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# 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 VH1 OPEN-LETTER AWARDS ★★★

*Because VH1 Won't Put A Stop Payment On Your Reality Check*



### The Contestants: **VH1 AND NOT VANESSA BRYANT**

Hello...my name is EbenGregory. Over the past couple years I have watched you use "Basketball Wives" to frequently portray a modified and highly influenced form of reality, at times utilizing sensationalism to attract audience viewers and increase bottom-line ad revenue profits. I have eagerly observed your "off the beaten track" techniques of placing willing participants - aka women not married to basketball players - in exotic locations or abnormal situations and persuading them to act in specific scripted ways by off-screen "story editors" and/or "segment television producers." I overstand your rationale for taking on and engaging hot-button cultural issues—class, sex, race—that respectable television rarely touches. I, like many Americans, have witnessed the delightfully different strategies in which "Basketball Wives" portrays events and manipulates speech in such a contrived manner that you create an illusion of reality through direction and post-production editing techniques. You are the master of making ordinary people so important that millions will watch them. You are utterly original in your capacity to provide Schadenfreude (look it up). In fact, I applaud your uncanny ability to offer insight into the human condition while capturing those awkward scenes that make us feel a smidge better about our own little unfiled lives. And for that...I salute you. Which also brings me to the reason I write to you today: I think you should add a new Basketball Wife - one that's actually married to a basketball player that people have heard of. She should be a half-Irish and half-Mexican stunner that met her future caretaker on the set of one of Snoop Dogg's videos, where she was working as a backup dancer/model (surprise-smile). She should've gotten engaged to a 7-carat engagement ring while still in high school. She should've married her 22-year-old fiancé at 18 and her husband's parents should've been so non-supportive of the wedding that they don't show up at the wedding. Neither should his teammates. Here's the best part...she shouldn't have signed a pre-nup. Soon after getting married, her husband should be charged with sexual assault and non-consensual "back-door" love against a 19-year-old Colorado white woman in a luxury hotel. (Sidenote: Think how much fun you could have scripting a "re-enactment" of that scene.) Shortly after admitting to being unfaithful, her husband should've bought her a \$4 million, 8-carat, purple diamond ring to help ease the pain. Her husband should've been sued in a federal court in which the plaintiff asks for a jury trial, compensatory damages of at least \$75,000, and punitive damages to be determined. The plaintiff's attorney should say she's owed the money for the pain, "public scorn, hatred and ridicule" she allegedly suffered since the alleged rape in the summer of 2003. And when this blows over, the rest of new 'Basketball Wife' married life should've been spent dealing with street innuendo and sorta confirmed reports of her husband's infidelities until she couldn't take it anymore and filed for divorce. Just think, this new 'Basketball Wife' could be the quintessential American story of ambition, desperation and the shrinking options that leaves the judgment up to us. That would be unsettling. That would be heartbreaking. And the reality is, that would be great reality TV. But where could you find somebody like that? Kanye shrug.

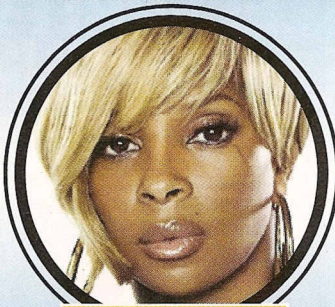
Affectionately Yours,

*EbenGregory*

PS. keep up the good work!

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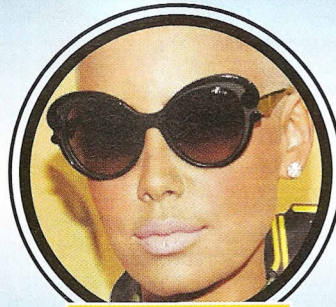
What They Said, What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean



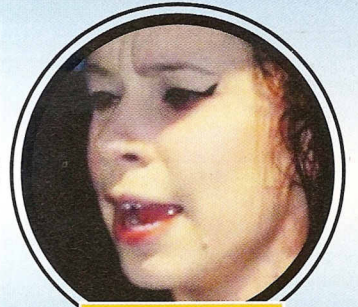
MARY J. BLIGE



MYSTIKAL



AMBER ROSE



V-NASTY

**“Kim is my friend and I love and respect Nicki. I got to know the young lady and she’s a sweetheart...It’s the crews [fueling it.] It’s the people behind the whole thing. Maybe one day it will happen. I’m hoping. We just all got to think positive.”**

- Mary J. Blige commenting on the Lil Kim/Nicki Minaj beef.

