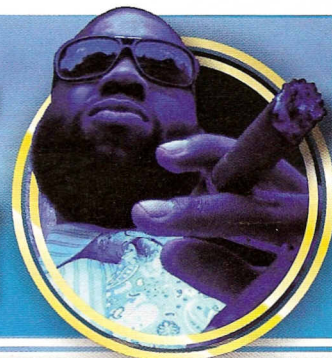


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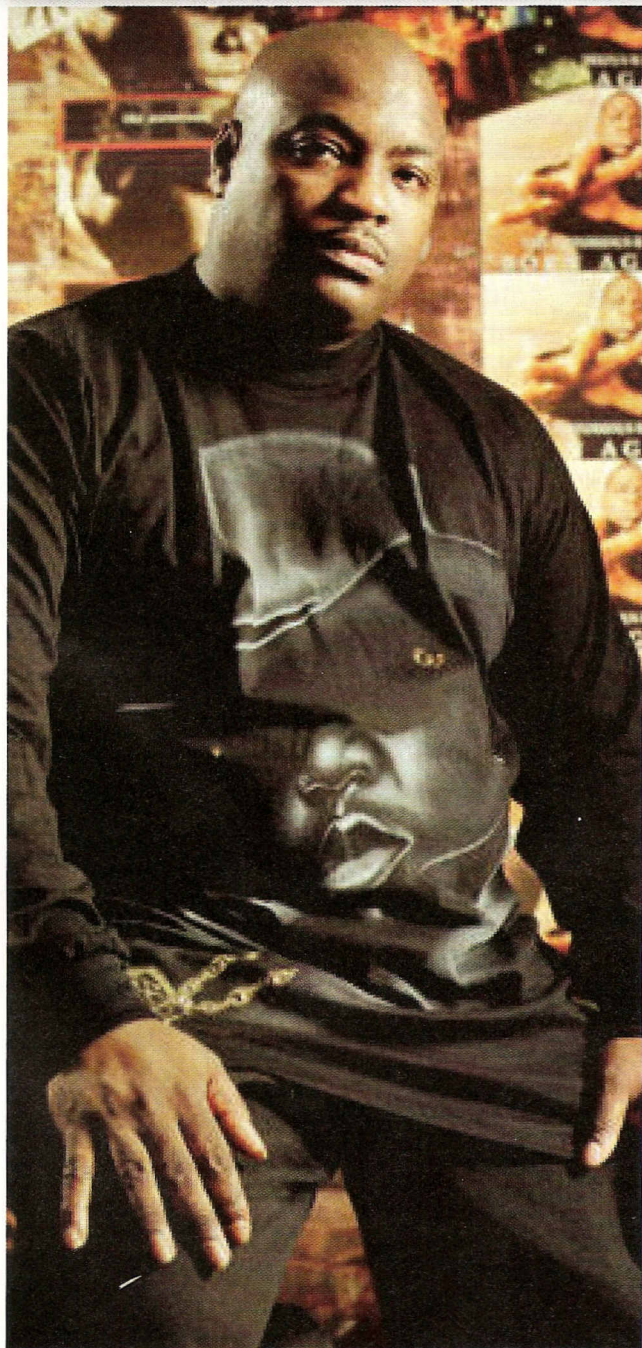
My name...*EbenGregory*.

My specialty...dropping jewelry and making words dance using a technique the world has never seen before. Read me and become high.



