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[Prince to Get Hip Surgery](#)

There is a price to pay for everything

Prince, the famous singer who is only 5'2" (1.57m) high, is now paying the price for trying all his life to look taller, as he might undergo hip replacement for wearing platform shoes very often. According to Pagesix.com, "He used to wear high-heeled boots every day and doctors told him that may have contributed to his condition. Over the years, he has battered his body so much that his joints, especially his hips, are causing him a lot of discomfort." The singer is a Jehovah's Witness, and thus against the surgery, as it involves blood transfusion, a procedure not allowed by his religion. Prince, now 47, tried to change his name in the late 1990s, requesting to be referred to as simply The Artist, with a name O(+> that had no pronunciation. But everybody started calling him as the Artist Formerly Known as Prince. Regarding his shoe-habits, the Artist once declared: "People say I'm wearing heels because I'm short. I wear heels because the women like 'em."