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Saying her father would insist she's black, "be proud of your roots," Paris honors her father's roots and legacy – both musically and physically – remarking, "I consider myself black."

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When they were young, the Billie Jean singer tried to protect his children from prying eyes with blankets (for Bigi), masks, and veils.

In 2007, Jackson's bodyguard told the three kids were "well-mannered, well-behaved kids...They are really level-headed...They were Michael's firstpriority."

But in 2009, the layer of protection was removed with the death of their father and the young kids were tossed alone into the public eye, turning theminto highly profitable prey for the paparazzi.

And it left Paris experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). She shared: "I experience audio hallucinations, sometimes, with camera clicks andsevere paranoia and have been going to therapy for a lot of things, but that included."

The young woman also admitted she attempted suicide "multiple times" by age 15, and in 2019, she entered a treatment facility.

She said: "It was just self-hatred...Low self-esteem, thinking that I couldn't do anything right, not thinking I was worthy of living anymore."

## 'She is who my dad is'

Today, she leans heavily on the influence of her big brother Prince Michael Jackson, whom she shares, "He's everything to me, you know?" In 2020,she told People of her relationship with Prince, "I've always looked up to him and always wanted his approval and everything, and wanted to be morelike him."

