



a solo career as a pop star after he left the British funk duo Linx. He was invited on to a Saturday morning children's show called *Freeze Frame*, where Carrie was a presenter.

"When I first saw Carrie we had this moment, which had never happened to me before and has never happened since, when our eyes just locked. I don't think she really wanted to know me but I conned her into spending time with me on the train journey back to London and persuaded her that I was someone worth seeing again."

The couple soon started dating and two years later, in 1988, they were married. "I recently read an article about love that said the first two years of a relationship is as good as it gets and that people's happiness gradually declines so by year four the passion has gone. And I was like, 'Hang on a minute'," says David.

"The night Imogen was conceived, Carrie and I were out celebrating our 19th anniversary of meeting. We were walking through Covent Garden in London when we turned to each

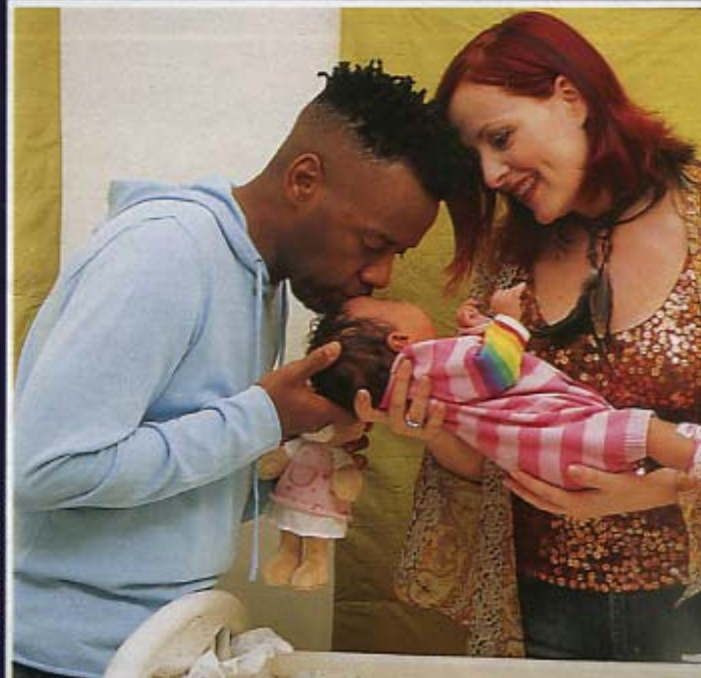
other and formed, Carrie and David are now preparing to start work with Take That on their comeback tour.

"Obviously Carrie couldn't work for the past few weeks of her pregnancy, so I'm looking forward to her starting work with me again," says David. "People always ask us, 'How can you work so closely together and remain happily married?' But for us it's never been an issue. If I do a day's coaching without her I really miss her input."

"I think the secret is that we never sat down and said, 'Let's work together'," says Carrie. "It just happened. We were session singing with Take That at the height of their career and they asked us for help. It just went on from there. The next thing we knew we were working with the Spice Girls. We never really planned it and we certainly haven't looked back."

"What amuses me is that people who don't know us always assume that David and I met on *Fame Academy*! What they don't realise is that not only have we been working side by side for years, but we have been married for almost 20 years and now have three

Baby Imogen is the third girl for the couple, after Talia and the situation doesn't faze dad David, who is happy to joke a in a house dominated by females. "I'll be bullied relentlessly



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