

RICK JAMES

Often imitated but never duplicated. There will never be another Rick James. My name is James Johnson Jr. Rick James is a stage name. James Johnson keeps Rick James on the ground... Kind of sort of. I heard your boss call you a hoodlum.

SHERMAN

Yeah.

RICK JAMES

Hoodlums must be different in Indiana. Back in Buffalo my teacher told me once I'd be either a hoodlum or a great entertainer. Stupid bitch was right after all... I'm both.

SHERMAN

Must be nice to be rich and famous and never having to worry about anything.

RICK JAMES

Whether you're rich or poor, life's still cold blooded.

SHERMAN

It's like the man is always holding us back.

RICK JAMES

That's a cliché from the ghetto. I don't believe that the man holds me from shit and that I can't get up out a situation. Anyone can get out of anything. It's about motivation.

SHERMAN

I am motivated.

RICK JAMES

So then why the hell are you sitting here with your head down, looking stupid. You got to walk motivated, you have to talk motivated kid and then you'll be motivated.

SHERMAN

That's easier said than done.

RICK JAMES

Who said shit about easy? Life is hard but you play the hand you're dealt. My mom use to dance with Katherine Dunham but when my old man left she became a numbers queen to keep us all eating and from it she even sent my brother to one of the top law schools. Moms will do anything for their kids.

SHERMAN

And kids should do anything for them. Which is why I need this job. I have to go beg my boss for my job back.