

In connection with his performance as **Rusty Pirone in "Trial by Jury"** Armand Assante gave an interview to **Marilyn Stasio from Cosmopolitan magazin nov 1993** and here his view upon love and marriage came up and Armand said: "The most important thing people can do for each other is the simple act of making the other person feel safe.

I think that's the essence of the male-female relationship. But it takes work to keep that promise of unconditional safety made to a loved one, a child or even a friend.

It takes "constant awareness and never-ending attention" to the relationship, because you can never take any relationship for granted. You can't take people for granted" and he proceeds: "I think you have to trust yourself, You have to be incredibly honest and you have to demand honesty, really demand the same kind of honesty from other people.

You have to make emotional demands on other people to find out who they really are. You also have to be forthcoming and courageous enough to accept their emotional demands on you - because who'd want to be with a person who didn't demand the same honesty from you ?"

Of all the pressures on life, on the road, the separation from family was the most unbearable. He often brought his family to the place where he was presently working, just to be somehow close to them, he has told he even took his daughters out of school for a while, to bring them to the place he worked, because he missed them so much.

He can be gone from 3 - 8 months at the time "That's stress - real stress - working alone for that duration of time. My need for my family roots is very, very important. But I had no family life. It was all work - and the work I do, is not conducive to domestic life"

Here Armand hopes, that open honest communication will save his family life, in spite of his workaholicism, he needs to talk to his family about his feelings.