



## Commentary:

During the workshops we encourage writers to work together and **collaborate** when developing characters. Hot Boyzz is the first of three stories in which writers chose to use each other's characters in their tales. Through their work we are able to get an insight into the lifestyle of an unheard demographic in Madison city WI.

# Hot Boyzz

By D.P.

It was an early hot Sunday morning, Shauno woke up to his loud alarm clock and the sound of his father yelling. His brother Ky'Mari was already up getting dressed he was in the bathroom when Shauno knocked on the door,

"Hurry up bro you be taking forever! What you in there doing, yo make up?"

It seems like Ky'Mari do this every morning and Shauno is getting tired of it, "I'm coming bro dang chill out it's not like we got anything important to do today anyway."

They grew up on Theresa Terrace and that's where they lived at the moment, Shauno and Ky'Mari liked hanging out with the guys everyday they was running the streets day to night. They also spent time with they girlfriends, Jaelynn and Yazee who been best friends since middle school.

All of a sudden somebody started knocking on the front door, Shauno rushed to the door as Ky'Mari came out the bathroom. When he opened the door he spotted his homie, KB. Shauno and Ky'Mari hang out with him like

every day they knew each other since grade school and been friends ever since.

“Wassup my boy?,” Shauno asked. “Yall sliding today? You and Ky’Mari” said KB, as Ky’Mari came running down the stairs.

“Yooo my boy!” Ky’Mari said, “What we finna do blood?” KB and Ky’Mari was close they been through a lot together and treated each other like blood brothers.

“It don’t matter bro, I’m just not tryna be dry on Tzzz!” KB was the one that liked doing crazy stuff and he really didn’t care what happened at the end.

“Ight bet.” Ky’Mari laughed. “Let me get the rest of my stuff straight then we can go find the guys. Ah yeah aye bro you heard the news!” He asked KB.

“Nawl bro what happened?” KB said getting curious. Shauno already knew what Ky’Mari was talking about, so before Ky’Mari could even speak Shauno blurted it out.

“Lil Jay out!” Shauno said excited! Lil Jay was one of they closest homies, too but he got locked up for 7 months, they finally let him home.

“You gotta be playing bro stop capping!” KB said. Little did he know Shauno wasn’t playing he was for real.

“Bro I’m dead serious why would I play like that?” Shauno said, Lil Jay was the funniest out of all them.

“Yall tryna get up with bro?” said Ky’Mari. “We haven’t seen him in months we gotta link with him!”

Whole time Ky’Mari didn’t know that Shauno was already planning to link with Lil Jay, KB was too.

“You already know I was sliding with blood you gotta be slow if you think I wasn’t” Shauno said laughing so hard that he almost fell. What none of them knew was that Lil Jay couldn’t come outside, but neither cared they just

wanted to see their homie. Ky'Mari was in a hurry he wanted to see Lil Jay as soon as possible, "Come on KB we finna slide on bro."

They was moving so fast they almost forgot about Shauno. "Dang yall just gone leave a brother like that, ight bet, I see how it is."

Ky'Mari didn't like leaving his brother, but he was in a rush to see Lil Jay.

"We might as well wait for him he not gone be that long anyways" KB said.

Ky'Mari checked the time on his iPhone 7 it was almost noon so he didn't really have a problem waiting on Shauno, they had all day to do whatever they needed to do. "We gone wait for you blood, but on God if u take forever we gone." KB said with a laugh.

Shauno ran up the stairs and darted into the bathroom to finish getting dressed. 10 minutes later Shauno came bouncing down the stairs with his Jordan's in his hands, and they headed out the door.

Walking down the street, Shauno phone started ringing. It was his girlfriend Yazee and he started smiling and laughing before he answered it.

"What you all happy for?" Ky'Mari said. "Who calling you bro because they seemed to brighten up your day huh?" He asked with a giggle.

KB started cracking up so hard he almost tripped and Ky'Mari laughed too.

"Y'all be capping and y'all play too much," Shauno said adding on the laughter.

