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Dizzee Rascal "Hardback"

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First up, it's important that you keep your shit original Try and keep that copycat shit to a minimal People want somethinâ€[™] that they never heard before

If it's been done, leave it, they don't wanna hear no more

Secondly, here's another clever thing that you can do Find yourself a good manager who's really got a clue 'Cause there's so many to choose from, they all look the part

But it's difficult to come across the ones that's really smart

And can stand firm and steady when the label's talkin' shit

Will respect, it keeps it gangsta but does everything legit

And dependable, you can trust to handle your biz And can really make you sure of what the situation is

Next up, find a record label that ain't full of pricks One that let's you breathe artistically but makes you come with hits

Congratulations now you've got your deal, you're set to go

Lemme fill you in on just a couple things you need to know

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Next up, change your number Change your phone and change your chip 'Cause there's gonna be a lot of people ringin', talkin' shit Whether bredrens wantin' money 'cause now suddenly you're rich Or some dumb hatin' fassies tryin' to take you for a bitch

Yeah, I know it's minor and you can handle it, it's nothin' But eventually you're really gonna wanna do somethin' And that's counter-productive, beefin' over bullshit You can never stop them dumb bredrens tryin' to bullshit

Plus you're in the limelight, well-paid verbalist Which leads me onto my next subject, journalists These are the people that could put your name about So be careful what you're sayinâ€[™] when you're talkinâ€[™] out your mouth

And avoid beinâ€[™] ignorant, tone down the thug-shit Come to interviews buzzinâ€[™], tone down the drug shit

Keep your eye on the ball, mind on the job And before you know you'll have the whole world on your knob

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Here's somethinâ€[™] that I shoulda stressed early on Don't go spendinâ€[™] all your money till it's gone 'Cause the taxman's gonna want his paper when it's due And there's nobody above the taxman especially you

And another thing, buy your house before you buy your car

Don't tell no one where you are, even better if you're far

Everybody knows you're gangsta and that Porsche looks great

But do you really want it sittinâ€[™] on that council estate?

Differently, watch where you choose to socialize Keep an eye out for trouble, watch for devils in disguise

And please don't be fooled by no pretty females Play it safe, never let 'em know your full details

I ain't sayinâ€[™] be para', I'm just sayinâ€[™] be sure You can never know if that bitch will be bragginâ€[™] what she saw

And aside from makinâ $\in^{\mathbb{M}}$ money, keep lovinâ $\in^{\mathbb{M}}$ what you do

I ain't saying nothinâ€[™] more because the rest is up to you

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