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De Niro's angry wife **DEMANDS HALF HIS MONEY!**

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DE NIRO'S WIFE PLAYS DIVORCE HARDBALL!



Grace Hightower may be using the threat of exposure for leverage, say legal experts

RAGING Bull Robert De Niro has been financially gored by furious wife Grace Hightower's demand for half of his staggering \$500 million fortune

Wants court to toss \$6.5M prenup and give her HALF of his \$500M fortune

despite a 2004 prenuptial agreement that limits her to a \$6.5 million payout.

Her money grab in Manhattan Supreme Court sets the stage for an ugly and embarrassing airing of dirty laundry for the extremely private 75-year-old *Goodfellas* star, who filed for divorce under "Anonymous v. Anonymous" in December and wants custody of their seven-year-old daughter, Helen.

Grace has slugged the Casino actor with documents to KO the prenuptial pact she signed when they remarried in 2004. That document gives her a megabucks payout, a Manhattan apartment, \$1 million a year in alimony and half the value of another property.

But legal experts say the mother of De Niro's autistic son Elliot, 21, and little Helen clobbered the God-



The Oscar-winning actor and his estranged spouse are also haggling over custody of seven-year-old daughter Helen

father legend with an offer he can't refuse — give her more or suffer public embarrassment!

"When you are a public figure and you have to go through the discovery process, your life becomes an open book for everybody to see," renowned Miami divorce attorney Sandy Becher tells GLOBE.

"There may be things De Niro doesn't want either her or the public to know about that could be embarrassing. I'm not saying there's any wrongdoing, but certainly there will be private matters he doesn't want disclosed."

Becher believes Grace is using the threat of exposure "for leverage."

But Big Apple celeb-

rity divorce lawyer Raoul Felder thinks Grace, 64, faces a tough fight trying to knock out a rock-solid prenup.

But he adds even if she loses, she's "back with the deal that you bargained for originally."

"And for a star, to have to come to court and go through being treated as an equal — instead of the star he is — will make him feel uncomfortable and embarrassed."

The legal tactic might work.

"If she plays it right, maybe she'll get a one-time payment that will mollify her because he's a very rich man," Felder says.

In January, the camera-shy, hot-tempered star covered his face with a newspaper when confronted by reporters outside the courthouse and exploded in a shocking tirade when his driver was late.

Sources insist Grace helped turn the actor from a slovenly, irresponsible, cheap lout into a success.

"Grace did everything in her power to keep Bob together and respectable," an insider says. "Many say she was the one responsible for making him the acting legend and the industry icon he's become."

Now Grace believes she's entitled to half of the dough De Niro earned since their 2004 remarriage — including his stake in the Nobu sushi chain and shares in the Greenwich Hotel, Canal Productions and more than 30 other businesses.

WHY STALLONE'S MOVIES STINK!

SCREEN slugger Sylvester Stallone rocketed to stardom and riches with his great *Rocky* boxing flicks, but his kids still tease him about a bunch of stinkers he's also made.

The 72-year-old father of five says his three "daughters go, 'Why did you make this sh**?' And I say, 'Come on, how do you think I paid for your school?'"

Sly blames his crummy films on the '80s when agents forced him to churn out movies without time to perfect them.

"I have a lot of regrets about it, but I am stuck with it," he adds.



Sly admits he's made clunkers, but they still helped him pay the bills



The reality star, alongside hubby Derick, has advice for married women

JILL DUGGAR'S HANDS-OFF POLICY

WHEN it comes to marital sex, Jill Duggar has advice for wives — don't take matters into your own hands!

"Guard against fulfilling sexual desires alone," warned the hands-off TV personality.

Jill, 28, recommends to keep the spark alive, "have sex often," "let your spouse know you're always available" and "look nice for him" — but don't masturbate!

The *19 Kids and Counting* reality star has been married to Derick Dillard for five years.



The hot-tempered Raging Bull exploded outside a courthouse in January when his driver was late