

Friends

Token

I met a girl who was the last in line, Nevada meet-and-greet
She was by herself, tattoos up and down her sleeve
She told me about a dead parent and brother who OD'd
She says she was about to end it all until she heard me
I did my best to understand, it's just hard to believe
Nobody in my crew heard her 'cause she spoke real quietly
She was a pretty girl, a body I didn't notice 'til she left
My bro saw her and complimented her dress
He followed her and offered her a drink around the corner
The venue bar was closed but not for us, we're the performers
I know my bro well, I know his type
I didn't stick around, I hit the hotel for the night
But I'm sure she went with him, I mean that shit is dope
She met the artist that changed her life and she got to hang with his bro
And she heard stories about the artist and what he's like when he's at home
And she's appreciative, so much it might be hard to tell him no
My music spoke to her
But when she spoke to me, I had a friend behind the scenes
My friend isn't a creep, but he don't know who the fan is
I'm why she didn't take her life, but I'm also why my friend took advantage
I don't know who she blame, but I can't imagine she still look at me the same
When she hears my music, I wonder what's first to enter her head
Her brother who OD'd or waking up inside my friend's bed?

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I met this kid when I was fourteen, he was twenty-three
Almost ten years on me, but we were like family
Two underdeveloped rappers from Massachusetts
He'd come over to my house and hug my mama like she his
Up 'til 4 a.m. recordin' songs and makin' playlists
Drivin' home and talking 'bout what life's gon' be like when we make it
He called me cryin' one day
I said, "Bro, is everything okay?"
He said, "Bro, everything is straight, I got a daughter on the way"
I knew this girl, she was special
Hang with us at the stu', throwing words out to freestyle
She gave birth, a healthy child
Bro's a father, shit was wild
By the time they potty-trained her, I was startin' to go viral
By the time she was like four, I was just beginnin' to tour
He was watching me from his phone, happy for me but wanted more
We would always talk about the only losers is the ones who quit
My success showed him it's possible, so he stayed at my crib
My trips to Cali put me in room with millionaires
I'd come home with stories
He said, "Dude, I gotta get out there"
I said, "It could change everything"
Never mentioned his kid
He just remembered what we said 'bout people who decide to quit
That girl needs a father, but dreams need pursuit
So when I moved to LA, my dawg did too
In hopes to make it big and my success is what encouraged it

And that encouragement had left a little girl fatherless
'Cause talkin' everyday turned into talkin' every week
And years fly quicker every year
You blink an eye and she's a teen
And now you're in the land of dreams
But worse, you're in the land of dreamers
You don't stand out in the slightest
Got no motion, got no features
Got no fans, and got no tours
And got no bread for plane tickets
Got your daughter's phone number
But get no answer when it's ringing
She made up her mind about you
That being Token's homie doesn't hold weight like it used to
Me and my bro still hang, I ain't see his daughter since a high chair
I moved outta Cali, but he started a new life there
I feel his pain, I never mention there's no purpose for me
So when we get together, I just tell him more stories
And he tells me 'bout his single that he's waitin' on a mix for
I still give encouragement, 'cause that's all I'm good for
But he never gon' make it, and what's the biggest loser?
Look, a quitter or deadbeat dad in Hollywood?
That's my dawg, though

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