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HMMM... Do Dope Cars Denote Dollars?



Wonderboy !

When Chris Lamont Brown graduated, this newspaper, the Black Ink, lost a very talented writer. Chris shed valuable insight on us with his off-the-wall remarks that somehow made sense. Chris Brown will truly be missed.

Well, now that we've formally said our last good-byes, let us get on to some new business.

There's a new kid in town and that kid is ME! I'm taking over this column and there's going to be whole lot of controversy in the air. Nonetheless, the truth will come out...somehow.

Throughout the semester, I will bring to your attention ideas that are often thought about but rarely addressed fully and openly. It is my hope, that through debating these issues among ourselves, we will come to understand each other more and realize why, as young black people, we do the things that we do.

The articles will contain some humor—which is intended. However, underneath all the jokes and sarcastic remarks, there remains that grain of truth that we can all relate to.

Oh, by the way, my name is Wonderboy, guardian of the inquisitiveness present in all mankind. The name Wonderboy will in itself be explained as you read future issues of the Ink. Keep thinking.

I wonder why girls sweat guys with nice rides. Considering this guys, I ask you to put yourselves in the shoes of a girl, and ladies, just be your same pretty selves (For those of you who do not look so hot—just

perpetrate). Picture this scenario:

Anywhere you go, you are bound to see a "fat Beamer" with some dope rims (in layman's terms, simply a BMW with some nice accessories), which complement tires that show off the effects of an entire bottle of Armor-All (for each tire). The BMW undoubtedly has a monster sound system that is turned up so loud you can hear it clearly, though the driver inside can barely stand it. The windows are dark with limousine tint and are rolled down just enough to reveal only the eyes of the driver. What do you do?

A) Go home B) Call the cops C) Let Wonderboy tell you what

to do If you picked letter "C", you are correct. Now let me lay down the low down. Based on what I have seen girls do, them and their friends will come from nowhere and simply bombard the BMW. They will be doing anything from begging to ride in it or simply ride IT! (You know what I mean, ladies, 'fess up!)

Why? The answer is quite simple. For some strange reason, girls attribute nice cars to overall wealth. They figure, "Since this guy has a nice car, he must undoubtedly have some money that he can spend on me." Hmmmm. This is awful reasoning, yet oh so typical of today's sisters.

Now let me school you. First of all, since you are a woman of the 90s, you are all about looks. If this is the case, you most certainly don't want this guy. Think about it. If the dude looked somewhat appealing, why would he have his windows tinted so dark? On top of that, why would the windows be rolled down to where you could only see his eyes? Now if guys are anything like girls, trust me, pretty eyes don't mean anything.

Secondly, let us take a look at the economical side of the issue. Once again, since you are a black woman of the 90s, you got'sta be gettin' paid. As a black woman you figure this guy must be well-endowed with the greenbacks and you just know that he'll be more than willing to spend some on you. Wrong!!

First of all, you have not taken time to consider by what means this guy has gotten the BMW. Now you say, "Wonderboy, here you go putting down our race. You think that just because a black man has a nice car he's got to be doing something illegal." Anyway...

Okay, I'll give you the benefit of the doubt and say this man obtained his car by honest means. But in

doing so, you must consider this The monthly payments on a BMW are anything but cheap. Now, unless this guy has a 36- inch vertical leap, he's not going to have much spending change. What I am saying is don't knock a brother just because he drives a Corolla. In fact, it would be to your advantage to try to get to know this particular fellow for the simple fact that his Corollais probably paid for. Knowing this, bells should be ringing in your head. Why? Using elementary reasoning, this should tell you that there is money to be spent on you as opposed to what would go toward a big car payment.

Besides, everything that glitters is not always gold. That BMW may look good on the outside, but could smell like last year on the inside. On the other hand, the Corolla may be a little banged up on the outside, but it's interior attributes allow it to run like a charm.

In essence, look beyond the given so that you might appreciate the outcome. Until next time, keep thinking.

Peace, Wonderboy

Wonderboy's alter-ego is mildmannered John McCann, a sophomore from Raleigh



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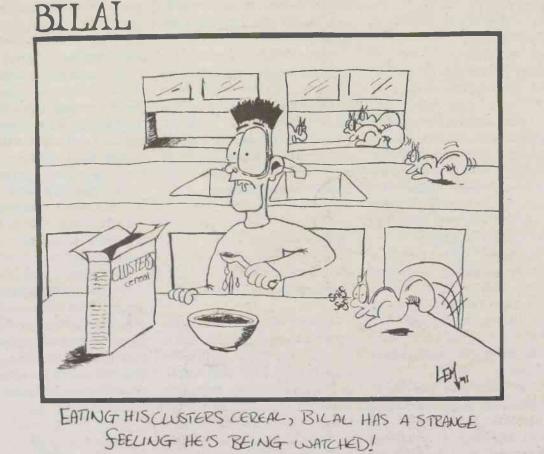
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