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Today's newsletter is not about personal finance, but I hope you'll indulge me.

I cried all day yesterday.

This hurts.

Besides being so vested in his Laker career, getting to see him up close as a dedicated dad with Gianna me feel like we could relate to each other.

Kobe and I are the exact same age and our daughters have competed against each other (and we looked forward to more battles in the future).

Speaking of fatherhood: When you spend every night and weekend supporting your kids' sports and you build that bond in your favorite sport, you become best friends. That's exactly how my daughter and I feel.

As soon as I heard the news, I called a friend who knows Kobe well to see what he knew (before the news really came out)... and he suspected that Kobe and Gianna on were headed to her game. I can't imagine the feelings of sadness in their family today.

GiGi was such a competitor; how could you not be raised with that #MambaMentality?

Kobe, I admired your relentless grit and perseverance. We Laker faithful rode the ups and downs of over 1,300 games with you. Even going to all those losses your last few seasons, you were still Kobe.

Making two free throws with a torn Achilles. Then, scoring 60 and the game winner in your final game! Amber and I will never forget that memory.

GiGi, I am so sad we won't be able to see you flourish with the bright future you had ahead of you. This is just devastating.

You guys left this world on your way to a 🏀 game, doing what you love as father/daughter.

All too soon, but a fitting end. #MambaOut #Champion #Father #HugYourLovedOnes

"The most important thing is to try and **inspire people** so that they can be great at whatever they want to do." - Kobe

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