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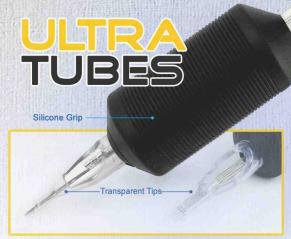








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# The Editor



When I think of the greats produced by the city of Detroit, Michigan, like Eminem, Berry Gordy (Founder Of Motown Records), James Earl Jones, Madonna and many more, I think of how epic it is to be shooting one the most special of the Motor City's gems today, Ms. London Charles, better known as Deelishis in her home town.

Known for her debut on VH1's "Flavor Of Love," Deelishis has captured the hearts of fans worldwide and has since appeared on magazines and modeling campaigns throughout the entertainment industry. She models for Eye Candy Modeling and made an appearance in the music video for Paul Wall's "Break 'Em Off" featuring Lil Keke, as well as, BET's "Rip the Runway." She, also, appeared in Busta Rhymes' video for "Touch It Remix." Davis graced the cover of magazine in September 2007. In 2008, she was a lollipop girl in Lil Wayne's "Lollipop" music video, and also appeared on BET's "Hip-Hop vs. America" among other things. She, also, hosted "Dance Party," a local TV show on WADL.

Currently, Deelishis hosts the biggest radio show in Detroit, "The Morning Heat," on Hot 107.5, co-starring Big Greg and Foolish. This issue is dedicated to Deelishis, her hometown, Detroit, and our combined wonderful fans.

Enjoy,

# Marcus The Editor

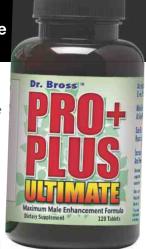
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#### By Mannie Pendexter

he Detroit native, Chandra Davis – best known as Deelishis – has been seen on all different forms of media. First introduced to the world during her time on Flavor Flav's hit reality TV series "Flavor of Love 2" (VH1), followed by appearances in numerous magazines and magazine covers, advertisements, independent films, and hosting radio shows and events around the world, the urban model/actress with the voluptuous frame has taken her celebrity status to new heights.

Here at *Black Men* mag, we just can't get enough of the "deelishisness," so we present to you our editorial homage to Deelishis. Read on as Deelishis divulges on how her business affairs, her celebrity crushes, and—as is customary with *Black Men* mag—we also spoke to Dee from the D about S-E-X!

#### On her career moves:

Normally, I'm home maybe three days out of the seven-day week. The other four days, I am on the road travelling, still hosting parties, making appearances, negotiating different deals and endorsements. I have an endorsement deal with a hairline company called Limelight Extensions. I also have an endorsement deal with a clothing line called Pink Lucy Boutique, and I still do my plays and also movies. The last film that I did was  $Kony\ Montana$  with Michael Blackson and Bruh Man from the fifth floor.

#### On staying relevant in the entertainment industry:

I've been able to build my brand up to a point where it is a great influence. Luckily for me I've been doing this now for seven-plus years and I've maintained relevance and style and grace and recognition. I'm still respected amongst my peers in entertainment as well as my fans.

I have to attribute the majority of that success to being blessed. It's just a favor of God. He decided when I became Deelishis that I was going to have some staying power. I don't think that there is anything so awesome physically about me that someone else doesn't have or couldn't buy. I think I have a decent personality. I don't just come with a nice figure and a cute face. I actually have intellect and I know how to deal with people. I try to teach some of the girls that are coming up now that it's not just about how good you look, because girls turn 18 every day, and some of them look just as good or better. You have to have the right mentality. You have to be willing to educate yourself, because having a manager doesn't cover the entire spectrum. You actually need to know the business that you're getting into. And then, you also have to have good character—'cause no one wants to work with a bitch.







#### The good, the bad and the ugly of the entertainment industry according to Deelishis:

The good is that it can be lucrative. The bad is being ignorant—and, I don't mean acting stupid. I mean ignorant like not knowing. The ugly are the haters. They're just ugly.

#### On the possibility of Deelishis appearing on another reality

I would definitely get back into reality TV. It's the reason for my position in entertainment right now. It's so funny, though, because back in 2006 when we did "Flavor Of Love" we were being shunned by so many who at that time were A-list celebrities. Now there isn't an A-, B-, C-, D-, E- or F-lister that would not sign on to do a reality show. So I feel good that we were part of the foundation that started this. I feel good being one of the pioneers and still being around. Reality TV is awesome! I totally get it. I respect it. And, I said it back then, that one day reality TV would take over, and it's done

#### Let's talk about sex, Deelish:

The wildest place I've ever had sex was on a lane on top of a truck. I was down south, and I was on the hood of a Blazer. I was a top chick, and he was a bottom dude, and it was so good! It was steamy and it was stinky because in the south, that dirt is smelly. But it was all good because the sex was good. My favorite position is CEO, so that would be me on top. [Laughs.]



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I have three celebrity crushes. One of them is Matt Kemp that plays for the [Los Angeles] Dodgers. Oh, my God! My other one is Aubrey Graham, better known as Drake. I'd like fucking him. And my last one is Kevin Hart. Oh, my God! Let me tell you, I would kiss Matt, I would fuck Drake, but I would love Kevin Hart. Kevin Hart is so good to his kids and so good to his girlfriend. I met him several times. He's always been the same person. He's just an all-around good guy, and he just happens to be my type. I think he's attractive, and his personality is good. In a world that's so heavy with hatred and evil and ugly, someone like that to me will always keep you happy 'cause he's funny and a free spirit. I'm attracted to Kevin Hart. I like him and his girlfriend together, but if it doesn't work out, Kevin Hart, you can change my last name. "London Hart" sounds good. I like it.

I think women are beautiful, but I don't want to ever sleep with  $\alpha$ woman. But, I would kiss a girl. Oh, Ellen! Yeah, I think I would kiss Ellen DeGeneres. Ellen is sexy to me as a woman. Ellen is flyer than some dudes to be honest with you. She's got more swag than some men. She's comfortable in her own skin. Yes! Ellen turns me on! Watch out Portia!

