

## R. Kelly F/ Jay-Z "Self Sufficient"

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(Cause it's better to have money and not to need it  
than to need it and not to have it  
and there's a good place in this world for money, yes  
sirie  
and I know where it is, it's right here in my pocket  
- Hey, gimme some  
- You're talkin' just like a pimp  
...  
- Answer him, answer him  
- I don't get mad at people like that  
You know why? Cause he's a revolutionary)

[ VERSE 1: Key-Kool (patterned after Ice Cube's  
"Gangsta Gangsta" verse) ]  
Here's a little somethin' 'bout a MC like me  
Dropped "Kosmonauts" and "Galleries" independently  
Key-Kool, I likes to say  
That I'm a fresh lyricist from around the way  
Since I was a youth, a straight b-boy  
Now I'm takin' out all the sucker decoys  
Flippin' a rhyme or two, that's what the hell I do  
You don't like how I'm livin', well ( \*scratch\* ) you  
This is hip-hop and I'm in it  
My man Rhett will cut you up in a minute  
With a cut, stab ( ? ) so (funky)  
And then he blames his crew the Beat Junkies  
Everywhere we go they say (damn)  
Visionaries is ( \*scratch\* ) up the program  
And then you realize that we all care  
For those who just don't know we're throwin' V's in the  
air  
And keep makin' straight up (sh...)  
Does it look like I have to make a hit?  
To a major label that wanna sign me  
Rap ain't nothin' but a way to make money  
But I'm the type of MC that's built to last  
If you wanna pimp me I put my foot in your ass  
See, I don't give a ( \*scratch\* ) how many records  
you're sellin'  
Yo, what the ( \*scratch\* ) are they yellin'?

Make money money, make money money money  
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( \*Rhettmatic cuts up\* )

(Self sufficient, independent) --> D-Nice

(It's not about) (reality) --> KRS-One

(It's all about) (a salary)

(Self sufficient, independent)

(I just get down and I go for mine) --> Erick Sermon

(Self sufficient, independent)

(But now I learn to earn cause I'm righteous) --> Rakim

(Self sufficient, independent)

[ VERSE 2: Key-Kool ]

Just like King Midas, as I was told

In this rappin' Olympics fools are rushin' for gold

With or without cold, better change your mold

Tryin' to be down with dough on the yellow brick road

Wizard of Oz complex is goin' for the riches

No heart, no brain, cowardly loss to the bitches

Too weak to lead, so they're followin'

Week-kneed MC's now only suck to swallowin'

Fallin' in the trap of big money crap

The only real big baller who started rappin' is Shaq

They act large but it's evident

You only make minimum percent unless you're the  
president

I'm on self-empowerment, so others'll pay me rent

And I can control my artistic intentions

Make investments, count all my blessings

See the Age of Aquarius, a fifth dimension

Comprehension like Babu

Dynamic like the Duo, it's the two you know

Key-Kool and Rhettmatic always come well equipped

And like a club in Manila we'll make your whole party  
flip

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(The rap race will be lost without a trace) --> D-Nice

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