

**"YOU COULD BE THE KING,
BUT WATCH THE QUEEN
CONQUER!"**

From taking on prison, to the world! Up and coming hip - hop artist Lily-Rae, explains how she went from convict to star in just a matter of months.

LILY-RAE

From a young age, I have always been invested rap, especially in the controversial side of hip - hop, in these times, the ways people are becoming famous are changing from that of the past. You do not have to come from a high ranking background or born into fame, nowadays you are judged purely on talent. Lily Rae is a prime example of this;

Born in the London Borough of Hackney, Lily is no stranger to a 'rough upbringing', and blames this for the events that occurred before what she calls, "the darkest part of my life."

When interviewed, Lily revealed a troubling statement and personal stories of her past. "My dad would come home, high on god knows what, I would sit behind the sofa scared for what he would do. The mumsy would try and get him to go to bed, but the idiot that he is would beat her. I was so helpless, sometimes I would try and help, but I knew what was best. This is the reason I got so hooked onto illegal substances, it numbed

the pain from my childhood, and by 16 I had pretty much tried all the drugs available on the streets. This was not the typical 'experimentation, there was something wrong!'

As our interview continued, I learnt that Lily was incarcerated in prison after a troubled few months of running into the police with misdemeanors, mainly concluding drug offences. This led to her spending 3 months inside Pentonville Prison, North London. During this time Lily went to say that, "I had time to reflect on my actions, and gained goals and ambitions." Despite having to endure the hardships of prison, Lily is

"grateful" for the time she spent locked up, as she states that it "formed the person I am today, If I didn't go to pen then I would still be a mad g in the streets. Writing bars about my life, aided me to realise all the sh*t that I've been through, but also that I was pretty sick at them. Now look, top ten singles!"

During my time with Lily at her new grand home in the heart of London, I've come to realise how much certain events can change ones life dramatically, for the better or for worse. Adding to this, she hinted to me of a new single, to be released within the next few weeks. So keep an eye out as it going, "to be the best one yet!"

We at Waved asked Lily her five goals for the future:

- * Finish the new album that I've started
- * Donate 10% of profits to a youth rehab center to help troubled teens.
- * Set up a community center in Hackney, where it is a safeplace for youths to go to.
- * Become the best UK rapper of 2020.
- * Encourage and inspire people to achieve their goals.