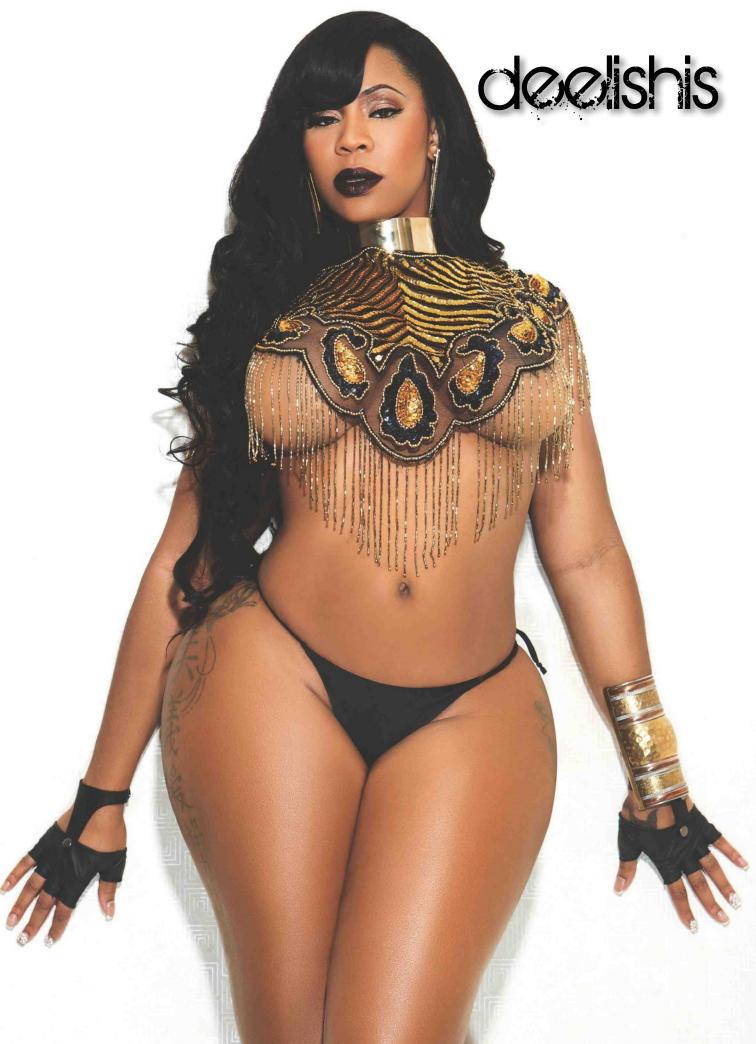
For those of you who want some more Deelishis(ness), you can catch her on Detroit's Hot 107.5's The Morning Heat (hiphopdetroit.com). You can also keep tabs on her on Instagram.com/iamsodeelishis.





















