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Cruelty to Stepchildren Is Cruelty to the Father, Divorce Justified

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In a striking interpretation of marital cruelty, the Kerala High Court has ruled that a wife's mistreatment of her husband's children from a previous marriage can amount to mental cruelty against the husband himself — a valid ground for divorce under Section 10(1)(x) of the Indian Divorce Act, 1869.

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