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For Millennial Men, There's No Place Like Home

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Good news for all the [Chazz Reinholds](#) out there! [A recent study conducted at Penn](#) by Assistant Professor of Economics Greg Kaplan shows that Generation Y men who live with their parents earn more than lone rangers who opt out of returning to their racecar beds with *Star Wars* sheets.

According to the UPenn study, young men don't even have to physically relocate Chez Mom & Dad to reap the economic benefits. Just having the option to move back home provided enough of a psychological security net to allow them to be more discriminating about the kind of jobs they accepted, which translates to holding out for positions with higher long-term earning potential. At 23, men who had the option to return to the nest were earning 5% more a month than those who didn't.

This new research is refreshing because it not only casts our generation in a more positive light—slowly chipping away at our lazy, bucket-of-excuses iMage—but it's *finally a study about millennials conducted by a millennial himself!* While these two factors might be strongly correlated, we applaud Kaplan for stepping up to the plate to defend us against all the “kids these days” finger-waggers.

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