

Bad Foster Child

If you ask me what's my story I say it's filled with complexities
Felt like the devil in my life always runnin next to me
People think I live that life cause I got that lil' degree
Not a thing in my life was obtained so simply

First caught as a youngin roaming the streets
Rummaging and stealing from stores just to get something to eat
Every morning before school, made sure that 7-eleven was beat
Then, years later the owner admitted I wasn't so discreet

Got them foster parents always saying I was too curvy
Never fed enough - to them I wasn't worthy
So, I would run up on any store in New Jersey
Yeah, I did my dirt, but never nah, I was never dirty
That's right I did my dirt, but never ever have I been dirty.

Every person in my life was a vampire - I'm the slayer,
To be on the defensive was always in my nature
But, Ill put this on any savior
I'm not bad, I'm a traumatized kid with some bad behavior

Ask me about the crazy way we did our laundry
We would push our clothes in shopping carts-it was me and Destiny.
See that washer and dryer in the basement- it was her territory
And any foster child would join me and Destiny's company.

I would run far away from all the drama
Cry myself to sleep - just wishing for a daddy or a mama
Wiped my eyes real quick - can't let them see them on ya.
Too shook to worry about a thing because of all the trauma

I was forced to stay from school to watch her kid - I knew what to do
Had to go to work with her as if I was a grown up, too
Had to rewrite her notes as soon as they were due
I was my little secret- I just had to get through

We hide the lies during investigations- it was her glory
Tried telling them her man straight outta jail was sexually assaulting me
I flipped the office upside down a different caseworker knew there's more to the story
And best believe that old case worker- yea she was history

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And we can't forget about the high school days
Imma real chick so I admit to all my bullying ways
"hurt people hurt people" ain't that what they say
Put my hands together, thank my God, that it was only a faze.

I remember my best foster home - my foster sister Dokota Rae
Left the house with no warning- it was such a quick stay
Though I did something wrong - that's what the caseworkers say
Caseworker felt I belonged with a Black family

Started pushing pills just to make some money
Me and my foster siblings was feeling hungry
I made ends meet but we weren't living comfy
And we still looked and smelled a little funky

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I'll never forget the people and their one-shot policy
God forbid I made a mistake they're so quick to give up on me
The one thing in my life I needed was a little consistency
Not someone to come in with their hypocrisy

I just think all the times people used "bad" as my label
Not thinking about how my life was so unstable
That I was rarely offered a seat around the table
And to recognize my pain- well maybe they are unable

Everyone is so quick to talk about that bad foster child
Talking about their behavior and how they're so wild
Never do they notice how often they smiled
Or how many resiliency skills they compiled

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No one is as quick to call out the foster parents who don't belong
Those who smile and talk the talk just to play along
But believe me when I say they are in the wrong
So, when the houses close singing they were bad is my theme song

Every person in my life is now my savior
I learned to switch my attitude and work on my behavior
Despite the foster parent's actions, I learned this later
Each lesson I learned from them-yeah, it just made me greater

-Gina