



The creepy things Russell Brand did on our dates that I now see as huge red flags

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Emotional prince speaks candidly about 'the hardest year in my life' after wife and father's cancer battles

WILLIAM: IT'S BEEN BRUTAL FOR US ALL



Moving: Prince William, with Catherine and Princess Charlotte

PRINCE William has opened up about the 'hardest year in my life' following his wife and father's cancer diagnoses.

In a remarkably candid – and at times emotional – interview at the end of his official visit to South

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Africa he admitted yesterday the past few months had been 'brutal'.

But the prince also said how hugely 'proud' he was of Catherine and the King for handling their health battles with such dignity and bravery.

He added that the Princess of Wales

was now 'doing well'. Speaking in Cape Town, the future king covered everything from his much-discussed beard – which apparently had his daughter, Princess Charlotte, in floods of tears when she first saw it – to his passion for 'meaningful' royal work such as his landmark Earthshot Prize environmental awards.

But it was his response to how the past year had been for him as a hus-

band, father and son that will move people most.

Sighing and lowering his voice, he said: 'Honestly? It's been dreadful. It's probably been the hardest year in my life. So, trying to get through everything else and keep everything on track has been really difficult.'

'But I'm so proud of my wife, I'm

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