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Palestine - October 17, 2025, 5:27 pm

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JoshAllen - October 17, 2025, 5:47 pm

Did you not read the article?

Quote:surely it made him feel humiliated finding out the whole world found out how much of a shitty dad he was

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I didn't realize it was his own documentary no lol but that makes more sense now, changed my thoughts on it now lol thanks

The Pact - October 17, 2025, 10:12 pm

Traditionally it's long been a Catch 22 for men. And these days often for both parents or one on their own.

Work fucking hard and make money for your kids or you're bad. ? Spend time with your kids you asshole! ?

Respect - October 17, 2025, 10:33 pm

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KennyKey - October 18, 2025, 8:51 pm

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(Oct 17, 2025 10:33 PM)Respect Wrote: [CITE](#) The same can be said for any super successful person, I'm sure they enjoy the money and lifestyle they've had their whole life though.

Right? What a Catch 22. I'm sure the other people in their lives didn't give them much time to spend with their kids. Sad.

Mind you Eminem strikes the balance. After he got clean and sober apparently he would be extremely rigid about being in the booth exact 9-5, and breaking for lunch at noon right in the middle of a bar, and not working late at night or on the weekends. So that unless he was on tour and doing shows, he was home with the kids.

But he had the power to do that. An actor doesn't.

Chorozon - October 30, 2025, 8:09 am

My dad wasn't around so we just had to enjoy 10s of millions of dollars and a insane lifetsyle :(((

Poor kid