

[Chorus 2x]

"You gotta make the money first"

"Then when you get the money, you get the power"

"Then when you get the power, then you get the woman"

[Ice-T]

The problem is you broke, you ain't got no car or job

You slow with your hustle, you dress like a slob

Ladies ain't looking for no brothers like this

They want the dub-twisting ballers with the ice on their wrist

You gotta get your cash right to get in the game

Might have to pull a pistol, flip some caine

Get out in them streets and hustle hard in the rain

Take your come up and reinvest to the game

"You gotta make the money first"

You need a lot to go far

What you think is rich, I just spent on a car

What you think is paid, I just blew on a watch

What you think is wealthy, I just dropped on a yacht

Flip the street cash and try to pick some stocks

Kick back in your pad and watch it roll like crops

But it really ain't that easy, or we all would be rich

One mistake, you're broke, the come up's a bitch

Make the right moves and forget about sleep

concentrate on the paper chase, join the elite

Few dun got mad cash and money to spend

Money to straight blow and money to lend

And only then, you made it past stage one, my friend

[Chorus 2x]

[Ice-T]

Now you got the money and the cash flow thick

But you really ain't nothing but a richer trick

Just because you're paid, you can still get thick

By your low life homies or skanless bitch

You gotta move it around, put it in the right hands

Maybe a judge, make a PA your friend

Understand what really moves the world

Recognize what really moves these girls

Juice is more important than cash for real

Money you spend, but true power you feel

It ain't that easy to reach

Respect is about the hardest damn thing in the streets to get

Make your moves correct, watch your crew

Watch your back, they watching you

Anybody round you has gotta be true

Or you never make it past stage two

Listen, when you get the real true power, you know

People will feel you, wherever you go

And when you really max this game

You'll never have to say your name

[Chorus]

[Ice-T]

Now you got the power, it's on, my friend
Cuz the one thing women love is powerful men
The one thing women hate are brothers that bend
They act like they like 'em, but they only pretend
They wanna be with that man in the V.I.
They don't wanna stand in line
You outta your mind?
That other player's got cash, but no juice
Cuz the powerful men get to choose
From a multitude of women that be steppin in crews
Willing to do much more than before
Give you quick brains, it's insane
Just what the woman'll do just for you
Cuz if you got the power, then they gets it too
If you rollin benz, then they rollin too
If you livin phat, then they ballin too
That sounds stupid to you, not to me
They winning one move when it takes us three
Cars, Big houses, and shopping spree
While most of us see the penitentiary

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