**What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean:** People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes.

**“Even Ray Charles could see what was happening over at Cash Money. The minute I went over there and stepped my foot in the studio I knew it was real. I never thought I would go from No Limit to Cash Money. It was like God was leading me.”**

-Mystikal on why he signed to Cash Money Records.

**What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean:** When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

**“I showed Wiz some things I’d written down and he really encouraged me to pursue it. I’m taking this really seriously. I’m in the studio every single night. I’m really, really, grinding - I even quit smoking just so I could improve my voice.”**

- Amber Rose explaining how her music dedication influenced her decision to stop smoking.

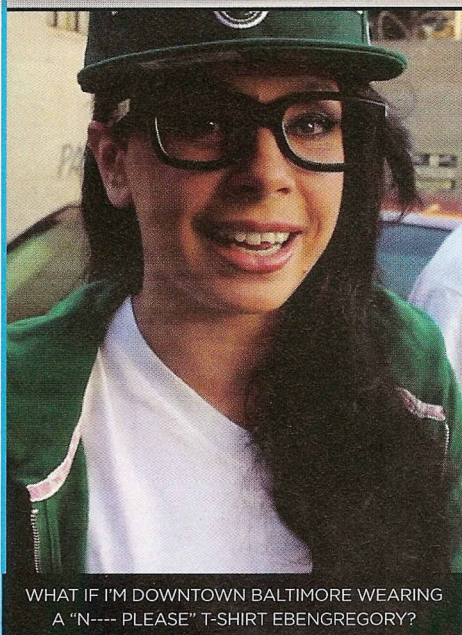
**What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean:** Nicotine patches are great. Stick one over each eye and you can’t find your cigarettes.

**“Gucci Mane had no problem with it. Gucci Mane told me, s---, I’m more street than these muthaf----- that are talkin’ about me saying the N-word. I don’t want people to feel like I’m racist, but if I can’t say it, then basically nobody should be able to say it then.”**

- White Girl Mob’s V-Nasty continuing to defend her past usage of the controversial term, “n----- or n-----.”

**What EbenGregory Thinks They Mean:** Words are only postage stamps delivering the meaning for you to unwrap.

★ ★ ★ TOP 10 COLUMN - THIS WEEK ★ ★ ★



**TOP 10 SCENARIOS WHEN V-NASTY CAN AND CAN'T USE THE "N" WORD**

10. V-Nasty can't use the "N" word...because Jesse Jackson can't use it when referring to Obama.
9. V-Nasty can use the "N" word...if one of her parents is Black. But she can only use half the word like, "Hey my n--" or "New rims n--?"
8. V-Nasty can't use the "N" word...when she realizes that Gucci Mane has not been elected by Black people to authorize her to use the N word.
7. V-Nasty can use the "N" word...when she's starring in a Civil War reenactment because Black people used to be property.
6. V-Nasty can't use the "N" word...unless she's educating others about why they should not use it.
5. V-Nasty can use the "N" word...when it's part of a larger word, like, "You're gonna need some salt, oil and vin-n---er.
4. V-Nasty can't use the "N" word...even though I believe Whites are capable of non-derogatory intent when speaking to or about African Americans using the "N" word.
3. V-Nasty can use the "N" word...if that's how she truly feels.
2. V-Nasty can't use the "N" word...when she remembers to read #6.
1. V-Nasty can use the "N" word...when she says, "f--- me harder n-----."

WHAT IF I'M DOWNTOWN BALTIMORE WEARING A "N---- PLEASE" T-SHIRT EBENREGORY?