

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Step Ya Game Up - I Know the Ladies Feel Me

*"Many men, wish death upon me. Blood in my eye dawg and I can't see. I'm trying to be what I'm destined to be. And n***** trying to take my life away. I put a hole in a n**** for roughing with me. My back on the wall, now you gon' see. Better watch how you talk, when you talk about me. 'Cause I'll come and take your life away" - 50 Cent "Many Men"*

Okay, so we clearly have heard and can read the lyrics. What is Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson really trying to say? Actually, the real question is this: why are you so fascinated by what he says?

Furthermore, why are you trying to live out the lyrics of rappers? Come on now, you're in college... so why in the world are you fighting?

This includes one-on-one, jumping, or engaging in any of the other forms of physical altercation. In order for you to prosper in the future, you must recognize NOW that you need to put the stupidity behind you. Your ignorance and apathy makes our entire generation look bad.

How dare you part your lips to blame "the white man" or anyone else for your problems without evaluating yourself first? Especially, since you are giving people a reason to look at you sideways.

*"I'm from Compton, Compton, Murderville. You heard these n***** is gangsters, and they kill. Rob and steal,*

*my n***** will peel at will. For real they real, n***** gon' feel this steel" - The Game "The Streetz of Compton"*

Okay, I know I am trippin'! In mid-December, Crips gang co-founder Stanley "Tookie" Williams died instantly by lethal injection. In case you haven't heard or you didn't know, Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Stanley "Tookie" Williams was put to death. What makes any of you fake thugs believe the same won't happen to you?

Your business is your business. This is true.

But why are you investing your time and money in becoming a gangster? You see the road it led Mr. Williams down... a man redeemed.

It's a road he encouraged young men and women not to travel down, so why are you striving to achieve an unworthy goal like that? Besides... you are NOT a thug! Thugs don't go to college... and they DEFINITELY DON'T take the SAT's.

When I see someone imitating a gangster, I see a slave master, or at least an imitation of one.

You are beating the oppressed when you yourself are in the same predicament.

Please don't talk yourself into believing it's because of where you come from because that is BULL! I can personally attest to the invalidity of such a statement.

I am from North Philly, and I'll

be damned if I allow where I grew up to determine where I am going and who I will be as a person.

If you're like me, you left that environment to get an education. Clearly, that's why you're here.

So why are you trying to bring that ghetto mess to where you are now? Where I'm from, people don't pull out guns and shoot in the air.

When a gun comes to surface, people end up dead. It's nothing to play with, so please stop playing with it.

Smile for me daddy (What you lookin' at). Let me see ya grill (Let you see my what).

Ya, ya grill ya, ya, ya grill. (Rob da jewelry store and tell 'em make me a grill).

Alright I won't front, I do like Nelly's song. But puhleeze... can we get realistic for a moment?

Dude... have you seen yourself? Why are you walking around campus with that crap in your mouth that causes your breath to stink?

If you want to wear them in the club, that's fine. But why would you walk around campus looking like "yuck mouth?" Did you know that your "grills" can really mess up your teeth?

Imagine what would happen if your future employer were to walk in the Student Center.

Would you realistically want them to see that crap in your mouth?

Besides, how are you going to have a mouth full of gold and fake diamonds, but you are walking?

Where are your priorities? You truly need to reevaluate your priorities. You should have invested in a car instead. While we are on the subject of cars... why is your whack system and rims worth more than your car?

Come on man... you are driving a Honda Hatchback with rims and a system you can't even hear through the thumping. Are you serious? The Big Caprice Classics are alright.

But keep in mind; aren't you giving the police a reason to harass you? It doesn't matter if you're guilty or not. You might look really suspect to the police when your young and driving a big car with big rims, and loud systems. Especially when some police officers believe drug dealers are the only individuals who can afford cars like these. Besides, you're investing all of this money in your car when its worth is little to none. You really need to get it together!

This isn't a male bashing section, or me trying to tell you what to do. What I am saying is that you all really need to get it together. Your priorities are mixed up. You are here to better your life and the lives of your present and future families. Please utilize this as a helpful hint section. Not a bashing section. If you disagree, I dare you to respond. -Keisha Robinson, Editor

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