



“A man is nothing but an overgrown child...”

Universally Disgruntled Loved Ones

Picture this — You are strolling through a mall, aimlessly looking at stores with half-dead eyes, but suddenly, something catches your attention. You rush to the spot, leaving your friend/partner to fend for themselves whilst you inspect your find, check your wallet, and head straight to the cashier. When you come out of the store gleefully with your new Iron Man Mk III figurine or a new pair of headphones, you catch the eyes of your abandoned friend/partner, and you immediately know what they are thinking.

If you have hobbies or interests that you spend on, in terms of both time and money, chances are you had those exact words thrown at you at some point in your life. Everybody spends on what they like right? So why is it that our interests/obsessions land us with the man-child moniker? Well, let's go on this journey of enlightenment together and hope you come out with newfound appreciation for the man-children in your lives.

Where is the root of this obsession you ask? Why, it starts while you can rock shorts and still be considered cute. It starts with that first ‘No’ your parents bestow upon your request. Some simply let it go, which in hindsight is probably the healthier and more economical option. For the rest of us though, it's simply a waiting game — a time when we are financially independent and no longer require permission — otherwise known as adulthood. While adulthood is nowhere near the fantasy land we hoped it'd be, the only saving grace is now, you can buy that Hotwheels Ferrari, and all your mum can do is shake her head in exasperation.

At no point are we suggesting that women do not share such interests. Absolutely not! There are “offenders” on both sides of the camp, but the difference is they can make very rational financial decisions, whereas we spend without thinking even about tomorrow! Also, there is no such thing as something that EVERY man is “obsessed” with because men are not monolithic. Every human is an individual regardless of their gender and we all have different interests and “obsessions.” And so, in ‘some’ particular order, here are some of the common offenders that fall under our interests.

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MEN *and* their irrational OBSESSIONS



CARS AND BIKES

Did you really think an article like this can set off without this being right at the top? Cars, and indeed bikes, call upon our basest of desires, and you will never get a clear answer as to why. This obsession starts early; as early as you can remember even. Be it from observing them out in the real world or actually being in/on them and seeing them being driven, or even looking at pictures of them on posters. For some, it's the exhilaration of speed. For others, the sheer freedom, while some others are drawn to the mechanical aspect of it i.e., the engine, even bestowing upon these inanimate objects a name and a soul.

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