

Will Smith & Jaden Smith, *Pursuit of Happiness*

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[SCENE START]

A young man (son) bounces a basketball around at a park with his dad

[Son]: *shoots basketball* I'm going pro!

[Dad]: (Speaking jokingly but with a pessimistic tone) Oh. OK. Yeah. I don't know. You know, you'll probably be about as good as I was. That's kind of the way it works, you know. And I was below average. (Dad lines up to shoot) Ya know so, (Dad grunts to shoot and misses horribly) whoa. So, you'll probably ultimately rank somewhere around there, you know. So really, you'll excel at a lot of things, just not this. I don't want you out here shooting this ball around all day and night. All right?

[Son]: All right.

[Dad]: OK. All right, go ahead.

(Son picks up ball and bounces for a few then tosses it aside. He then walks over to put it away in his plastic bag used to carry. Dad walks over.)

[Dad]: Hey. Don't ever let somebody tell you you can't do something. Not even me. All right? All right. You got a dream. You got to protect it. People can't do something themselves. They want to tell you you can't do it. You want something? Go get it. Period.