

## THE LIFE: MEMPHIS SIDE 1

Memphis: (mockingly to his guys) Well, if it ain't private Fleetwood. At ease , sucker.

Fleetwood: I didn't see you in the jungle, man.

Memphis: This is my jungle, son! And I win my war in it every damn day. Maybe you thought you were bad with an M16 in your hand, junior, but now you got more powder on your nose than a drag queen and nothin' in your hand but your joint.

Fleetwood: You'll get yours, Memphis. (Exits)

Memphis: Pimp, my ass. He only thinks he's playing the game. And any squirt can put a skirt on the street. But that don't make them no pimp. You gotta be born a pimp.

## MEMPHIS SIDE 2

Queen: (looking at his apartment) This sure is something.

Memphis: Well, to you it's the ultimate. To me, I'm fixin' to get rid of it and start all over.

Queen: Why?

Memphis: My game is deep, Queen. Most pimps are like that chump you dumped tonight. They think they're big shots if they make the rent. Then they wonder why their women ain't pullin' in enough money for the penthouse.

Queen: (defensive) Fleet ain't like that.

Memphis: Don't be tellin' me about Fleet. You done burned that bridge. Now me, you see. I'm never satisfied. That's my secret. Minute I put that mirror over the bed, something tells me now, get a better one, get smoked glass. You see where I'm comin' from?

Queen: Hey, Memphis. I always knew you had the big game and the big rep. but tonight you showed me you got a big heart too. I want to thank you for helpin' me out of a jam.

Memphis: Takin' care of business is my thing. You're entirely welcome.

Queen: And I want to thank you for the loan of this dress.

Memphis: Loan? What are you talkin' about loan?

Queen: Whut...?

Memphis: You ain't loaned that dress, Queen. You bought it.

Queen: What! I never...

Memphis: Cost more 'n six thousand dollars, you know. All them beads and shiny things, that's done by hand. Oh yeah, six, damn near seven thousand dollars.

Queen: Seven thousand dollars!

Memphis: But you're wearin' that sucker. I say that. Damned if I know why they gave that prize from that little bitch from Minnesota.

Queen: Memphis, please. I can't pay you for this.

Memphis: Yea, well, looks to me like we're gonna have to make us an arrangement, Queen. Looks to me like your gonna have to work off your debt until we're square.

Queen: You never said that!

Memphis: It won't take that long, baby. You used to sellin it to buy your homeboy a new pair of shoelaces. Working for me, now you'll pull eight...nine a week. Be wipin' that slate clean in about a year.

Queen: I never said I'd work for you!

Memphis: (angry) You chose me, girl. Right in front of every damn player in New York City. You chose me tonight. What you think they all expect? I'm gonna set you free? Hell, even you ain't that dumb.

Now lighten up. Let's have a look at that mirror from a different angle. You're about to get the ride of your life.