"It's Yazee, should I answer? Cause she probably with Jae and you know they gone come looking for us if I don't" asked Shauno. He was looking at Ky'Mari for an answer, but Ky'Mari looked confused like he didn't know what to say.

"Shorty nem crazy, how can y'all deal with that?" KB said with a laugh, as the phone kept ringing.

"You might as well answer, I don't feel like hearing they mouth on God" said Ky'Mari looking irritated.

As Ky'Mari, Shauno and KB got closer to Lil Jay's house they saw a group of guys coming towards them.

When the group got closer they noticed it was the guys, "Yooo!" said Shauno to the guys.

"Where yall finna go?" Ky'Mari asked, all though he kind of already knew the answer to that.

"Y'all know Lil Jay out?" said one of the guys, "We finna go see him right now!"

Ky'Mari knew that's where they was going the whole time everybody wanted to see Lil Jay. Ky'Mari looked at Shauno, both didn't think that was a good idea, it was too many people,

"I ain't think he can come out." Shauno said trying to make a couple people leave without making them mad, but it dint work because everybody started looking confused. Finally someone spoke up.

"Yeah I think his O.G. gone start tripping if it's a lot of people."

"Fo real," Ky'Mari said.

"Now that I think about it he really can't come out, he on home detention," said Shauno looking frustrated, that's when everybody started walking separate ways.

Now it was just the 3 of them standing at the bottom of Betty's looking confused. "What we finna do now because I'm not just finna sit right here!" KB said.

Shauno phone starting ringing again, they all knew who it was from the moment it started ringing.

"Aww mannnnnn its Yazee again," said Shauno. "We might as well link with them on God, they not gone stop, y'all know this."

"Y'all go ahead ima hit y'all line later I got basketball practice!" said KB.

They shook hands and went their separate ways.

Later that day Ky'Mari and Shauno was chilling at the house with Jaelynn and Yazee, they been with them ever since they split up with KB. Ky'Mari was sleeping when he got a text from his ex Detarnya, his girl Jaelynn picked his phone up and read the message.

*'Ky'Mari I miss U when U gone stop being mad at me! I got some news you gone be my baby daddy xxx'*

Jaelynn was confused and upset so she woke Ky'Mari up asking him have he been talking to DT. Ky'Mari was still a little sleepy and didn't know what was going on.

"Girl what is you talking 'bout I talk to you n you only don't start!" Ky'Mari said with frustration and a mix of anger.

Jaelynn got up and walked to the room next door and told Yazee it's time to go. Yazee her best friend could tell she was upset.

"Whats wrong! What happened?" Yazee asked. Jaelynn didn't say a word she stormed down the stairs and put her shoes on.

"You coming or not best friend I'm leaving!" Jaelynn snapped. Yazee came down the stairs after her was Shauno looking confused.

"So you not gone tell us what happened and where is Ky'Mari?" He asked.

Yazee gave Shauno a hug and out the door they went, just then a voice called out from upstairs!

"I'm up here bro" said Ky'Mari.

Shauno ran up the steps to Ky'Mari's bedroom, Ky'Mari was on his phone looking confused.

"Bro what happened?" Shauno asked. "Jaelynn was just looking to sad blood."

Ky'Mari couldn't even speak he just threw Shauno his phone. Shauno reaction was crazy Ky'Mari already knew he was wrong. Shauno was reading Ky'Mari and DT messages. Shauno was blew by what he was reading.

"Bro I wasn't even texting her she texted me when I was sleeping," said Ky'Mari. "Jae must have thought I was texting her... that's crazy aint it!"

Shauno started cracking up like everything was funny. He tossed Ky'Mari his phone back and headed down the hall to his bedroom.

A couple hours later Ky'Mari phone was ringing, it was KB. Ky'Mari answered quickly he had to tell his



boy what happened a few hours ago, “Yooo blood” said KB sounding tired.

“Wassup my boy, you’ll never guess what just happened earlier!” Ky’Mari said.

KB already knew what was going. “Lemme guess, Jaelynn had yo phone huh?”

“How you know?” Ky’Mari asked.

“Coz you hot boy,” KB said laughing!

