ELON MUSK AND HIS SICK ABUSE OF CHILDREN

The back story to this relationship, though, is both fascinating and troubling. For X is one of three children born to Musk and Canadian singer Grimes.

Real name Claire Elise Boucher, she is the 36-year-old daughter of a criminal prosecutor and banker.

The two younger children appear to be largely in her custody after an unpleasant legal battle – while Musk has apparently not been willing to part with X, and stands accused of keeping him away from his mother and her family, an allegation he has not responded to.

But the distance between mother and son was evident when Grimes wrote on social media after her son's visit to the Oval Office: 'He should not be in public like this. I did not see this, thank u for alerting me. But I'm glad he was polite. Sigh.'

Indeed, there are signs of serious conflict between X's parents, even though legal filings have been sealed for the good of the children. There are also multiple reports which suggest that Musk has been a mostly absent father to his other children.

'He is not a doting, cuddly father, but he craves the presence of his children,' Isaacson said. 'He told me he's never sadder than when his kids don't want to hang around him.'

The death of his son Nevada, by first wife Justine Wilson, from sudden infant death syndrome in 2002, wounded him deeply, as did the decision by his second child, who was born Xavier but transitioned to Vivian, to disown him upon turning 18.

Vivian has since said of her father: 'He was cold, quick to anger... uncaring and narcissistic... he doesn't know what I was like as a child because he quite simply wasn't there, and in the little time that he was, I was relentlessly harassed for my femininity and queerness.'



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View gallery

Grimes, Elon Musk and their son X pictured in March 2021



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Musk with Grimes at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The pair have three children, although while the two younger children appear to be in her custody, Musk stands accused of keeping X from his mother



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Elon Musk and Canadian musician Grimes (Claire Boucher) attend the 2018 Space X Hyperloop Pod Competition

Grimes was the woman who eased Musk's heartache after a 'toxic' on/off relationship with Johnny Depp's ex Amber Heard.

X (incidentally, it was Grimes who chose the name) arrived in 2020. At the time, Grimes called her lover 'a super-interesting goddamn person'.

But there were inklings of Musk's radical transformation this year, as he declared 'pronouns suck' and said 'cis', meaning someone whose gender identity matches the sex they were assigned at birth, was a 'slur'.

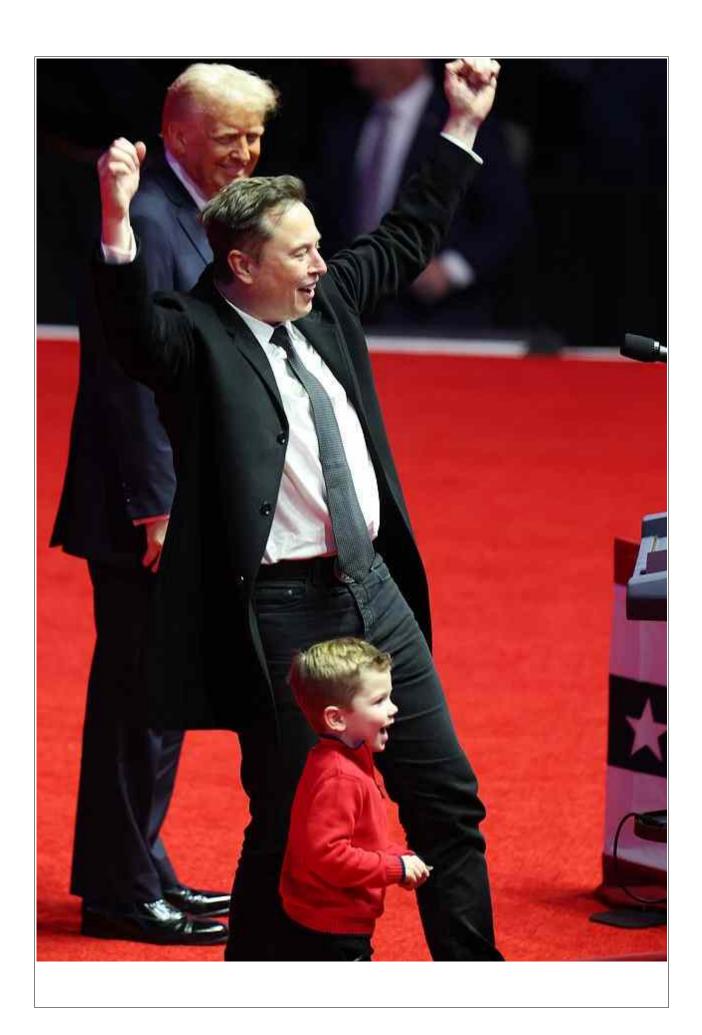
Grimes, appalled, wrote: 'I cannot support hate. Please stop this. I know this isn't your heart.'

But it was. Musk started to espouse Right-wing views and fathered more children by a co-worker, without Grimes's knowledge. In fact, Shivon Zilis, a director of operations at Musk's Neuralink project, had twins with him via surrogacy in November 2021, a month before his daughter with Grimes, Exa Dark Siderael, was born – also via surrogacy.

With a lack of feeling you might judge as appalling, he said on Twitter: 'Doing my best to help the underpopulation crisis. A collapsing birth rate is the biggest danger civilization faces by far.'

At this point, Grimes and Musk had broken up, but the relationship remained 'fluid'. During an off period in April 2022, Grimes filed a petition to 'determine parental relationship' with Musk.

In another interview that year she remarked that Musk was very close to X. She said: 'I think E is really seeing him as a protege and bringing him to everything.'



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: Elon Musk and his son X appear on stage at President-Elect Donald Trump's victory rally at the Capital One Arena on January 19, 2025

They finally split within weeks of the birth of their third child, Techno Mechanicus – nicknamed Tau – in 2022.

Musk then sued Grimes to 'establish a parent-child relationship' with the three children after he learned the youngest two would not be returning to his home in Texas and that Grimes was keeping them in California. He kept X.



Grimes counter-sued Musk in San Francisco, asking for primary physical custody of all three children. Shortly after that, Grimes publicly pleaded for parental access to X after seeing a photo of Musk with Zilis and their two children.

Apparently, she'd only learned of the birth of those children in a report on US news site Business Insider

'Tell Elon to let me see my son or (please) respond to my lawyer,' Grimes wrote on social site X, formerly Twitter, which Musk renamed after he bought it in 2022.

But son X remained with his father. Indeed, when President Erdogan asked: 'Where's his mother?' Musk replied: 'She's back in California. I mostly look after him.'

At an August 2024 hearing to determine custody, Musk said the children were settled in Austin, Texas, and attending school.

Grimes talked about the legal battle in a post on X, saying she hadn't had time to work on creative projects because 'the threat of losing ur kids while going bankrupt fighting for them is not very conducive to creative thoughts. I just slept and cried every minute I wasn't explicitly fighting for my kids during that year,' she wrote.

She added: 'Spent a year locked in battle in a state with terrible mothers' rights having my instagram posts and modelling used as reasons I shouldn't have my kids and

fighting and detaching from the love of my life as he becomes unrecognizable to me, with a fraction of his resources (or IQ/strategy experience), all the while I didn't see one of my babies for 5 months.'

Judging by X's Oval Office outing on Wednesday, she will see more of Elon's princeling in the months to come – perhaps just not in person.

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