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"Custody Battle Is Like Cancer" Says Alec Baldwin

The actor wants to spend more time with his daughter, Ireland

Alec Baldwin struggles to cope with the custody battle against his ex- wife Kim Basinger. The famous actor said that this fight is like a "cancer". The situation blew out of proportions when Basinger refused to return their daughter, Ireland, at the end of September, and Baldwin called the police. Just before the incident, Baldwin had filled the legal paper to demand more privileges, declaring: "I believe the child lives in a constant state of tension wherein she must never display or divulge her true feelings for her father because of the mother's all-consuming and bitter feelings toward me." Now, the actor fears the violence this custody war has provoked in him. "It's like being diagnosed with cancer. Something I realize I have to live with", he told The New York Post. "But I'm keeping things in perspective. Not letting it consume me and eat me up with anger as it used to. I stopped that when one late night I was on the street so unhappy and filled with rage that, in a fit, I smashed my phone against a lamppost. A black lady walking by said to me, 'Alec Baldwin, you got to get hold of yourself.' So I have", the actor added. Alec Baldwin was married to actress Kim Basinger from 1993 to 2002. They became the subjects of media attention for the bitter divorce and custody fight for their daughter, after accusations that Baldwin was an abusive husband. Kim Basinger, born December 8, 1953 is an American film actress of Irish, Swedish and Cherokee descent. Entering the profession after great success as a model, her most prominent appearances include *9½ Weeks* (1986), *Batman* (1989), and *L.A. Confidential* (1997), for which she had received an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. Baldwin has appeared in movies such as *The Cooler*, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Beetlejuice*, *Talk Radio*, *Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within* (voice), *The Cat in the Hat*, *Pearl Harbor*, *Thomas and the Magic Railroad*, *Along Came Polly*, *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* and *The Aviator*.