# I WANT TO BE A RAPPER

### WHEN I GROW UP



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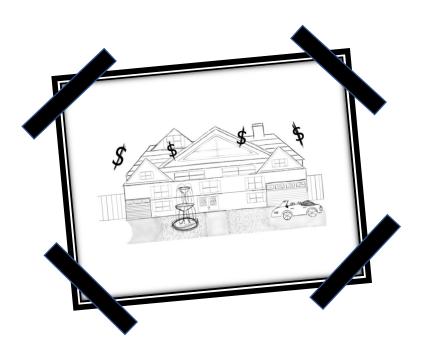
#### PROLOGUE

He waited his whole life for this day to come. He prepared for this moment with every minute he could spare. He was only a few hours away from a new life. Today, Leon would sign on the dotted line of a contract and officially become a rapper.

It was simple and he was ready. At least that's what he thought. When a stranger named Millionaire Lee showed up, Leon learned that there was one more thing that he had to do before signing on the dotted line in order to become a rapper. He had to rap battle against Millionaire Lee and win.

Leon would not let anyone stand in his way of becoming a rapper, especially not a stranger named Millionaire Lee. He was ready for the rapper's lifestyle. So, Leon did not waste any time and the rap battle began.

## CHAPTER 1 A Rapper's Life



**Leon:** I wanna be a rapper when I grow up. I wanna be famous with all that stuff.

Money che ching, silver gold and diamonds bling bling, *Maseratis Bugattis*, *Lamborghinis*, *Ferraris*, anything that I want, when I want it I got it, making money spending cash, credit card with no limit.

Fancy shoes, fancy clothes, living life with no woes. Dressed clean with my chains and my rings, no more worries in my life because I've got all these things.

**Millionaire Lee:** I must admit that these things sound fancy. Truth be told, some of them even sound classy.

But what's the real reason that you want all of this stuff? Does it build a brighter future, or are you just making a fuss?

I'm listening to your tune, and thinking am I missing something, because I see intelligence in your eyes and you aren't just *stunting*.

The way that you rap there must be more to your story.

Is what you're really after just the fame, attention, and glory?

**Leon:** It's what I see on TV. When I see them, I see me.

I see a possible future where I'm loved and adored. That's all I could ask for, nothing else is worth more.

I want that fame and that glory; I'm over my current story. My situation is not *bliss*, I hope that you can just trust my word on this.

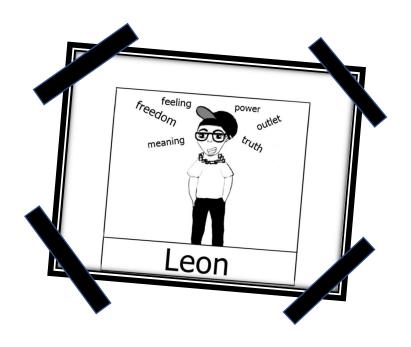
They have it all and so will I, if I follow their path. I can look and live like them if I follow in their tracks.

Every answer is yes, they live their life with no stress. I see my future as rich and famous, where everybody knows what my name is.

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## CHAPTER 8 A Rapper's Life



**Leon:** Okay Millionaire Lee. Here goes nothing. So I hope that we discover something, because I am only trying this once.

Music is my *destressor*. It is my focus, my companion, like school and teaching is to a *professor*. It's my outlet when I need to let loose. It stops me from going crazy and helps my mind reach a *truce* with my thoughts, feelings, and actions. For me, music, when I rap, it's the full package.

It's an action of freedom to use my voice at my own will. It's an area of life where I can make my own choice. I choose the words that flow best when put together. I think through my options to make sure that there ain't nothing better.

I savor the meaning of each word and its weight to ensure that it's what I really feel, think, and believe before it's said aloud, before it's too late. Before it's too late to take the words back because words hold power. And I only want to get rid of the weeds in the world, and ensure that I cherish every flower.

**Millionaire Lee:** Now it sounds like you are going places, and I can only imagine the faces of those who you share this with.

This is the real you, who wants to change their story, but not for the fame, attention, and glory. This is the real you who wants to change the story that you have been sold, by paying with your time.

This is the truest you, using your mind, and refusing to believe the story from the news, media, and society. This is you, who digs deeper to feed yourself the truth while getting to know the honest you.

So what does doing this, digging deeper, do for you?

**Leon:** Doing this gives me purpose, because I know that it's worth it and that I am doing something good. I know that I am not worthless.

It shows me the work that there is still to be done......

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And most of all, we hope that you received a little love from the heart of our art, in the form of a book!

Leon's future is waiting and time is running out. His future depends on a single moment, one final rap battle against

Millionaire Lee. Millionaire Lee is all that stands between Leon and his future of becoming an official rapper.

Leon knows that being a rapper is what he was made for. So now, he will give it his all to prove to it, or will he?

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She now writes to allow others to learn to love to read. She also encourages others to truly think about the path that they choose, because she believes that "we have a choice and its worth choosing what you love when it's supported with the right reasons.