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Thank you for this interview bro... as I said: The Prison Boom these last few decades is this generation's modern-day holocaust of "criminals". Its time we remind the living out there that we are still alive, all be it in exile. *

Let's begin this interview with: name/age/race/county-year of conviction/
Public Defender - plea - appeal comments. Was the sentence fair - why? Is prison what you expected - as the media projects? How do you make it psychologically acceptable to deal with your crimes - and corresponding time? How many years have you been in prison now? What would you like to tell tax payers about some of the things you've seen in prison, which they'd never imagined could happen to their sons/husbands/fathers? What would you like to say about your observations/experience with prison guards/counselors/administration? What is your disciplinary history? What is your experience/observations with the Psych. Dept.? With the Religious Dept.? With any of the "Rehab. Groups"? Are you any different from this prison experience? What do you think has changed the most about you? How'd that change come about? Do you consider yourself a criminal? What do you think makes someone a criminal? What's your greatest strength? your greatest weakness? What would you like to accomplish? Have you maintained relationships outside prison? Visits/letters/phone calls? Do you feel you have been forgiven for your actions? Have you made amends to the people you have harmed? If you have not had the opportunity to make personal amends with your victim or their family, what would you say if given the chance?

* Interviews will be posted on my blog site: BetweentheBars.org

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WHISPERS: Hello. Well, aren't you a fancy dan? Thank you for waiting in the S.O.U.L. Clinic line patiently doll. I've been a wee occupied after receiving an Olympian award for my persistence in pioneering a better game for earthlings who all too often get trapped in the revolving doors of the penal system. So on that note⁶ Thank you for your interest in this LAZARUS PROJECT. Mind you, this interview will be posted on my blog-site: between the bars, so purge away dear.

MSAD: Hello to you too, and thank you for this opportunity to post my story in cyberspace. My anima name is Danaë. This life form is 32 years young, and I chose to be Jamaican Indian German this time.

In 2015 I pled No Contest, so yes the conviction was fair and I got exactly what I bargained for. Prison is all and more of what a criminal can expect.

Sexy girls, Hot men, cash flow, education sports and free room and board. However, as the media projects. Of course the media only exposes what they want the public to know. But living as inmates gives us hands-on experience to know better that all Rebels can agree to TO BE amongst each other, all of us yearning for that release date, the common gist in prison.

To achieve a psychological acceptance of the crimes committed is difficult for me. I have a relatively short rap sheet compared to many others I know. This is only my second time in prison and I may not "fit in" as well as others... but due to my assertive nature, I've adapted really well with all the fights, buying care packages and stalking out boyfriends. Prison doesn't seem that bad a lot in life.

As I mentioned with two separate prison terms from 2013-14 and again in 2015-16, I'd say that I've spent roughly 4 years rehabilitating myself and equipping myself with helpful tools for the working world. Honestly!

My message to tax-payers is I've paid my debt to society, so respect that much if nothing else. And like most of us in prison, there's a code of ethics we gotta live by as well; never kiss and tell. I hate to say that this discipline is a must and respect will be earned. These incarcerated men live their own life and lifestyles. Not that prison is filled with the hottest gossip, but what would you expect from a yard full of men? Men who miss their families - husbands who get tired of phone sex? Most of us just make the most out of our situation.

The Administration, Counselors, et al. focus more on assisting if you need help - but if you mouth off, there goes your program. If you stay to yourself and make it to that release date, you're a soul survivor!

WHISPERS: Good god Danaë, it looks like you've dropped a bag of Skittles! For the record I'd like to clarify if you meant to say "sole" survivor, or "soul" survivor - you know what I mean?

MSAD: Oh yea... I mean "sole", as in the only one! Me against the world! Let's face it, prisons make sure there are no "soul" survivors.

WHISPERS: Thank you. Please continue your purge on this Tree of Life, Danaë.

MSOD: Okay, let's see... my disciplinary history is extensive because I have an attitude problem others are not comfortable with - so I clash often.

Inmates... Psych. Clinicians... Correctional Officers, I don't care! But never initiate a fight if you can't win. As inmates we've lost that battle more or less. But as inmates returning to society - some of us win that war!

As far as the Religious Dept. I attend services occasionally to repent, but besides that, I take life and what life throws at me. That's called BEING RESPONSIBLE.

WHISPERS: Responsible?

MSOD: Yes, responsible! The big question for me is: Am I better than this prison experience? Obviously not, since I'm completing this survey pertaining to Behind these Bars! So I can't say I'm better than this experience, because I should have behaved better in order to avoid this experience all together!

Acceptance?! I've accepted bullshit at its finest! And I've accepted myself for the "crime" I've committed. But am I a criminal? Perhaps to society, but not in my heart. Can you accept that?

WHISPERS: It's your story - stick to it! Please go on.

MSOD: To consider oneself a "criminal", one must have the mindset of a criminal - the audacity of a felon with no remorse. I haven't fallen to that category... yet.

What is my greatest strength? Participation! You can always count me in.
My greatest weakness? Men.

Since mid-summer of 2016 I've been in a College focused mind-frame. I'm on some kind of educational journey. Seeking knowledge and taking this wisdom out with me as I depart prison this time. I consider this a great accomplishment!

Yes, a mother is forevermore! That relationship has been consistent.

Yes, I believe that I've been forgiven for my actions. Yes! I've prayed for those who I've hurt, and asked that this fraction of pain I've caused might only be temporary. If that is what you call "making amends". If by chance they carry those burdens my callous behavior caused, my sincerest apologies and prayers go out to you. Please forgive me for my selfish ways and inconsiderate actions, as they were not intentional nor anticipated. I too have been in similar situations in which bad things happened to me. I too had to accept these things happen in life, and persevere through it all. Forgiving others who've wronged me, was the only way to make that possible.

This is my soul reaching out to yours from within these walls and behind these bars. That's it, that's all! Please try to accept me for who I am.

WHISPERS: Thank you Danaë, this concludes this session. Thank you for your contribution to this LAZARUS PROJECT.