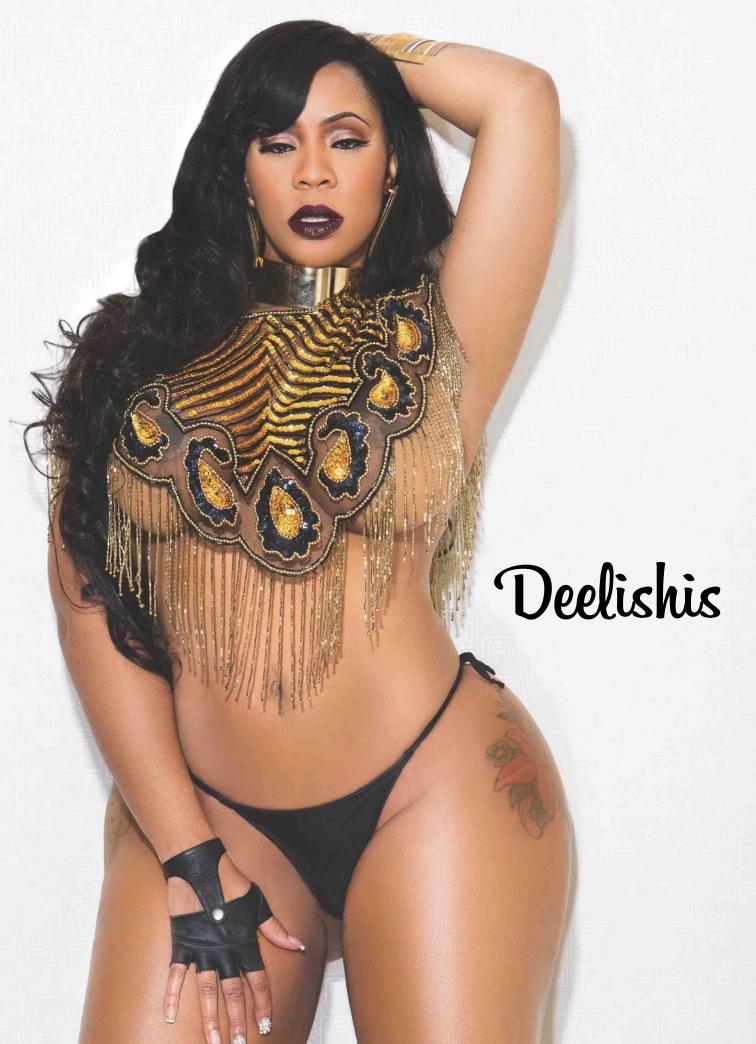






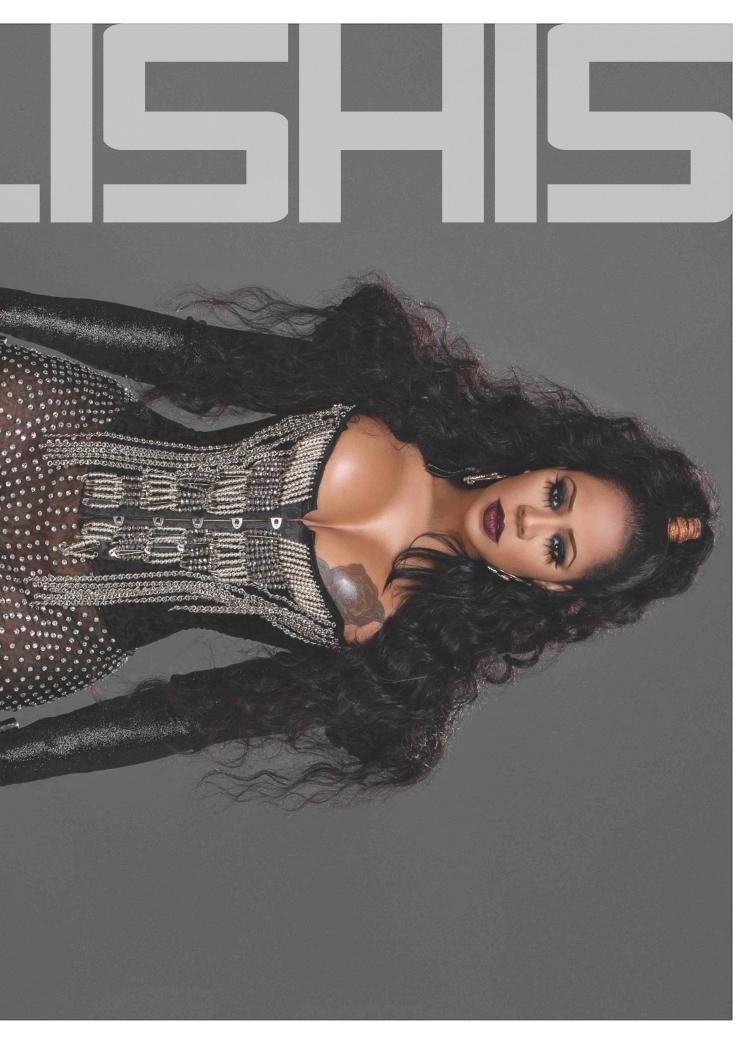




















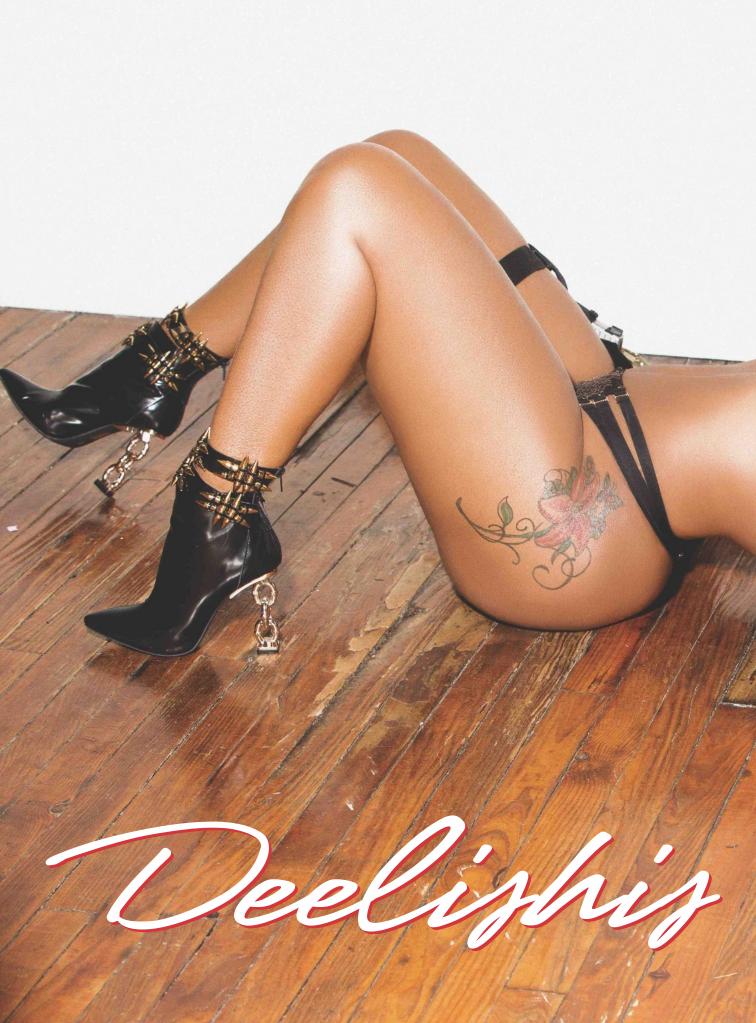




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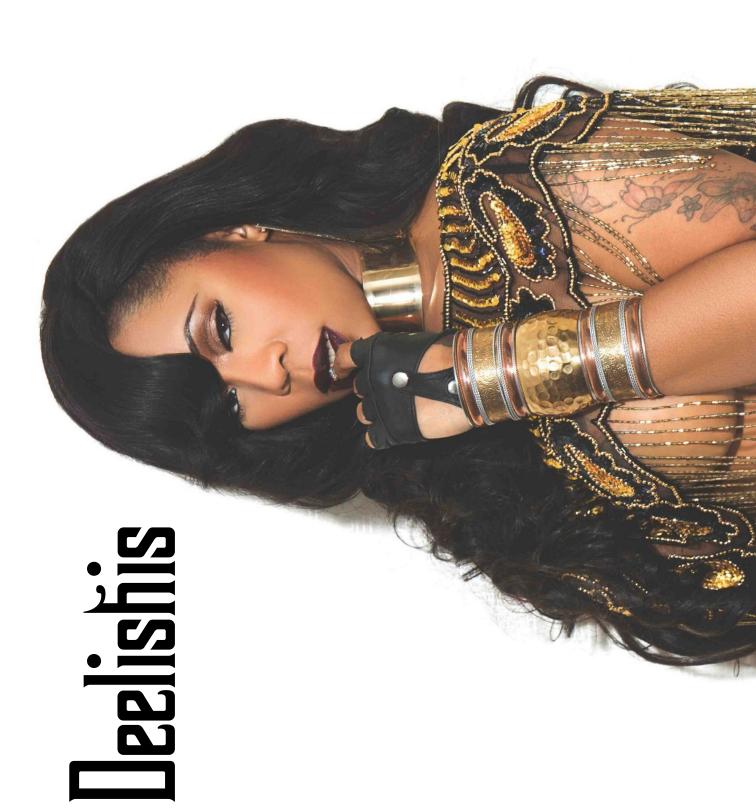
