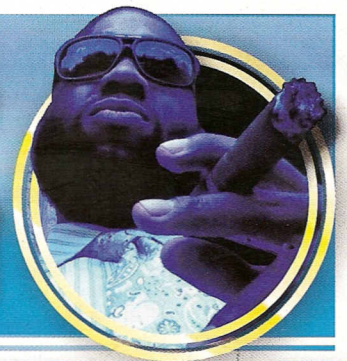


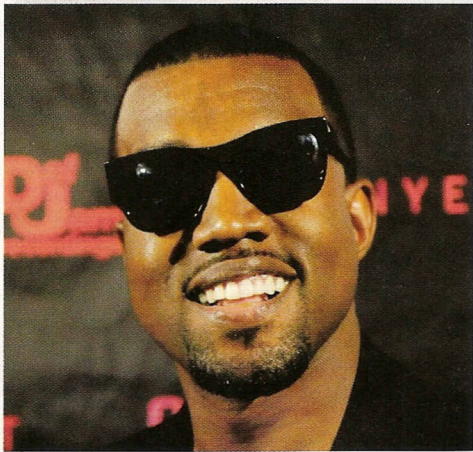
THE WORLD ACCORDING TO THE JEWELRY MAN

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 I WANNA SAY THANKS AWARDS ★★★

Because Sometimes You Just Gotta Let A N---- Know That You F--- With Them (And Pause Is Not Needed)



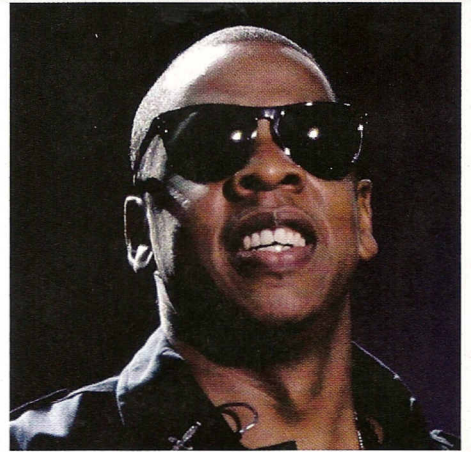
The Contestant: YEEZY

You once said make sure to give them the roses while they can still smell them. Today... I'm taking your advice. I'm a firm believer that next to excellence is the appreciation of it. So I gotta tell you that I appreciate what you're doing. If I had to use words to describe "it," I'd say: trendsetting, flagrant, museum quality, inestimable, luxe, picturesque, well tailored, limited edition. Whether it's the eye pleasing imagery aesthetics of the "Runaway" movie, or the daring, colorful and expressive realness lyrics coming from your immaculately produced, taboo-crushing music, you, sir, are turning into our generation's Pablo Picasso. Playboy, I guess what I'm saying is appreciation is a wonderful thing because it makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. The excellence I see in you continues to make me excellent too. Like you, I used to be gifted at finding what I don't like the most, but now - with your help - I'm off that. So today... I raise my gold Versace goblet and make a toast to you, because feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it. I'ma holla.



The Contestant: ROZAY

Celery for EbenGregory. Ha... that's the second thing they always ask me right after, "Ain't you the guy from Youtube." I gotta say... you've taught me a few things this past year. For example, it was you who showed me that the best way to appreciate your hustle is to imagine yourself without one. In fact, it was you who showed me that things may come to those who wait... but only the things left by those who hustle. It was you who showed me that the road to success is always under construction. It was you who showed me that whoever said money can't buy happiness simply didn't know where to go shopping. It was you who showed me that the way to find the real Bawse is to find out who hired the lawyers. It was also you who showed me that you have to risk going too far to discover just how far you can really go. I'm just saying... sometimes my light goes out but is blown back into flame when I put that Rozay playlist on. I owe you my deepest thanks for helping me rekindle this light. Signed... your brother in beard.



The Contestant: JIGGA MAN

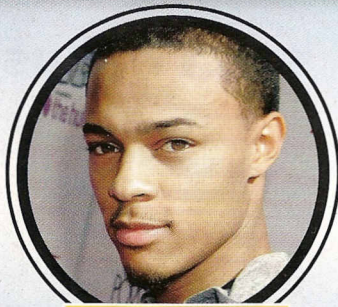
It's funny, but I feel like I know you. S----... I am you, minus about half a billie. All that jewelry you dropped on me over the years has turned me into a mini-you. And by that I mean people seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy. Good thing you were selling the blueprint. I don't wanna come off as a Stan, but you're one of my heroes. And even though as I get older it's harder to have heroes, having you as a hero to look up to is sort of necessary. Morehouse College taught me that the most important single influence in the life of a person is another person... who is worthy of emulation. For me, you have been one of those people. You have redefined what leadership in the urban community has looked like. You have led by example, whether you intended to or not. You've been close enough to relate to others, but far enough ahead to motivate them. You know the way, have gone the way, AND have shown the way. Blessed are those that can give without remembering and receive without forgetting. That's all I got.

