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## Curse of the mama's boy

### No woman can measure up, so is doomed to be Usher-ed out

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In the end, mom always wins.

Usher's fiancée, Tameka Foster, thought she put one over on his mom, Jonetta Patton, when the crooner cut her out of the couple's life a few months ago, but it was Patton who had the last laugh. Hours after calling off his vows this weekend, Jonetta's baby boy came running home to mom's Atlanta pad.

Foster should have seen it coming: Usher is a mama's boy.

"Mom is always gonna win out," says psychotherapist Tina Tessina. "He may turn his back on her briefly, but never for very long."

The signs were all there: For a decade, Usher and his mom were a cozy twosome. Patton, a single mother, functioned as his manager and traveled with him all over the world.

However, shortly before last Mother's Day, Usher announced that his mom, who had publicly denounced his relationship with Foster, would no longer be his manager. Score one for Foster.

But, ultimately, the heavyweight belt went to single mom Patton, when her boy finally returned home.

Even Brad Pitt's mom, Jane, interferes with his love life (wouldn't you?). She has remained notoriously close to Pitt's ex-wife Jennifer Aniston - and reports surfaced recently that the two had had a heart-to-heart about Pitt's lingering feelings for her. The talk can't bode well for Jane's attitude toward his current squeeze, Angelina Jolie.

Thirty-two-year-old New Yorker and self-professed mama's boy Steven, 32, says that if his mom doesn't like a girl, that chick hits the curb.

"Moms generally know their boys better than anyone else. If Mom doesn't like my girlfriend, the first reaction is to develop the relationship to prove her wrong ... 99 out of 100 times, however, the girlfriend is toast in the end. Moms just know best."

Girls would do well to avoid guys like Steven.

"When you first realize he is a mama's boy, you want to move on," says dating expert Cooper Lawrence. "The problem lies with the mama's boy, not the mom. They are going to spend their whole lives thinking fabulous women never measure up because they can't sever the umbilical cord."

Lucky for the ladies of New York, the men in our city seem to cut the apron strings pretty soon after leaving home.

NYC matchmaker Samantha Daniels says New York men "work so hard to be successful and establish themselves on their own that they try to create their own identity separate from Mom."

But, she warns, when she does come across them, "you can better believe it is always going to be difficult."