

Godwon

BAND STORY

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Name is GODWON houstons best kept secret, close friends and imposters alike call me "Goddy" lol I'm a rapper in Houston but born and semi raised in Kaduna State Nigeria.

My father was an advisor to a Nigerian President and our family faced assasination during an overthrow in 1991 by rivals of the President, causing us to re-locate to the Americas. I was 9 and the youngest in my family so i went through it the hardest.

I have been rapping pretty much as soon as i stepped off the boat, i was young so it was a rain forest rap school assignment that got me started haaa. People are influenced by my ability to stay grounded and humble through adversity.

Without my father's support my family and i found it hard to survive at first, i was raised by a strong woman who worked did everything from working at wendy's to taking care of the mentally impaired. I couldn't afford the things i seen other kids have so i began a mindless life of crime that almost got me deported yet helped me evaluate decitions i was making..... many trials and tribulations later i have done my crime, time, grown and matured but never lost my love of life, It brings a smile to my face and i share my story through my music and writing to ultimately bring a smile to others.

2004 Winner of Interscope Records/Showtime "Next Episode" Battle in the United States. First ever Unsigned and Nigerian Artist to become the #1 requested on 97.9 KBXX "The Box" .July 2004



STATS

Visits	Plays
3,775	3,952
Streams	Downloads
3,323	629

Featured Songs

HiphopGame.com Artist of the month.
2004 97.9 KBXX The Box "War of
words" Battle Champion 2003
SoundClick.com 100, 000 clicks in
just one year 2000 Houston
Underground Artist of the year club
riddims. First off, I know you are from
Nigeria originally, can you tell a little
about your story?

Yeah I was born in Kaduna State,
Nigeria, where we lived in the
Government Barraks until my father
got a position as the Presidents
advisor. One night there was a
military coup and men came to
murder my dad but he wasnt there,
usually they would have killed the
whole family, but we were spared.
Within 24 hours we were on a plane
to the United States and I aint seen
dude since.. I ended up being a High
school All-American in Track and had
Olympic hopes but due to some legal
issues, I had to stop running..

Im telling you too much though; youll
have to get the music to find out
more. (laughs)! How Did You Get
Your Name Godwon Its a surname of
my real name (Godwin) that came
about just off jokes in middle school
and it stuck. Its not Blasphemous in
any way, thats what mama and the
Nigerian catholic Church gave me not
man.

If you dont feel good callin me
Godwon then call me by my real
name Godwin, (laughs) sounds stupid
but I meet these people that are that
damn crazy!! Do you think that the
internet has helped or hurt your buzz
so far? Oh man, the internet has
helped me a lot. I been on
<http://www.soundclick.com/> and we
got like 100,000 hits since its been up
there.

I am never going to take that ****
down. Thats how I developed my
internet fan base, I love them niggas.
<http://www.hiphopgame.com/> July
Artist of the Month for 2004. In just

that one month like 50,000 more people heard my music, how can I be mad at that? I love my internet niggas. I heard that you gained some of your reputation in Houston by winning battles, can you talk a little about that? Yeah, for a while I was be-wildering the battle scene in Houston (hard laughs). In 2003 I won the 97.9 The Box War of Words Battle and The Showtime/Interscope Next Episode Battle.

Right after that I started doing intro/freestyles for the DJs at the Box and people started going nuts. The **** was crazy, the History freestyle still gets played today. Once they first played it people started calling in. I was getting like 30 requests for a fuckin freestyle, 30 requests in like 30 mins. I was the streets champ and **** was really about to jump off then, but I had to go on a little vacation. Its all part of a Gods plan though so Im good.

Do you worry that people will view you only as a battle rapper? Never. How could I worry about that? Theres no way that they can think that. If they think that then they are twits (laughs)!. Just cause I can smash anybody in a battle doesnt mean that is all I am. My music is so much more than battle raps but thats a good question, I havent been asked that in a while. You laugh a lot, life must be good? Very good, I dont have to be Mr. tough guy cause I know I aint no punk.

These dudes have a Napoleon complex man. Im 6 193 all I can do is laugh!! How much have you been involved in the mixtape scene so far? My **** DJ Money Bag\$ saw me at a battle and told me he wanted to work with me. We met up and what started as making a couple songs turned into a whole mixtape. We moved like 10,000 copies of that ****.

It was everywhere from Houston to
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Nigeria. Ever since then weve been plotting the next CD but due to some legal problems I couldnt record for a while. We finally finished the second mixtape, Time Served which is going to smash soon!!! Have you been on any other mixtapes? I did a freestyle for the Tapemasters, Inc. Campaign Trail Mixtape hosted by N.O.R.E.

The Last time I was in New York I tried to cop it but niggas must have been fiendin cause every bootlegger was sold out. I did a couple freestyles for Kay Slay, one of them is on Time Served too. I spit a verse for Kay Slays album that is dropping in the spring so thats a real good look too. Who have been your influences coming up as and artist? Ive been influenced by all different kinds of music. My older brother was into all kinds of crazy **** so I grew up listening to Bob Marley, Lauren Hill, KRS, Enya, The Roots, Muta Baruka, Burning Spear, Nass Illmatic, Dave Matthews Band, Jimi Hendricks, Tupac, Sade, Fela Kuti, Slick Rick, Jay-Z, Biggie, Scarface, the list goes on. Have you had a chance to meet any of the artists who influenced you?

Yeah, Ive been blessed to get to know Face (Scarface). Hes a busy dude but we met up at his and Iversons party like a month ago. The first thing he told me was he heard I was the realest **** and introduced me to his fam like I was fam, so that was definitely a memorable experience! Do you have a crew of rappers that you run with? Yea, and I got too many to name, unless you wanna hear a whole bunch of niggas names you dont know, (laughs hard)!! Where do you see yourself 5 years from now? Actually, Im tryin to live day by day and that aint no bull ****. I learned thinking ahead too far takes the bottom line of goals which are realistic, Cause realistically 5 years ago I was an All American Track Runner w/ a scholarship to Kansas State. Now Lets just say things are very different and if I was to start

very different and if I was to start guessin back then, I would have been so damn wrong! Have you received any advice from anyone in the game that you really took to heart? DJ Money Bag\$ told me that he believes I can become one of the top five rappers ever. That **** stuck with me because hes probably the only person in this game that I really totally and completely trust. So thats what Im trying to do man just keep working hard everyday, so I can reach my potential, make some change, and look back on all of this and have no regrets. keep working hard everyday, so I can reach my potential, make some change, and look back on all of this and have no regrets. What producers have you worked with or do you plan to work with? Its crazy, I met up with Cool & Dre, who produced and wrote the hook on New York for Ja Rule. We are gonna do something real soon. Midi Mafia who are on just about everyones album that is dropping anytime soon. They did 21 Questions for 50 Cent. Charlemagne (Jay-Z, Camron, Biggie, Talib) had that ****!!!! Were definitely going to work together for my album. I already recorded like 5 songs with this dude named Wicz who has some fire and did few tracks with Ish Lab. They are both up and comers from New York that I wanna work with forever if its possible. As far as Houston Producers: Myself as well as Troy Boy, Horcemen, Pettinati, Corey Mo, DMD and Def Jam Blaster have been down since day one. Do you have anything else to say or any shout-outs? Nope, last time I did that the niggas I forgot were holdin grudges and thats why I keep shot outs to a minimum now. I got 2 time felons, rappers and tough guys mad cause I didnt say they name, but aint them the type a niggas that you dont speak of when you know the feds is listenin..? (laugh) guess not!! B-8 "

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