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myself with words. The Bible says that our words are very powerful. I like being able to spit hot bars and see the surprised reaction of people and hearing them say, "Wow, did that just come from a kid?" So, both acting and rapping allow me to tell stories and, like most people, I love a good story!

KW: Where do you go to school? Or are you homeschooled?

DB: I attend a great middle school in The Valley. I hope you understand that I can't say which one for security reasons. But I love going to school, being in a traditional school atmosphere, having immediate access to my teachers, when needed, and interacting with my friends and playing sports. And I plan to attend regular school so long as I can balance everything and thrive while preparing for college.

KW: What do you do for fun?

DB: Fun? I'm the type of person that loves to have fun! So, I can turn any situation into a fun environment fun for me. I have fun going to school and auditioning, and even more fun when I'm on set. I have fun at home with my little brother, I have fun wrestling and fishing with my Dad. I have fun at church. I have fun when our family has movie nights at home or movie dates at the theater. But particularly my weekends, here in L.A., are generally free and I love living a very active lifestyle. So, we're rarely home. I'll either hang out with my friends for a while or go play basketball, swim, go to the movies, participate in the Looking Ahead Program, watch YouTube videos, work on my rap music or make beats, or even play NBA 2K12 - My Player Mode.

KW: What's your favorite TV show and your favorite movie?

DB: My favorite TV show is "Everybody Hates Chris" and my fave movie is... let's see... We love and watch a lot of movies... Okay... "Finding Nemo!" [LOL]

KW: The Teri Emerson question: When was the last time you had a good laugh?

DB: Just now! [LOL] My little brother just flew in from L.A. to be with us for my movie premiere here at home in Chicago. I haven't seen him in about a week, but he's hysterical, such a funny guy. He keeps me

rolling! I laugh a lot. Laughing is good for the soul, my Mom says, so I must have an amazing soul, as much as I love to laugh. [LOL]

KW: What is your guiltiest pleasure?

DB: Candy! Twizzlers in particular. [Laughs] Yummy for my tummy!

KW: The Michael Ealy question: If you could meet any historical figure, who would it be?

ME: Hmm... interesting question. I would love to meet Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

KW: The bookworm Troy Johnson question: What was the last book you read?

DB: "The Barcode Tattoo" by Suzanne Weyn.

KW: The music maven Heather Covington question: What was the last song you listened to?

DB: "Diamonds of Sierra Leone" by Kanye West, the clean version, of course.

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KW: What is your favorite dish to cook?

DB: Mostly breakfast foods. I'm still learning dinner dishes, but for now my fave dishes to cook are omelettes and French toast.

KW: When you look in the mirror, what do you see?

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DB: A young man with a desire to make a positive impact on the world by using the gifts God has blessed him with. I see a nice guy that enjoys people, a happy person enjoying life.

KW: If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?

DB: Oh, I know, I know. To be the President of the United States... just for one day, though. I think it would be pretty cool being able to represent our country in the highest available office.

KW: The Ling-Ju Yen question: What is



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your earliest childhood memory?

DB: Ooh... let me think. [LOL] Cutting a huge hole in my little brother's hair. I think I was probably about 3 or 4 and he was 1 or 2. In my mind, I was pretending to be my Dad, who's a barber, but things didn't quite go as planned, as they do when my Dad cuts his clients' hair. [Laughs some more] My brother ended up having to get all of his afro cut off, the lowest his hair's ever been. And my Dad wasn't a happy camper.

KW: The Kerry Washington question: If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

DB: That's easy, a lion, because he's the king of the jungle and nobody can stop him or get in his way. He's fearless, yet loyal to his pride.

KW: The Toure question: Who is the person who helped you to become the person you are today?

DB: Definitely, my parents. I don't really have one person, because they both help equally to develop me, guide me, support me and keep me on the straight and narrow path.

KW: The Judyth Piazza question: What key quality do you believe all successful people share?

DB: They all have "something" that drives them to be hard workers... a passion

for their goals. And they also appear to be very focused on achieving their dreams. As my Mom had a successful corporate career and my Dad is a successful entrepreneur, I would have to say for me and my family, visualizing our accomplishments, taking small steps, daily, and putting God first.

KW: What advice do you have for anyone who wants to follow in your footsteps?

DB: Alright, read a whole bunch of books and pray! This way, you'll become an exceptional reader, as well as learn how to fully comprehend and interpret the many scripts that you may receive. Stay true to yourself. Don't let anyone tell you, you can't do it. Maintain your inner confidence and for the details, contact my Mom. You can visit her website [www.MomagersRock.com] because she's helped a lot of moms get their kids started in the business and she has a very, very long note there on that website, spelling out exactly what she did to get me and my little brother started. The key part to this is prayer. I hold this part sacred and don't really share this with any and everybody, but I do feel it's necessary to spread the truth about what I find most valuable. I'd tell other kids wanting to become an actor, to ask God to direct your path and if this is His goal for your life, then He will open doors for you.

KW: The Tavis Smiley question: How do you want to be remembered?

DB: I want to be remembered as a good person. Someone who people enjoy being around. That person that inspires you and has a light about him that you just can't put your finger on, but makes you feel good when you're in his presence. I also want to be remembered as a true professional of the entertainment industry, as a sharp thinker and creative. As a hard-working, yet fun person that people love and that loves to have fun. People often refer to me as a young Denzel. I think that would be great to follow in his footsteps as an actor. Although I haven't met him yet, he seems like a very classy man, so being referred as a younger him, I think is a huge compliment.

KW: Thanks again for the time, Dante, and best of luck with the film.

DB: Thank you, Mr. Williams. Thank you. It was fun doing this interview. Good questions and I appreciate your taking the time to interview me.

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