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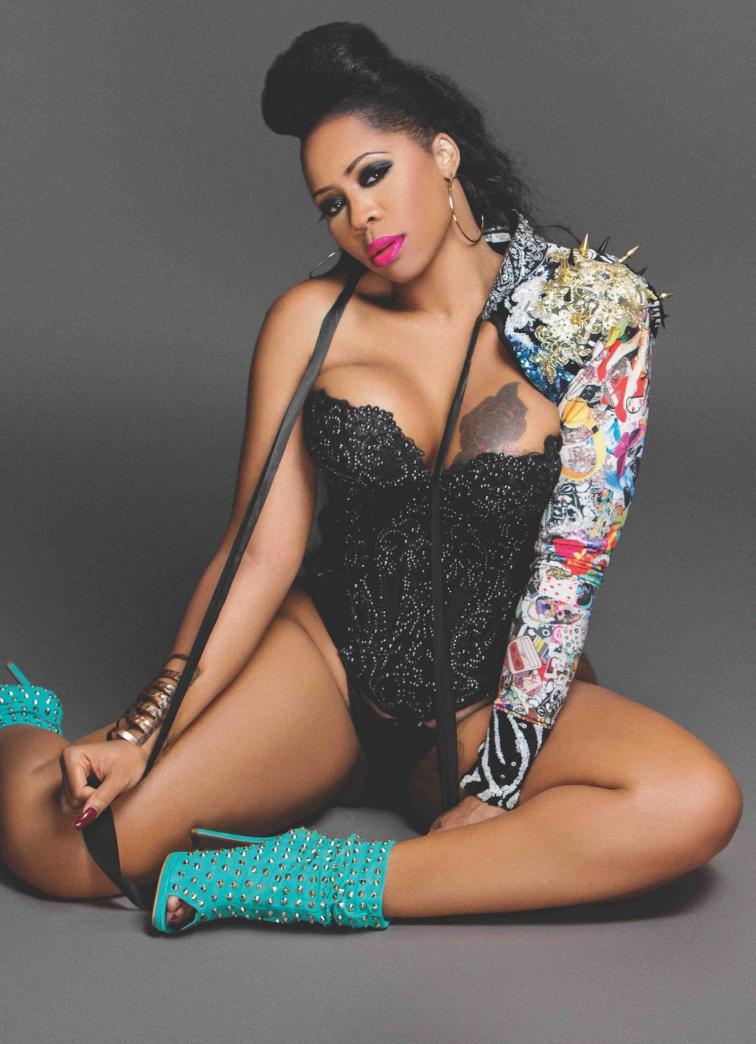
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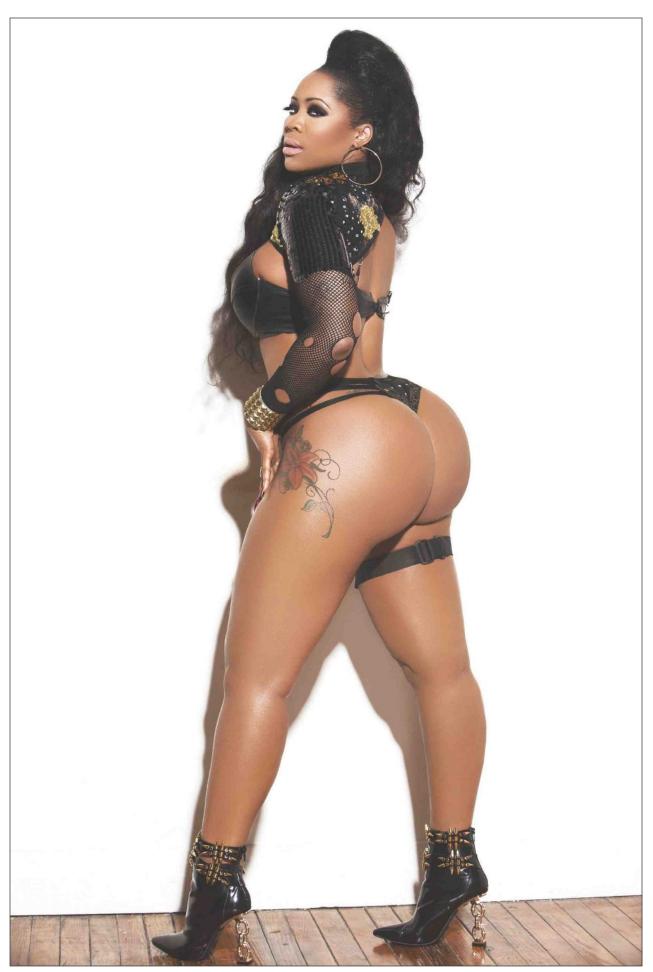