★★★ THE DIRTY LAUNDRY SOMETIMES GETS AIRED OUT AWARDS ★★★

Because What Doesn't Come Out During The Wash, Comes Out During The Rinse



If you didn't know, HE (or High Efficiency) Front Loading washers are becoming more and more popular as people look for appliances that better help conserve energy, save them money, and most importantly ... keep them dirt free. Unlike traditional washers that use agitators, most HE Front Loading washers use a tumbler system - a considerable improvement. In conventional top-loaders, the washtub has to be almost completely full in order to keep the clothes submerged while the agitator twists them clean. Re-read that. With HE Front Loading washers, however, the tub itself rotates and tumbles the clothes in the water. This method of washing allows clothes to be cleaned more thoroughly while using considerably less water. And now ... another short story. I call this ... Mister Cee Should've Got A Front Loader Instead Of A Top Loader. **CHAPTER 1:** We're introduced to our protagonist Mister Cee, aka Calvin Lebrun, aka "The Finisher" (his words, not mine). We soon learn that The Finisher likes to get "cleaned off" frequently, as proved by his previous "cleanings" down in lower Manhattan last Oct. 8th and Nov. 20th. **CHAPTER 2:** We find that out The Finisher, who is married, gets the urge to get unsoiled, but instead of letting his significant other do the laundry, The Finisher prefers to get "dry-cleaned." Oh the irony. **CHAPTER 3:** The Finisher drives to a "dry cleaner" in lower Manhattan's West Village - a place known for its professional "dry cleaners." It's then revealed that The Finisher's "dry cleaner" is a 20-year-old man with braids dressed as a woman named Lawrence Campbell, aka Top Loader. **CHAPTER 4:** Top Loader "dry cleans" The Finisher - taking him through the soak, delicate, permanent press and rinse cycles during the process. Pause. **CHAPTER 5:** NYPD's finest bust The Finisher and the Top Loader and arrest them for illegal "dry cleaning" in a parked car at 4am in the middle of the night. When they write up the police report, NYPD includes the following language: "...deponent observed defendant Campbell (Top Loader) manipulating defendant Lebrun's (The Finisher) exposed, naked, erect penis with defendant Campbell's mouth and lips and an up-and-down motion consistent with oral sex." **CHAPTER 6:** EbenGregory got halfway through this story and realized that he needed to go in another direction. The truth of the matter is... outside of his wife, who cares. Yes I find it rather amusing that ol'boy got caught getting topped off in a car by a man with braids dressed like a woman. Who wouldn't ... outside of his wife. The pink elephant in the room is that Hip Hop as a culture AND as an industry tends to hate homosexuality. And to me ... an individual who hates homosexuality may well hate homosexuals as well, and probably discriminates against them. We (me included at times) are selective in our discrimination. We might be in favor of equal civil rights for gays and lesbians in marriage, employment and accommodation, but don't wanna hear about our favorite DJ getting finished-off by a man with braids dressed like a woman. Hip Hop heads don't want to be seen as homophobes, even though we knowingly work towards the maintenance of special rights for heterosexuals. Here's the moral to the story: Hip Hop, homosexuality, homophobia, homoeroticism and hypermasculinity often go hand in hand. That's Hip Hop's dirty little secret. Hopefully this incident will get us talking about the spectrum of "laundry products" that could deliver brilliant cleaning solutions to help sanitize our own dirt. P.S., add bleach as necessary.

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What They Said, What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean

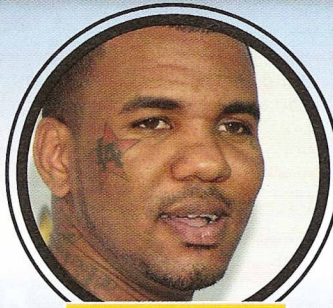


NICKI MINAJ

"Eh yo, *Pink Friday*, Eminem, *8 Mile* / It must hurt to sell your album off PayPal / 'Specially when you in the game, 15 to 20 / You was hot when Shaq teamed up with Penny / Man, you was Magic / I mean look at you now, hoe, you're just tragic / You a tragedy, you a parody / Last name Ann, first name Raggedy."

- Nicki Minaj taking subliminal direct shots at Lil Kim in a new verse that recently leaked online.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: I waited and waited, and when no message came, I knew it must have been from you.



THE GAME

"N---- hatin on the mohawk ha ha ha ... I didn't dye my s--- for you Ms J a-n--- !! Let's see how the women feel??? Don't be mad my n----, Red mohawks & flipping fries @McDonalds just dont mix. Some n--- just can't pull it off. It works when u walkin in the bank to deposit \$100,000 though."

- The Game in a couple of Tweets defending his new red mohawk hairstyle while responding back to critics.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: A oad hair-cut IS two people's shame.

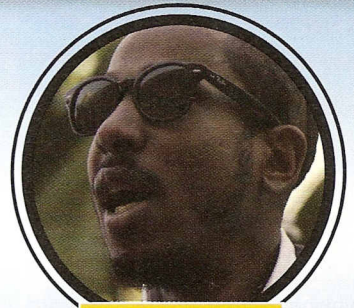


DEBRA LEE

"We've gotten more strict on what we allow on air. We used to live by broadcast standards, but as the Hip Hop industry got a little more risque we actually had to bring that back some and say just because it can be on the air doesn't mean it has to be on the air. I said no to Kanye and Ciara. I think Rihanna we've been working with."

- BET CEO Debra Lee explaining how and why she's trying to improve programming standards of the network.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: The problem with being the standard is that your role is to be both star and slave.



SHYNE

"[Rick Ross] is the only officer I know that's a rapper. I don't know anybody else that used to be a cop that raps... So for a dude that used to lock dudes in, the dude that used to [call out to inmates], 'Yo wake up! You got a visit!' For that dude to turn into the biggest gangster rapper is like, shocking to me. I don't even understand that."

- Shyne airing out his feelings about the Bawse Rick Ross.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: The jealous are troublesome to others, but a torment to themselves.

★ ★ ★ TOP 10 COLUMN - THIS WEEK ★ ★ ★

TOP TEN THINGS OVERHEARD DURING MISTER CEE'S ARREST

10. While all deception requires secrecy, all secrecy is not meant to deceive.
9. I had no clue he was a dude, although he looked just like a dude.
8. Reputation is character minus what you've been caught doing.
7. If your sexual fantasies were truly of interest to others, they would no longer be fantasies.
6. Dude ... we just busted you.
5. The man who has no secrets from his wife either has no secrets or no wife.
4. You got it all wrong officer; we're shooting a remix video to "Pants on the Ground." **Seriously.**
3. I thought mic check was something you do at the club.
2. Self-revelation is a cruel process.
1. There's something about a closet that makes a skeleton terribly restless.



REMEMBER WHEN SAFE SEX MEANT NOT GETTING CAUGHT EBENREGORY?

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