HER MISSION TO PUBLICLY blame estranged husband **Peter Facinelli** for their March split. But insiders say the *The Tonight Show* star, 38, fought to save their marriage — despite Garth, 40, bitterly telling one magazine, “I wish he had wanted to try harder.” Facinelli, a source tells *Hot Stuff*, “loved being a family man. It was not an easy decision, but they reached an impasse.” Indeed, the *Nurse Jackie* actor’s increasing fame irked Garth, who stars on an upcoming CMT reality show. “Her career hit a standstill, and she became resentful,” continues the source. Since the split, Facinelli — who has three girls with Garth (Luca, 14, Lola, 9, and Fiona, 5) — has been trying to ignore his wife’s war of words and her loopy behavior. (On *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno* April 5, she stuttered and seemed nervous while discussing the split.) “Peter is keeping his head down in regard to anything Jennie says,” says the source. “He doesn’t want to push the situation.”



The night of Garth's *Tonight Show* appearance, Facinelli dined at NYC's Lexington Brass.

“I was very resistant. I didn’t want it to happen,” Garth has said of the split.

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