

Mp3 Brawlin' Black - His Story



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Movement music that makes you... move. That BROWN SUGAR HIP-HOP. REPARATIONS Y'ALL. R.B.G. 14 MP3 Songs URBAN/R&B: R&B Rap mix, HIP HOP/RAP: Hip Hop Details: BRAWLIN BLACK Born and raised in the South East Housing Projects of Washington, D.C., BRAWLIN' BLACK, so named by DEF JAMS' KEITH MURRAY, began rapping in early 92' but officially started 'recording' his career in 99'. A prior "GO-GO" music band leader, BRAWLIN' BLACK truly lived THE HARD KNOCK LIFE. With weaponry ranging from a simple shank to an AK-47, BRAWLIN' BLACK'S brushes with death "so far" as he puts it -numbered "seventeen". Not seeming to glorify violence and degradation but "just telling the truth", BRAWLIN' BLACK sought (and fought) to make life better for his family and himself. Homeless at 14, BRAWLIN' BLACK, the youngest of seven and son to a single mother on welfare, was able to maneuver through many of the entrapments that befall the majority of young men in the 'hood' -including his God brother and best friend -whose murder, thanks to HBO, was presented as nothing more than a footnote in their Undercover Documentary entitled THUG LIFE IN D. C. "His name was Lionell Watson" says BLACK. "He existed. He lived... he died... and after about a month... it seemed (that) he was forgotten. -Just like that! (Pause) I want to be remembered. I want to make a (positive) difference. I want to exist." BRAWLIN' BLACK experienced many hardships -such as an incident he recalls of "whooping the asses of two 'bammies' at the same time" while his never accepting biological father stumbled past "on a mission for his next hit" of 'crack' cocaine. "Such is life" states BRALWIN' BLACK. "I don't hold nothing against him. Besides, how can you miss what you never had...? -That 'pipe' got him -that's all. I ain't no superman... I'm just me! (Pause) I let it all out in my music... -that's my therapy." He smiles. With a talent for athletics and specialties being boxing and football, BRAWLIN' BLACK immersed himself in many avenues of competition and goal achievements, striving always for the best. An opportunity in a school

production ushered in the first 'grand scale' taste of recognition. "I'd walk down the block and people would shout quotes at me from lines I said in a play weeks ago or from rhymes I wrote. It was slightly embarrassing at the time... -Now, I realize (that) it was all 'love'. That happened every time I'd do a play or perform in a talent show with my band. It happened like that for years...." He takes a moment. Thanks to his Jr. High school gym teacher/coach along with the support of neighborhood heavy 'weights', BRAWLIN' BLACK began to focus on the stage. "That's where I built my confidence and honed my performance skills. The stage -to me- is a platform of expressionism." He was later accepted into Georgetown's prestigious Duke Ellington School for The Performing Arts. BRAWLIN' BLACK, the kid from the projects, was now apart of a new world that exposed him to cultural and artistic differences of which before he could only imagine. "I couldn't show it too much (a knew way of viewing the world) back in the 'hood'. At the time I felt that they wouldn't've understood. I started to teach them what I learned little by little in language we (people in the 'hood') do understand." It was his way of giving back. It has indeed been a life altering experience for the then still homeless young man who, "but through the grace of GOD" became the first in his family to graduate from High School, have his graduation presided over by HILLARY CLINTON, then join the Duke Ellington Alumni Family ranks alongside DEBBIE ALLEN and DAVE CHAPPELLE. "I put it all in my music. I produce my own beats. I write my own lyrics. I do all original music." This is what comes through in his music: PEACE! LOVE! VIOLENCE! DEATH! HAPPINESS! LONELINESS! SURVIVAL! REDEMPTION! LOYALTY! FAMILY! FRIENDSHIP! TRUST! GOD! "Ladies and gents of 'hoods' across the nation and world... be blessed, stay up and enjoy HIS STORY!!" REPARATIONS Y'ALL!! PEACE LOVE!! R.B.G.

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