

Ruff Ryders

"Stay Down"

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[Akon]

How many days we gonna live our life struggling on the streets

How many days we gotta live our life searching for a way to eat

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[Flashy Verse 1]

How many blacks gotta die by the hands of another
Don't you understand that man's the same color so that
man is your brother

That's what happens when that man is from the gutter
And that man is a hustler trying to survive, moving
grams of that butter

See, his momma was a dope fiend, poppa was a rolling
stone

he never knew what family was he grew up in a broken
home

Ever since twelve years old he was known as grown
'cause ever since twelve years old he was on his own
And even though it seemed like school was the best
plan

his only choice was distributing the rock like Def-jam
While everybody else was getting diplomas
he graduated from the middle of the strip to the corner
But I don't knock him cause he tryin to bubble
there's no food on the table, the rents past due and
that's why he hustles

and I ain't sayin that its right to be dealin

All I'm sayin is I feel him I guess

I just see eye 2 eye wit his struggle you know

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[Flashy Verse 2]

Now baby girl's got a promising future
But her moms passed away while she was younger and
her father's a loser
He'd always abused her but what else you expect from
a coward
He wasn't even proud when she got accepted to
Howard
And even though she loves college everyday it would
stress her
but it wasn't cause of exams or she hate her professor
it was her financial situation here she couldn't pay a
semester
And the only means of making it better was totally
reversing the role
lap dancing working that pole even though deep down
its hurting her soul
And even if it meant taking off her clothes
she was down for what ever to help her accomplish her
personal goals
And I ain't trippin off a-how shortie livin
She gotta pay her tuiton put food in the kitchen and
that's why she strippin
and I ain't sayin I agree with her job but shit times is
hard
I guess I just see eye to eye with her vision you know

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[Flashy Verse 3]

Now see the moral of the story is this
if you ain't tryin to help stop our troubles then don't
knock our hustle
cause really at the end of the day its not ya'll struggle
but you always got something to say
well hear this fuck you

Yeah that's right I'm talking to you come try to sleep in
our beds
eat off our plates, take a walk in our shoes
look at the world from our view try to live by our rules
drink the same water we do, put your kids in our
schools
I guarantee you won't maintain your health you'll
probably try to end it all
and hang yourself or bang yourself
You couldn't possibly understand all pain we felt
and without folding your hands play the games we
dealt
I'm being real I ain't tryin to be evil
Look how we live, look how ya'll live
c'mon be serious how is we equal
Matter fact I feel I'm wasting my time
I'm finished writing this rhyme
Ya'll never gonna see eye to eye with my people you
know

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2X)

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