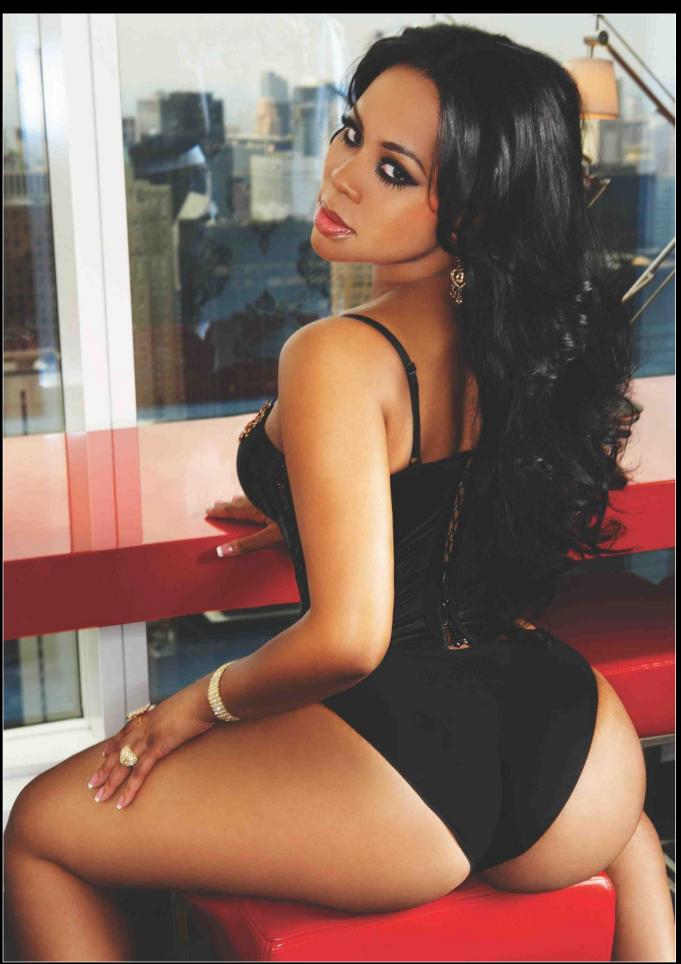












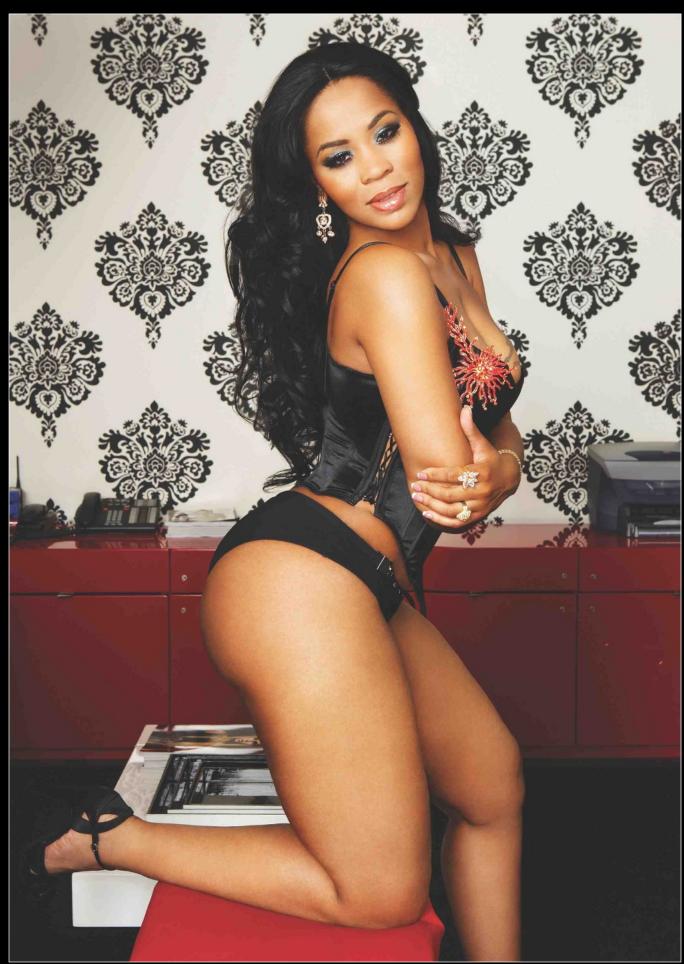






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# By Omar Burgess

Snootie Wild is a walking case study in the art of adjustment. He may not say it verbatim, but the ability to modify a career path that started with NBA aspirations, then abruptly veered off course before temporarily stalling in the penitentiary requires some shifting on the fly. The North Memphis native points to the one common trait that drew in listeners whether he was performing at open mic nights, riding around playing his music for strangers, or unknowingly catching the ear of tastemakers like Yo Gotti and DJ Larry Live.

"It's basically a calling of people who can already relate, so it wasn't like you're going out searching or looking for them," Snootie says. "The people hear you, and it's like, 'I can relate to homie. With the lingo he uses, I know he is who he is and he's about what he's talking about.""

Gotti was one such person who was all too familiar with what Snootie was talking about. Having already secured a partnership with Epic Records and looking to build his CMG roster, Yo Gotti saw several clubs collectively lose it during repeated plays of Snootie's street pharmaceutical anthem "Yayo." It was enough to make the fellow Memphis native want to hop on a remix and offer Snootie a record deal.

But the appeal of Snootie Wild extends beyond those who know about flipping four ounces into sixteen. Granted, it's easy to make assumptions about what influences a song entitled "Yayo." And to be fair, dabbling on the wrong side of street life nearly derailed Snootie's plans on two separate occasions. His teenage hoop dreams were shattered at the age of 17 when the former high school power forward was stabbed in the knee. Four years later, he was convicted on an aggravated robbery charge, which resulted in a four-year sentence.

Born LaPreston Porter, Snootie inherited his nickname from his late father, "Big Snootie," who he describes as a trapper and a pimp. When Snootie rhymes about emerging "from that mud," it's a nod to overcoming those aforementioned circumstances and keeping himself in what he calls "Go Mode." Rapping about the events that





lead to jail time has a limited reach, whereas the dedication and discipline Snootie needed to pursue a Rap career and a GED while incarcerated can earn respect from the trap to the boardroom.

"I'm aiming to be a monster in this music game, and I'm reaching the kids out here," Snootie says. "So it's bigger than just the streets, because I ain't got nothing to prove no more. Everybody knows it's 85-percent street with me, so it's time to grow into something better."

Something better arrived in the form of the K. Camp-assisted single "Made Me," which gave Snootie Wild another Top 40 Billboard single in his relatively short career. In turn, the commercial success has afforded him the opportunity to provide for his son, travel, and potentially help others avoid the setbacks he encountered.

"If it wasn't for this music, I wouldn't be any further than the stop sign in my projects," Snootie says. "It's just a blessing that the music is able to take me where I need to go to be heard and understood. It's bigger than just Rap and making something sound good. I'm making a statement as well."

These days, the line separating work and play is continually blurred, with Snootie spending more time taking meetings and looking for ways to improve his live performances. The remainder of Snootie's schedule is occupied by fatherhood, touring, and the occasional night of Hennessyfueled fun. A quick look at his various social media accounts finds him logging time with the likes of Andy and Tommy Hilfiger, up-and-coming rapper Dej Loaf, and former Carolina Panthers running back Armond Smith.

So what is it about Snootie that appeals to millionaires, moguls and moms?

"Everything was really natural," Snootie explains. "My motto is, I mess with those who mess with me, and I feel those who feel my struggle because they must've been through

In a career that requires being in a constant state of adaptation, Snootie Wild's ability to connect with listeners over shared adversity is one thing that isn't likely to change.







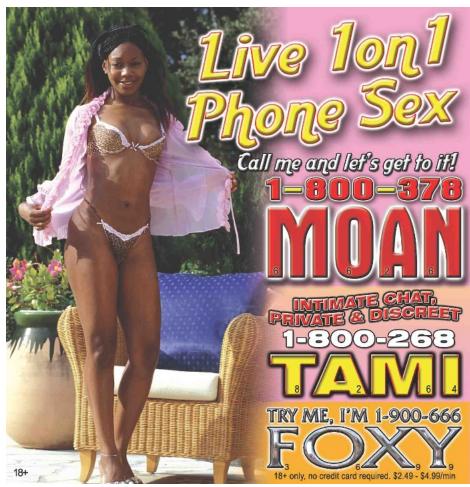
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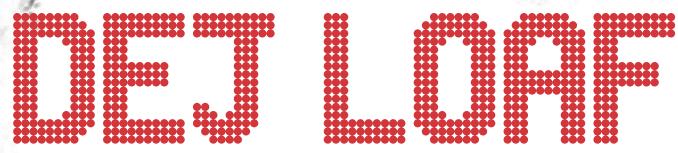
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# DETROIT'S FEMALE FATALE

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### By Mannie Pendexter

etroit rapper/singer/songwriter DeJ Loaf, is one of the bright, new stars grabbing everyone's attention in Hip-Hop. With two hot mixtapes filled with popular street anthems detailing her life growing up in the gritty streets of Motown, coupled with a major label deal with Columbia. Records and her hit single "Try Me" on heavy rotation on radio stations across the country, the 23-year-old rhyme-smith is well on her way to becoming the next big thing in Hip-Hop.

The middle child of three children, DeJ Loaf — born Deja M. Trimble — was raised solely by her mother after her father was murdered when DeJ was only four-years-old. Armed with a story to tell and growing up listening to artists such as Tupac Shakur and Rakim, paved the way for DeJ to begin writing her own rhymes at the age of nine. Growing up she would explore other things like basketball in high school, and nursing school in college, but music was always a focal point for the natural born artist.

Leaving college after a few uninsp<mark>irin</mark>g semesters, DeJ decided to dedicate more time to her music. She worked odd jobs to pay the bills, such as janitorial work for Chrysler Automobiles, but soon she would realize that working a nine-to-five was not the life for her.

