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Bella Thorne struggled to cope with the pressures of child stardom.

The 28-year-old actress - who lost her dad when she was just nine - admits that she struggled to cope with pressure of fame during her younger years.

During an appearance on the Call Her Daddy podcast, Bella - who originally began working as a child actress to help support her family - shared: "The feeling of going home was literally just wanting to be good at something."

"Felt like I tried so hard to be good at all the things in my life and it was just never enough."

"I try and take some of that pressure off myself now, but it's kind of like, you know, beaten into me in that way, hard to just get away from it, to retrain the brain in new thoughts. I just wanted to be good and I just never was actually good."

As a child actress, Bella was well aware that her family - including her mom and her siblings - were financially dependent on her.

The actress - who starred on Shake It Up, the hit Disney series, between 2010 and 2013 - explained: "When we moved to LA, my father died shortly after when I was nine and he did not leave us with anything or life insurance or anything like that, so my mom was in, I don't even know how she did it."

"Four kids and nothing, and a house in her name that she didn't sign for and foreclosure and he died in a motorcycle accident, so it was quite sudden, and it was just really bad for a long time."

"My mom was working. She was also trying to take us to every audition that she could and you've got four kids all with auditions, all on opposite sides of the town and just kind of running herself ragged as well as us just knowing all the time what was gonna happen if we didn't get that job."

Scarlett Johansson bemoans 'unachievable' beauty standards

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Scarlett Johansson has bemoaned the "unachievable" beauty standards she was held to during her younger years.

The 41-year-old actress - who first found fame as a child - believes Hollywood's beauty standards have changed markedly over the last 20 years.

Appearing on Good Housekeeping's Home in Five series, Scarlett reflected: "Actors are able to express their personal style on the red carpet much more than they ever did before."

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Jurassic World Rebirth star recalled feeling under intense pressure to look a certain way during her younger years.

She said: "There was such a standard on how movies stars were supposed to look. It was unachievable and it didn't allow for personal style in the same way [it does now]."

The Oscar-nominated star observed that actors and actresses now feel much more comfortable wearing casual attire in public.

Scarlett - who is one of the highest-grossing film stars of all time - said: "Now at the airport or on the train, you see people wearing pimple patches and eye masks and whatever they want to feel confident."

Scarlett previously admitted to feeling typecast as a sex symbol during her younger years.

The actress is one of the biggest names in Hollywood - but Scarlett felt she was only valued for her "desirability" during her early days in the movie business.

Speaking to The Sunday Times newspaper about her early days in the movie business, Scarlett explained: "When I was younger, a lot of the roles I was offered, or I went for, had their ambitions or character arcs revolving around their own desirability, or the male gaze, or a male-centred story."

Scarlett has overcome the issue by rejecting "unfulfilling" roles and patiently waiting for the right opportunities to come her way.

The actress - who is married to comedy star Colin Hanks - said: "I just waited."

"I had to become comfortable with the idea that it could take some time. Which is hard when you're a young actor, but at that time I didn't have any children."

Meghan Markle 'opened up about palace visit during private dinner'

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Meghan, Duchess of Sussex reportedly opened up about her recent visit with King Charles and Queen Camilla during a dinner party in California.

The 45-year-old duchess and her husband Prince Harry, 41, recently travelled to the UK with their children, Prince Archie, seven, and Princess Lilibet, five, during a wider European trip, and lifestyle entrepreneur Martha Stewart, 85, has now claimed Meghan spoke about the visit after getting back to America.

Speaking to People, Martha said about how she had recently met Meghan: "I had dinner with Meghan Markle the other night. We were both guests at a dinner party in California."

"And she had just gotten back from the palace. I didn't talk to her really more than to say a couple words, but I know she was talking about it."

Martha was also asked by People what she thought about Meghan moving into the lifestyle and homemaking space following the launch of the Duchess's cooking series, With Meghan Markle

Love, Meghan.

She replied: "If you're an actress, it's hard to then transition to a princess and then from a princess into a home-making guru on a television show."

"It doesn't sort of follow. So go from there."

The comments come during a busy period for Meghan, whose lifestyle projects have continued to attract attention alongside her media ventures with Harry.

The Duchess launched With Love, Meghan as part of her expanding lifestyle brand, while continuing to share glimpses of family life on social media.



Rihanna has always stood by A\$AP Rocky during the "lowest and darkest" moments of his life

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Rihanna stood by A\$AP Rocky during the "lowest and darkest" moments of his life, long before they became a couple.

The 38-year-old singer dropped everything and rushed to the 37-year-old rapper's hotel room in Paris, France, after his dad, Adrian Mayers, died around Christmas 2012, finding him in tears and offering comfort and support.

On the latest episode of The Jason Lee Show, Rocky - real name Rakim Mayers - said: "This don't got nothing to do with her accolades or her money. The truth of the matter is, when my dad died, she was there for me."

"Every time I'm at my lowest and darkest place, rather if we just friends platonically or we in a couple relationship, she always f***** there for me."

The Praise The Lord (Da Shine) hitmaker was celebrating his debut album, Long Live. ASAP, going to number one, while also coping with one of the most devastating moments of his life.

He explained: "My first al-



Rihanna and A\$AP Rocky

bum went No. 1; my dad died on Christmas. I was on my bathroom floor in Paris crying. She called me for some reason to congratulate me."

"We both in Paris... Shorty rushed to [my side]. I don't even know how Rihanna got the key to my room. I stopped

answering my phone, and she walked right in, 'Yo, you good?' That really was my friend."

Rocky and Rihanna went public with their relationship in 2020, and they went on to welcome sons RZA and Riot, as well as daughter Rocki, in 2022, 2023, and 2025, respectively.

Losing Adrian, his brother, Rocky, when Rocky was 13, and A\$AP Mob creative director Steven "Yams" Rodriguez, in January 2015, has given the rapper an even greater appreciation for life and those around him.

The Peso artist said: "All jokes aside, I was really moved, and I know that like my brother and Yams and my dad is just up there working their magic, bro. They got to be. This is just like it's beyond me and beyond my understanding."

"I've been in a lot of situations that I prayed that I would get out of unscathed, and God blessed me like that. That situation taught me don't take life for granted and value your people you love."

Rocky opened up about Ricky, and asked why he rarely speaks about him in public, Rocky insisted it was not a deliberate decision.

The L\$D performer said: "Nah, it's not. I love my brother. That was not only big bro. That was like a person who was like my dad."

Rocky looked up to his brother and even tried to follow his lead, but Ricky pushed him away from the street life and encouraged him to go to school and pursue a different path. The entertainer said: "I thought I wanted to be a baller. I wanted that Chevy. I wanted that Caprice. After I got chased, I was like, 'Yo, I'm not made for this.'"