

# Money, Power, Respect

X-Raided

I gave you money, power, respect, cars and gold  
Made you a star, platinum cards, scar up your foes  
Had your back, through it all, my love never expired  
Down to do it all, I did it, no matter what you desired  
All I required, was that you keep it real with me  
And any man that crossed your path would have to deal with me  
He was in it in the beginning and through the start of it all  
On 24th Street, rappin' for guns and smokes  
Write bars everyday, stay battlin' niggas  
On the corner, in the hood, dismantlein' niggas  
I was watchin' you, vowed that you could excel at somethin'  
Instead of sittin' in the dank house steady inhalin' somethin'  
So I snatched you up, put you at the right place at the right time  
Open mic night at the club, with the right bass and the right rhymes  
Got discovered, your chance of a lifetime, got a contract big  
Now you pushin' cassettes and compact discs  
Doin' videos and shows too fast  
With your crew, thirty deep, smokin' O's and hash  
But you didn't want to sign autographs, no respect for your fans  
You forgot where you came from, you think you the man!  
I gave you money, then when your second album dropped  
Dubbed you with bad reviews, low sales, and this was the plot  
You got dropped from the label's roster and lost all that you gained  
Not a peep to your name cuz you disrespected the game

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I was there, through it all, my love never expired  
Down to do it all, I had your back, no matter what you desired  
All I required, was that you keep it real with me  
And any man that crossed your path would have to deal with me  
But is you still with me?  
Livin' in debt forever eternally  
Then turn to me  
Get your head together

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You had my back, through it all, your love never expired  
Down to do it all, you was there, no matter what I desired  
All you required, was that I kept it real with you  
And any man that crossed my path would have to deal with you  
I feel it's true

Then why you go against the grain?

That's what children do

That's why I had to commence the pain  
To convince your brain, to never circumvent the game  
You'll be resented, don't be tempted by illusions of fame

For in this game, I'm choosin' to follow the rules and change  
Loosenin' my steelo, bruised my ego, assumed the pain  
Losin' my people

They're evil, you don't need 'em to live

They have no love, and love is what you need 'em to give  
It's me and you against the World

I finally figured that out  
Blowin' trees and crushin' girls is all them fools about  
I'm choosin' a route that'll definitely lead to bigger clout  
Like the Isley Brothers what I discovered makes me want to shout  
What can I do with the respect of a man whose respect is worthless?  
How can a man who has no purpose in life serve me a purpose?  
Just wanna hurt me, they vicious and merciless

What's your mission?

Collectin' money in surpluses, my only intention  
My only henchmen is the game, keep him near to my heart

Mention my name and I'll appear

Yeah, til' death do us part