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One of the happiest days of my life was the day my wife and I got married. Surrounded by family and friends, I got to marry the girl I had a crush on since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We had a beautiful ceremony followed by a fun-filled reception. After our meal, we had a delicious white cake.

Like many married couples, we followed the tradition of keeping some leftover cake and freezing it so we could enjoy it on our first anniversary. Some couples, however, take things one step further by sticking other stuff in their freezer.

Take, for example, Christian Audigier, the man behind the popular Ed Hardy clothing line. Audigier was born in France and he began working in the fashion industry at the age of 15. He moved to the U.S. in his early 20s to work with huge companies like Guess and Levi's. He eventually pursued his own brand, however, utilizing designs inspired by his love of rock'n'roll, especially The Rolling Stones.

Audigier's rock'n'roll designs led to the intricate and colorful tattoo-inspired patterns in his Ed Hardy line, which are particularly beloved by celebrities. Ed Hardy, along with his other brands, including Von Dutch and SMET with French singer Johnny Hallyday, are sold in over 40 countries. In addition to clothing design, Audigier also released Ed Hardy-inspired wines and perfumes.

Unfortunately, in January of 2015, Audigier was diagnosed with bone cancer. He succumbed to the disease on July 9, 2015, at the young age of 57. In typical rock'n'roll fashion, his private funeral was held at his Malibu estate and reportedly featured rock music, burning incense, open bars and dozens of lit candles. For the finale, 57 doves were released into the wild.

Audigier's estimated \$250 million estate will now purportedly be split between his wife, Nathalie Sorensen, and his children with his previous wife, Ira Barberie: daughter, Crystal, and sons Rocco, Vito and Dylan.

Audigier and Sorensen dated for a long time and reportedly married on Audigier's deathbed. But instead of putting wedding cake in the freezer, Audigier had some of his sperm frozen.

According to court documents obtained by the tabloid website TMZ, Sorensen has the legal rights to Audigier's sperm and can use it "however she sees fit."

Because Audigier's estate is divided between Sorensen and his children, this would include any children born posthumously. So the speculation is that Sorensen will use his sperm to artificially inseminate herself to bear one or more of Audigier's children. While this would continue his legacy and provide her with a family, it would also result in these kids being included in Audigier's children's share of his estate.

So Sorensen allegedly has designs on creating some heirs to her husband's fortune.