Claimin' True

Outkast

Well it is I, the pimp playing nigga that you heard about Yeah, I got the money and a half a million dope houses I got the hookers on the go and player rhymes that I fuck with I buy amps that pops my trunk swift I've been a player since the age of two That's when I learned to walk, grab my crotch, talk Do how them hoe sellers do See born and raised as a pimp, that's what I claim to be Always claiming true to what I do and then fuck what I see I pledge allegiance to the streets, that's where I growed up And make my money 'cause my daddy never showed up But fuck it, I'm on my own, I'm in my zone And nothing wrong, you don't belong, you left me standing alone Yeah, I'm the nigga with the feather in my hat Finger waves and snake skins, shit, I got all that But you ain't know I'm the one dipping and dodging bullets The price you pay when you behind it steady trying to pull it So Dolemite, Dolemite not shit, I studied the Mack and Rudy Ray Moore

They were my idols when I was a kid
From nappy head, greasy face, eating watermelon

To drug dealer, armed robber, now, to big felonI wonder how you would react if you was in my shoes
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Growin up a little G, my mama thought I'd grow to be
A lawyer or a doctor but I felt like coming harder
Packed a shank up in my socks when I started kindergarten
This ain't no secret garden, so you fly when niggas flee
If it is one of my own, I'm letting the trigger be
'cause I got love for any nigga who got love for me
And then I get a slap of dap when I'm slanging quarter keys
Just trying to make it, then of age, come through, take it
I ain't forgot about y'all women who be working niggas butt naked
At Magic City, shaking titties just to pay the rent

Lord, trying to hustle must be something that was heaven sent
But I ain't got no sense, that's what I got them thinking
I think about payback, strap myself and keep on dankin'
'cause I be taking the rough side of the mountain
If you cross my path, I'll leave you draining like a fountain
Yes it's been like that since way back, in 1975
Been taught to hustle with muscle and even try to strive
So little botty bwoy better say your prayers

You better learn some street sense before somebody lay yaI wonder how you would react if you was in my shoes
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