She entered the realm of the music industry about four years ago releasing her first mixtape, *Just Do It*, only a year later in 2012. DeJ's music would reach the ear of Detroit MC, SAYITAINTTONE, who would sign her to his IBGM imprint.

That same mixtape would spawn the hit single "Try Me" that turned the music industry's attention towards DeJ Loaf, after a superstar like Drake would go on to quote DeJ on one of his Instagram posts. The single would go on to climb the charts, and, shortly thereafter, Columbia Records came knocking. She would later go on to release Sell Sole, another impressive mixtape to add to her repertoire.

Her smooth delivery, her true to life lyrics, and her sheer determination is what makes DeJ Loaf standout from the crop of new talent springing up lately. With all eyes on her — especially after Detroit's Golden Child, Eminem, brought her in for a feature on his track "Detroit vs. Everybody" for his Shady XV album — we're excited to see where this young artist takes her career next.



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lack Men would like to introduce you to GGurls' very own, Stephanie Tejada. Making her debut on GGurls.com only three years ago, Tejada has steadily been picking up steam in the world of urban modeling. With a beautiful smile and a spicy frame that would make any clergyman tightly clench on to his holy book, Tejada is well on her way to becoming a household name in the entertainment industry.

## Black Men: How long have you been with GGurls?

Stephanie Tejada: Oh, wow! GGurls[.com] was the first model blog to feature my work—that was about three years ago. Ever since then, they always showed me love and posted my work. I don't even have to ask; I wake up and I'm tagged in GGurls' posts like, "Oh snap!" [Laughs.]

How does it feel to be featured in Black Men magazine as a GGurl? First of all, to me Black Men magazine is like the OG of urban magazines. I love Black Men mag, so for my first feature to be representing GGurls it's like having your cake and eating it too. I'm thrilled, honored and feel super blessed.

## What impresses you about a man?

It takes a lot to impress me [laughs], but I'm not the materialistic type. I'm more impressed by a man's honesty than his bank account.

# What is the hardest thing about the modeling industry?

I think now the world we live in is so fascinated and infatuated with these fake, perfect bodies, that it's not just a boob job anymore. Now, it's butt implants, breast implants, lip injections, the works! Women now idolize women like Kim Kardashian and Nicki Minaj, and want so much to look like them that it's become a constant battle within myself to just accept





myself and realize I've made it this far all natural. Just keep going! Break the mold, literally! [Laughs.]

## If you had a chance to redo something in your life what would it be?

I would have pursued my dreams a lot sooner. Even when I was α little girl, I knew I wanted to be an entertainer. I wish I would've made my parents put me in acting classes or had professional shoots when I was a kid. Even though I've had great results, I know I would've been  $\alpha$  lot further in my career if I started earlier.

# How do you deal with the haters and negativity?

Well, before, I would respond and fight back with them and just feed into it, but now, I ignore it. If I see them in public, and confront them, it usually turns out they're Internet thugs anyway [laughs].

# Anything you wanted to add before we wrap?

I would just like to thank GGurls and Black Men magazine for this amazing opportunity!

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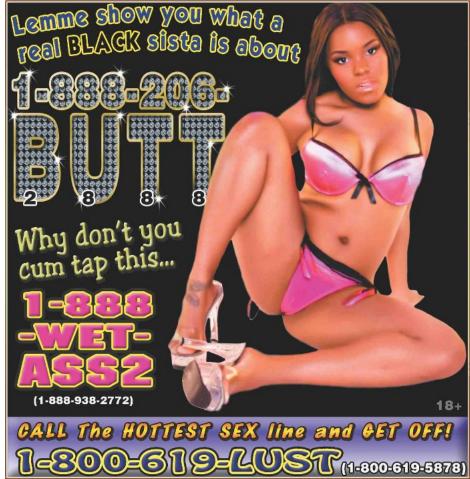
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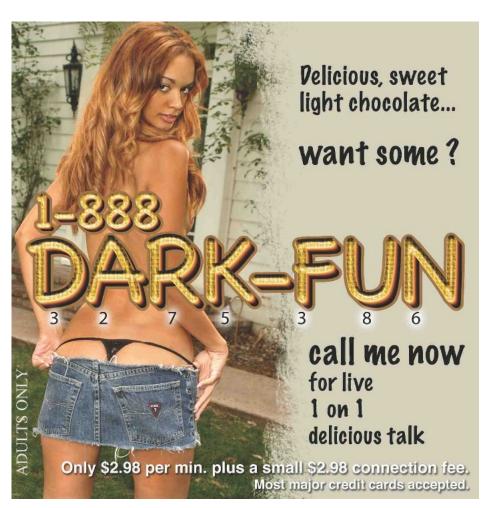
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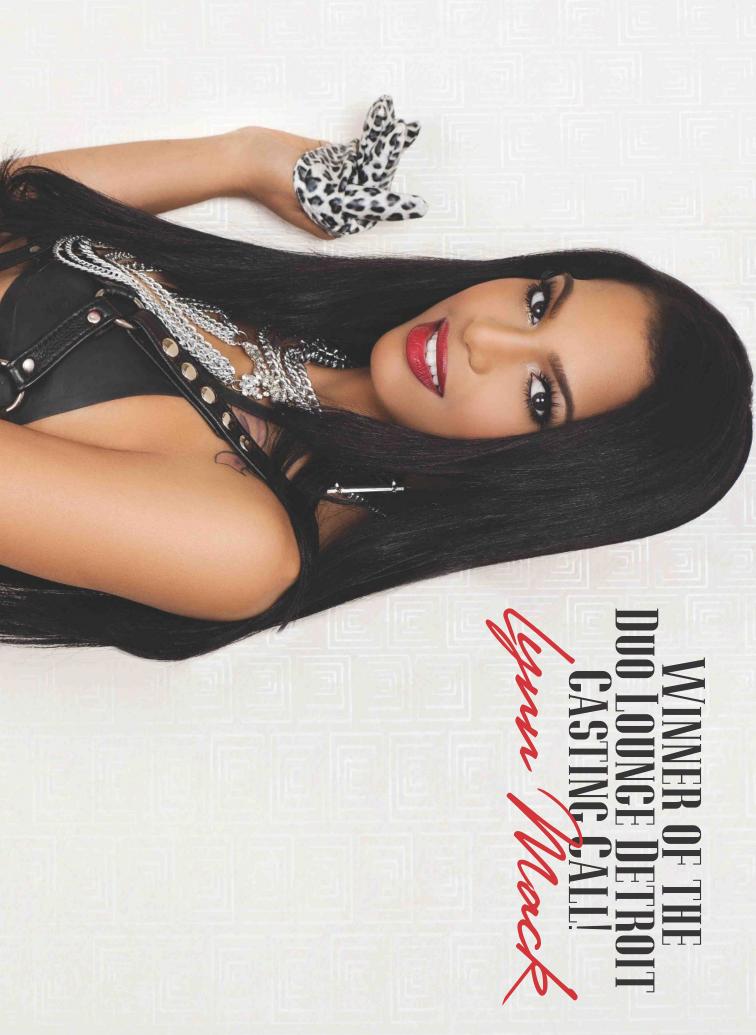
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Nickname: Lynn Mack

Hometown: Detroit, MI

Zodiac: Gemini

Bust: 32B

Waist: 25

Hip: 38

Instagram: @enduringrose\_

#Of Followers: 5.1K

Favorite song: Anything 2Pac or Jay Z, or anything

Beyoncé when I'm not being a thug.

