

## **Lil' Kim F/ Missy Elliott**

### **"The Truth"**

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[LL Cool J]

Uhh.. yeah..

See, this is what these mixtapes is all about..

Knah'msayin KaySlay?

Talk to the people, with no interruptions and  
interference..

Put that mic down, admire the technique and tight tight  
sounds

of a +Renegade+, never been afraid, the time is right  
now

Before I take my bow and finally allow  
my love affair with rap to fade, I'll sink into the page  
Pleasur and the pain that came from rulin the game  
And the half Dominican that gave me brains in the fast  
lane

A seventeen-year reign, simple and plain  
When I ruled the rap game and all my peers sold  
cocaine

One-three-two Uptown, when Rich Porter told me  
"See you can push a new car, it's different for a rap  
star"

And AZ was givin 50s to the homeless  
They never bragged about it - "L, we don't condone  
this"

On the back of the bike with Alpo  
Doin a buck down one-two-five, hopin to stay alive  
Favorite spot rooftop  
Me and Big chuckle up when he was hittin up "Juicy"  
and whatnot

Damn, when Dapper Dan got shot up  
Before they made drops when we had to cut the top up  
Some cats neglected the fact that L was hot  
Cause they warm and electin me hot when I stepped in  
the spot

Lyricaly reppin the block on Farmers to rock  
But my sex symbol status made me, corny to cop  
The microphone strategist ripped the apparatus  
Left competition embarrassed but I never held malice  
Kinda saw street literature  
Used to lose battles on purpose so these cats can

dream more  
I wanna see y'all shine without the use of a nine  
You might see a nigga, I see a black Einstein  
A diamond in the rough, he's remindin me as tough  
Young girls takin X, she's blinded by the stuff  
Oh my God, where did we go wrong?  
Are you doin what you're doin cause I ruined you with  
songs?  
God forgive me, I never knew my power to devour the  
demons  
Y'all know the Devil be schemin  
It's a manifestation of the pain of a nation  
that makes materialism the only thing we're chasin  
The real gangstas never talked to me tough  
Never told me they was hard, or claimed to be my God  
When I first found the courage to bounce up outta  
Queens  
And saw Big Dave comin up out the store with money  
machines  
My only dream was to rock mics in the spotlight  
Joint bumpin on Marley Show all night  
Whoever thought that I would be a movie star?  
A rap icon, chokin the game like a python  
Russell turned the hype on, exploded like a pipe bomb  
{\*explosion\*}  
Just because a young boy, turned the mic on  
Still admire skills and cats that are ill  
with lyri-kills, nowadays the chorus is payin the bill  
The black man found a way outta the hood  
Now it's slaves to {\*edit\*} mayor's not all good  
Don't let 'em take our music and plagiarize the game  
Then you call up and request it and pretend it's really  
flames?  
The tip of the iceberg, I'll hold my piece  
In the meantime, live smart, watch out for the beast  
Lyrical Picasso flow masterpiece  
Like Michaelangelo or Rembrandt, you know?  
Si palare poco Italiano  
LL bravissimo, grazie, prego!  
MÃis mejor siempre mi amigo  
Pero, music is muy muy duro  
TÃº sabe, que tÃº quieres es no problema  
Te quiero mucho, yo comprendo your dilemma  
Summer's comin, it won't always be winter  
I pray to God He forgives me, I'm a sinner

That's a little message..  
All the brothers and sisters out there..  
Y'all be strong..  
Keep your dreams flowin baby..  
KaySlay I'm out for presidents to represent me..

But I wanna get 'em the right way, y'know? {\*echoes\*}

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