

SINGLE DAD DIARIES

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FATHERS DONT ALWAYS LEAVE. SOMETIMES, THEYRE THE ONES WHO STAY.

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Dedication:

To my son - a true legend in the making - who gave me reason to fight.

And to every single father waking up before sunrise to provide, protect, and stay.

FOREWORD: THE REVOLUTION OF STAYING

When people speak about single parenthood in our society, the conversation is almost always framed around resilient mothers. Those mothers deserve every single flower.

Yet, in the quiet corners of London, Lagos, and cities across the globe, there exists an unspoken brotherhood of fathers who made the conscious, radical choice to stay. Fathers who cook breakfast, pack school bags, soothe nightmares, and wipe tears before facing the unrelenting grind of the day with silent dignity.

Having lived in Lagos as a child and now raising my son as a legend in London, this book is my unfiltered testament that fatherhood is not about perfection; it is about showing up daily, holding the line, and refusing to walk away.

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CHAPTER 1: RAISING A LEGEND IN LONDON

The room was quiet. Too quiet. Just the rhythmic breathing of a small child in my arms in London, worlds apart from the vibrant Lagos streets of my childhood.

I looked down at his tiny hands and felt the heaviest realization of my life settle in: I am everything he has right now. If I break, he falls. If I surrender, he loses.

In that quiet moment, fear transformed into fierce clarity: I am raising a legend. I vowed to work twice as hard, laugh twice as loud, and pour every ounce of love and culture into him, breaking generational patterns forever.

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