Favorite food: Quesadillas and donuts are two

things I could eat everyday.

Favorite movie: Twilight (All of them!).

Favorite color: Pink

Event Hosts: @7mile\_tone @jdee313 Photographer: 2020 Photography Stylist: Marcus Blassingame | Make Up & Hair: Angeleah Speights Body paint on Alexus: Ed The Artist

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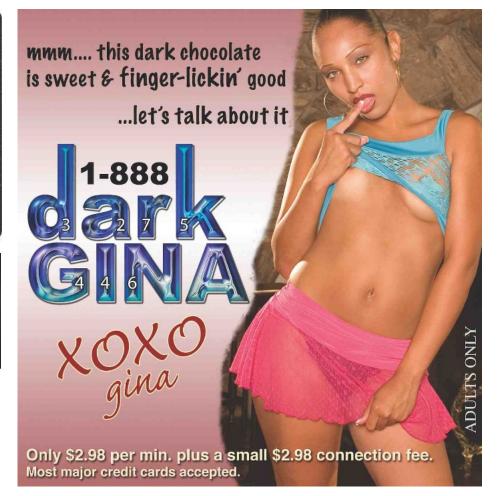


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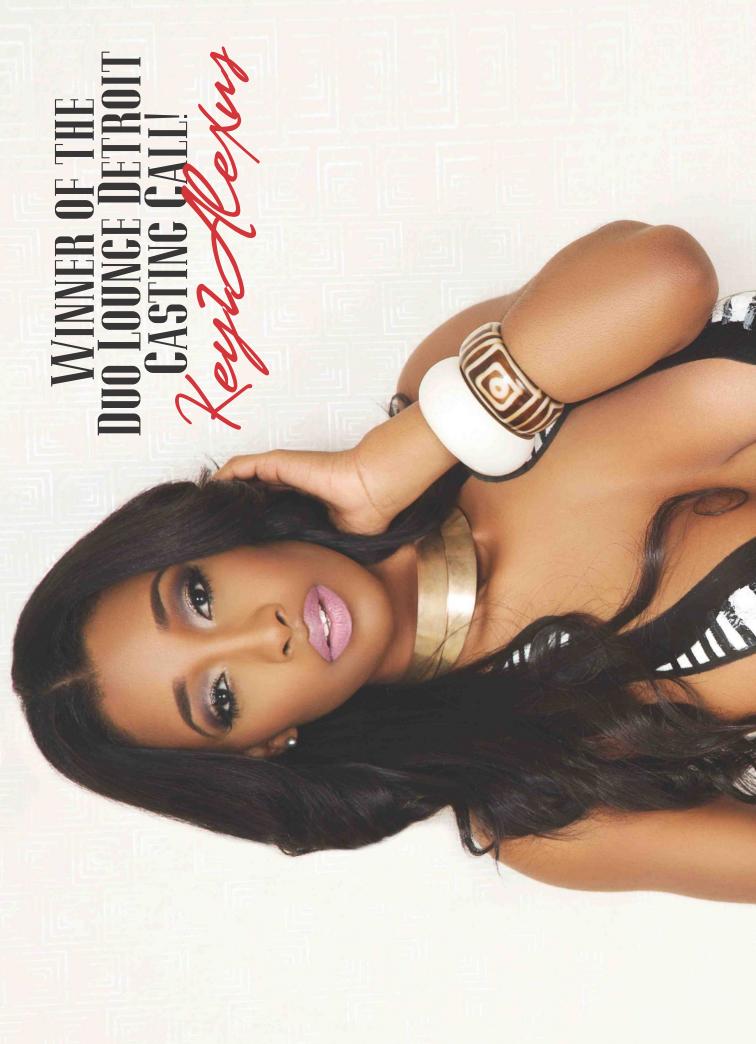
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Web:

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**#Of Followers:** 228 (new to this)

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Favorite song: Nicki Minaj ft. Jeremih "Favorite"

Favorite food/restaurant: Seafood/Ocean Prime

Favorite drink: Jäger Bomb

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ermaine "Maino" Coleman has been a mainstay in New York Hip-Hop for over a decade now, but his parlay into music by no means marked the beginning of his notoriety in the streets. With hits like "All The Above" and "Hi Haters" under his belt, Maino is refreshing his repertoire with his recent King of Brooklyn mixtape series, a new book in the works, and some entrepreneurial ventures that he may or may not formally announce. Mysterious? Perhaps, but it pays to stay focused on the business, something the rap veteran knows all too

Dauntless, Maino has claimed his throne as the King of Brooklyn – a decision that has breathed new life into his movement. His most recent single "Dreamer" featuring French Montana and B.o.B is proof that there is no slowing down. But why claim "king" in a place with such rich musical history?

"At the end of the day, I'm from Kings County. I'm from a place in New York that birthed kings," Maino asserts. "I feel like trials and tribulations that I overcame make me eligible to be king. It ain't about rap at all. It's

who I am before music, who I was. Without music, I was already some sort of force in my environment. When I speak to my people, and I talk to the ones living a certain kind of life, who best represent them but them? I'm a king goon; I'm a king thug. I'm the best that's ever done it from that particular area in life that comes from Brooklyn."

Maino has always been vocal about his past incarceration and the, sometimes, tedious path of his music career, but he never let obstacles slow him down. Going from indie label to a major and back to an indie a couple of rounds, Maino not only had to keep up with the changes in business, he also had to keep up with technology in order to stay in touch with fans. He explains that adapting to the Internet and social media opened doors for him that he never thought possible.

"I came in the game at the end of the mixtape era and the beginning of the DVD era. Smack, Cocaine City, All Access, etc. These DVDs became like BET for the 'hood. That was the initial beginning for Maino. People started to know who I was from that.

