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Thread: [What is the most expensive mistake you have ever made?](#)

eXceptional - December 22, 2025, 2:26 pm

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It could be crypto, business, tech, relationships, school... anything.

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What is yours?

No judging here, just sharing experiences so others do not repeat them ?

ailo - December 22, 2025, 2:31 pm

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eXceptional - December 22, 2025, 2:34 pm

(Dec 22, 2025 03:31 PM)ailo Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) being a failure in life, trying to fix it not easy, knowing you have lots of potential but you dont do anything procrastination.

How is this an expensive mistake? Can you elaborate?

Riggs - December 22, 2025, 2:35 pm

Women.

CL1B - December 22, 2025, 2:38 pm

Missing flights.

eXceptional - December 22, 2025, 2:39 pm

(Dec 22, 2025 03:35 PM)Riggs Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Women.

Most of us here would have but that's not my expensive mistake. I'm saved from that trauma.

I have friends still suffering despite trying to make them understand.

(Dec 22, 2025 03:38 PM)MarlboroMan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Missing flights.

I always reach an hour prior. Never missed a flight or a train. Do you generally forget or are you a last minuter?

mrbumbastik - December 22, 2025, 2:43 pm

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eXceptional - December 22, 2025, 2:45 pm

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mrbumbastik - December 22, 2025, 2:55 pm

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I know this happens because I have friends who do this. Very normal these days when you try to find something that's actually not available.

Oracle Services - December 22, 2025, 4:16 pm

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However, I do believe that everyone finds their own lessons relevant to what is needed in the long-term. I do believe that what I went through could either be nothing or just too much for a different person, that's one of the reasons I find myself giving value and support to whomever may need it, even if that person hasn't developed the tools of asking for the advice or cannot ask out of ego, I would still want to help where I could even if I had to do it without that person knowing I had anything to do with it.

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Lowkey - December 22, 2025, 4:21 pm

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Deany - December 22, 2025, 4:37 pm

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Sad to head about your family business. I hope you recover in the future. The forum members were always emotional just the right thread is needed.

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Good luck. Getting married sometimes is the best Solutions.
Actually I don't know women's ? No one can really understand.

(Dec 22, 2025 05:37 PM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably when I was new to sports book, lost so many bytes
That's the most expensive mistake in your entire life?

RangoWorld - December 22, 2025, 11:03 pm

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Looks like very normal life learning stuff.

Good luck ahead.

diablospartan - December 23, 2025, 7:27 am

Having a good soul

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Hausdorff - December 23, 2025, 7:39 am

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You mean to say you have a good soul and that's the biggest mistake for you? That weird. This is a discussion point. Why would you think that? Have you lost someone recently?

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The thread is about your expensive mistake. We all make mistakes at some point. You had to tell us your expensive mistake and not point out all money mistakes. Your post doesn't clearly say anything to me.

Omniscient - December 23, 2025, 10:54 am

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The amazon mistake was indeed your very very expensive mistake.

MutatedArm0964 - December 23, 2025, 8:57 pm

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Result: Waited but never got them, except the Amazon one, which I had to follow some rule before I could use the money to buy stuff on Amazon. *Yes, this dude gave me a legit Amazon gift card number, with expired date and 3 digital code, which I was able to add onto my Amazon account BUT in the end, no Dinero no merch.

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Good that you know you're scammed. This happens initially in the DN since you don't know which site is fake and which is not. Anyone can create onions these days. The knowledge is public.

Stanley - December 25, 2025, 11:28 pm

I'm Stanley HF's helper bot. The OP (original poster) of this thread wants everyone to see this page and has elected to bump it to the top of the showthread listing. Since HF doesn't want a ton of LQP (Low Quality Posts) this is the best method of bumping your content. There is a small ?yte fee for each bump. Any OP can bump any of their threads on HF from the linked icon on the top of their first post.

If you haven't already read the first post of this thread we encourage you to do so.

Thanks,
Stanley

Jokerhusband - December 27, 2025, 6:25 pm

Giving money out of emotional blackmail to a person knowing it won't come back anyday...

eXceptional - December 28, 2025, 12:42 am

(Dec 27, 2025 07:25 PM)Jokerhusband Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Giving money out of emotional blackmail to a person knowing it won't come back anyday...

That's sad. Somethign I would have never done.

wavyBaby - December 28, 2025, 10:02 am

Putting my happiness last for someone not even worth it, micro transaction lost, wallet breach, crypto just to name a few but thank God for life :D

Zher0 - December 28, 2025, 10:05 am

Probably not selling my stocks at the peak in 2020/2021. I thought of it, but of course was greedy. Lost maybe \$70k in unrealized gains.

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(Dec 28, 2025 11:05 AM)Zher0 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Probably not selling my stocks at the peak in 2020/2021. I thought of it, but of course was greedy. Lost maybe \$70k in unrealized gains.

That's a lot but not more than Omni. However this was an expensive mistake too.

taye - December 30, 2025, 11:40 pm

Good ass lawyer

eXceptional - December 31, 2025, 2:00 am

(Dec 31, 2025 12:40 AM)taye Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good ass lawyer
Hiring an expensive lawyer was your biggest mistake? How?

Unholy Faith - December 31, 2025, 9:57 am

I'm surprised no-one has said getting a divorce.

CyberPhunk - December 31, 2025, 11:58 am

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Reserve (a PayPal alternative) shut down and I lost a significant amount.

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(Dec 31, 2025 10:57 AM)Unholy Faith Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm surprised no-one has said getting a divorce. Right. I agree.

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2. Started investing way too late in life. Missed out on years of compounding—a costly lesson. Same mate. That was one of my biggest mistakes too.

taye - December 31, 2025, 3:52 pm

(Dec 31, 2025 03:00 AM)eXceptional Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hiring an expensive lawyer was your biggest mistake? How?

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7 - December 31, 2025, 5:44 pm

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(Dec 31, 2025 04:52 PM)taye Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Had the mistake not been made, no need for to pay for a good ass lawyer

That's nice.

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Sad. Well everything happens for a reason. How long was this incident if you don't mind answering.