★★★ AND THE WINNER IS...★★★

EbenGregory. And maybe you too.

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What They Said, What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean

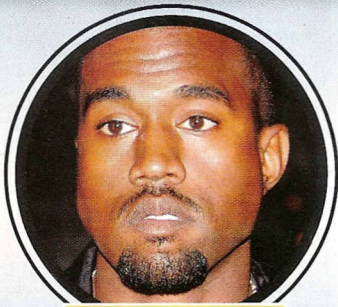


BOW WOW

"Leave that funny sh-- over there n---. I don't know you for u to be speaking my name. keep my f----- name out yo mouth u hoe a--n---. That last tweet is for the radio n--- who brought my name up tryna start sumn in an interview. @cthagod you my n--- but ya man is a b-----."

- Bow Wow in a couple tweets to Raz B after Raz alleged that there might have been some inappropriate man interaction between Bow and Lil Fizz.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: Do not do to others what angers you if done to you by others.



KANYE WEST

"Have you heard the first line of 'Runaway'? [I sent this girl a picture of my d---] I only rap reality. I went to the internet... They had the link, I went to it... Man, you cannot imagine how disappointed I was that I got cut off."

- Kanye West expressing his disappointment over the fact that the nude pics of him floating around the Net don't show all of his "morning wood." Pause.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: Some of God's greatest gifts are unanswered prayers.



MC HAMMER

"He blindsided me with 'So Appalled' and now he 'wines'

me with his new book. Sean Carter is a genius. But don't sleep on me. I addressed a man that most men fear. Used him as a warning to others. And checked him too."

- MC Hammer explaining how he "checked" Jay-Z with his new song 'Better Run Run.'

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: There are some people



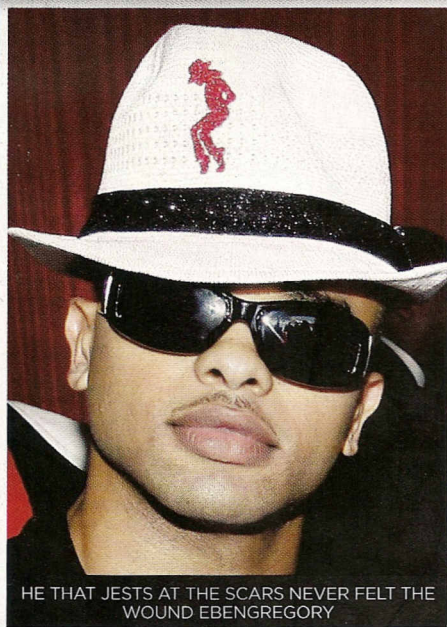
NICKI MINAJ

"No, I'm talking about everyone who has been in interviews talking. People have said so much about me, so I don't ever single anyone out because no one is worth being singled out and having their name mentioned out of my mouth. They never will get that."

- Nicki Minaj saying no shots fired at Lil Kim on her single 'Romans Revenge'... while firing more shots at Lil Kim.

What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean: If you truly want honesty, don't ask questions you don't really want the answer to.

★ ★ ★ TOP 10 COLUMN - THIS WEEK ★ ★ ★



HE THAT JESTS AT THE SCARS NEVER FELT THE WOUND EBENREGORY

TOP TEN THINGS I LEARNED FROM THE RAZ B/CHRIS STOKES/MARQUES HOUSTON SITUATION

10. The scars of others should teach us caution.
9. When you stretch the truth, watch out for the snapback.
8. The guilty catch themselves.
7. Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he too doesn't become a monster.
6. When you are in trouble, people who call to sympathize are really looking for the particulars.
5. Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes a matter of opportunity.
4. In judging others, folks will work overtime for no pay.
3. A slander is like a hornet; if you cannot kill it dead the first blow, better not strike at it.
2. It is hard to believe that a man is telling the truth when you know that you would lie if you were in his place.
1. If the lion and the calf lay down together, the calf won't get much sleep.