"What doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I laugh half that shit out because a lot of these people are doing that shit just for the sake of doing it. You can't let people get under your skin with comments they make from their bedroom. I come from the projects; I come from the 'hood. I've spent half my life in prison. I jump in and out of Rolls Royces; my crib is three stories. I'm not worried about what no one else is telling me. I got homies in prison; I got homies dying. I got homies never coming home from jail. I think about that and things I gotta do, as opposed to what a vicious individual has to say to me." When all is said and done, Maino



With the Internet people want more. They want shit when they want it. You can't wait months and months to put out stuff, because the fans want to be the first to get it, so I had to adapt to the whole age. What's crazy is that a lot of the dudes that was with me on the DVD aren't really around anymore.

While some artists choose to go back and forth with their fans on social media and blogs, Maino tries to keep online negativity in perspective.

knows who he is, and isn't that what we all strive for?

"I'm a true dude. I'm 100 on everything," he affirms. "I'm loyal...wisdom, strength and beauty. I'm that ni\*\*a, you heard?"

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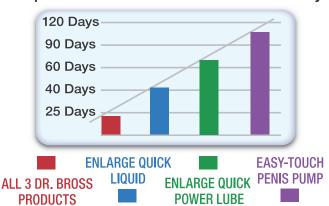
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Attendees of the AART event included hip-hop recording artist and producer Swizz Beatz, Miami Dolphins Defensive Linemen Jared Odrick, star of the hit show "American Chopper" Paul Sr., and Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Melky Jean.

The event also featured a live auction of art pieces and sports memorabilia created and donated by pro athletes to benefit The Smile Design Foundation who's goal it is to provide dental care for those who simply can't afford it. Items included a signed Miami Heat jersey from former player LeBron James, and original artwork from St. Louis Rams Tight End Lance Kendricks, former New York Jet Aaron Maybin, Atla<mark>nta Fa</mark>lcons Cornerback Rob McClain and former NBA Star Desmond Mason, among others.

Throughout the evening, attendees enjoyed culinary artistry, unique mixology, additional live paintings, musical performances, and an eye-catching interactive media wall.

"The AART has created a diverse atmosphere for athletes and entertainers, allowing for them to immerse themselves in art like never before," says Jumoke Mendez, AART founder.

The night was surely enjoyed by all, and was closed out by a fashion show introducing the "Simply Jess" collection by designer Jessica Giovanni. AART had a successful evening at Art Basel Miami on their worldwide tour. The next stop will be New York on February 12, 2015.

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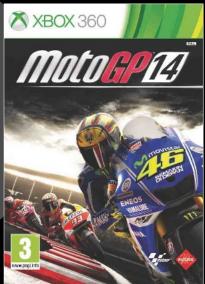
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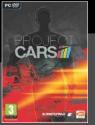
By Chadrea Adams

he Bandai Namco Games America Showcase event at Bryant Park Hotel in New York City this past July was hands on, featuring the titles Lords of the Fallen, Project CARS, PAC-MAN and the Ghostly Adventures 2, MotoGP14, Tenkai Knights: Brave Battle, Sword Art Online: Hollow Fragment and other great franchises including, Naruto Shippuden Ultimate Ninja Storm Revolution, Power Rangers Super Mega Force, Tales of Hearts and Tales of Xillia 2. Black Men got the opportunity to try out many of the games!

We really enjoyed Lords of the Fallen among a few others. It is very tough and challenging, but is a great action RPG to play. We died plenty of times (womp-womp), but it was fun all the same! The graphics on LOTF are gorgeous and the game has a dark feel to it. The next game we took a crack at was PAC-MAN and the Ghostly Adventures 2. This one is full of color and fun action. It has a good mix of the old Pac-Man playability and adds in a good amount of new features for players. Another game we also enjoyed was Tales of Xillia 2. We spoke to Dennis Lee, the Director of Marketing for Bandai Namco Games America Inc. about the game, and this is what he had to say, "Tales of Xillia [2] starts off following the ending of Tales of Xillia. The gameplay mechanics are similar to its predecessor—and a very nice addition to the game is the ability to delve further into each character's story, by way of gameplay and cut scenes."

Make sure you keep your eyes peeled for the abovementioned games from Bandai Namco Games as well as many other exciting titles that they have revved up for release in the coming months. For more info on the upcoming games, visit: bandainamcogames.com.









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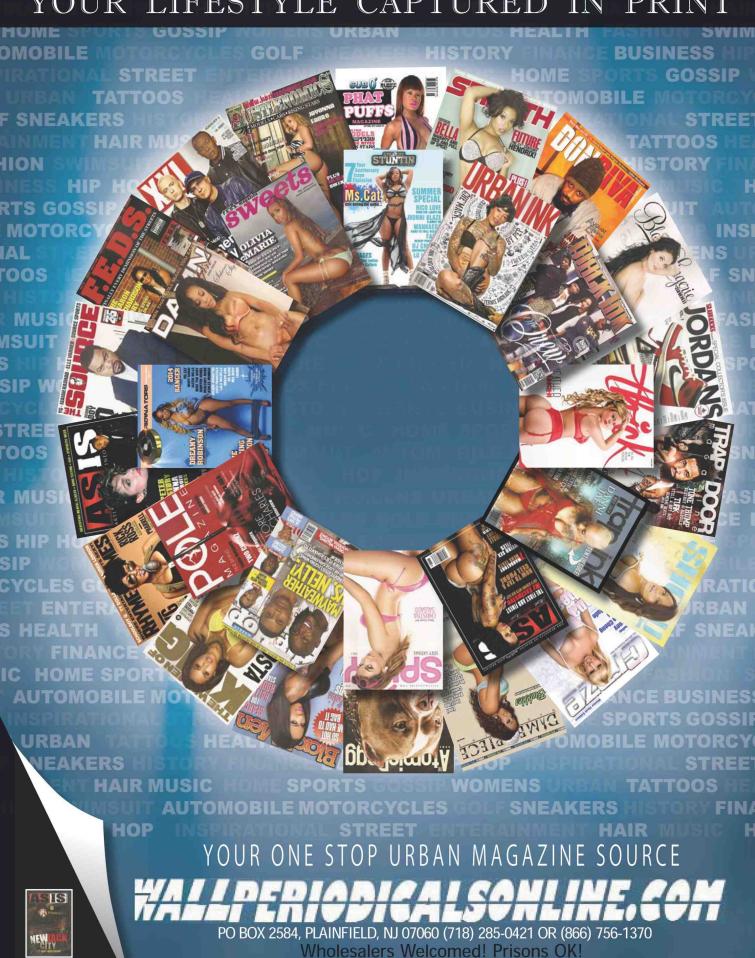
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