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Ke\$ha

Ke\$ha may be a pop star, but during her performance on Sunday's American Music Awards, she lifted a move straight out of the classic rock playbook. "Smashing my guitar felt fucking amazing," says the 23-year-old, who bashed her white axe into the stage after busting out a Spring Break-appropriate version of "We R Who We R," the chart-topping first single off her new album, *Cannibal*.

But Ke\$ha says there was a message behind the destructive act: Scrawled across the back of her guitar, in bold letters, were the words "Don't Hate." "Young people need a role model to tell them they're beautiful exactly the way they are and that they don't have to be apologetic about themselves," says Ke\$ha, who wrote the song in response to the recent spate of gay teenagers committing suicide. "So I wanted to write a super-positive anthem. Plus, in rock 'n' roll, destroying shit is awesome."

Your dress at the AMAs was interesting.

It was made out of VHS-tape innards. When Nashville flooded earlier this year, all my favorite VHS tapes from when I was little — *Wayne's World*, *The Lost Boys* — were in my basement and got destroyed. I was watching *Lost Boys* recently and thought, "I should wear the insides of this tape as my dress at the AMAs." All my dancers had Kiefer Sutherland mullet-mohawks, too. The idea was to create a very dark world of hot vampire people — some of whom are boys wearing high heels and fishnets. It's a celebration of being yourself. The point is: fuck hate, fuck cynicism. It's about time that society accepts people for who they are.

Were you bullied as a kid?

Yeah. I was a fucking weirdo. I grew up in the Bible Belt and I made my own clothes and dyed my hair purple. Nobody ever knew what to do with me. I still think America's trying to figure out what to do with me. I deal with haters on a daily basis.

Does that bum you out?

I'm a Pisces so I used to take it really personally, but now I never go online except to check my email. Obviously there are millions of people who like me enough to listen to all the stupid shit I say. Here's my response to haters: If you don't like my song, then turn off the radio. Take it or leave it, love me or hate me. I'm not going anywhere.

You released your second album just 10 months after dropping your debut. Why so soon?

Not to sound like a cheese dick, but my fans are my entire life at this point because I'm always on the road. I feel like they've become my family. With my



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first album, I only had enough material for an hour-long show, and I wanted enough for a two-hour dance party that's gonna take over the planet. Plus, I wrote songs all throughout this crazy whirlwind experience of the past year.



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One track that really surprised me was "The Harold Song." It's such a departure from bitchy songs like "Grow a Pear," where you tell a sensitive guy that he has "a vag."

"Harold" is about the only guy I've ever been in love with — and our relationship didn't work out, obviously. When I went to write it, I locked myself in a room and cried like a little bitch. I can't even listen to it. But I wanted to do a vulnerable song because it's a side of myself that people haven't seen.

Is Harold his real name?

Oh yeah. He's not getting away with a fake name. All men that date me have to know that their name may end up in a pop song. It's the best revenge: you can't get arrested for it, and everyone knows about it. And I like to be specific — I don't want any of the other losers I've dated to think the song was about them.

So you're not really as big of a man-eater as you claim to be in other songs off your album, like "Cannibal"?

When I really like somebody, it totally flips. But before I give two shits about a guy, I tend to treat him as my plaything, like a cat playing with her food before she eats it. It's kinda fucked up.

What's your favorite dumb pop song?

My guilty pleasure is "OMG" by Usher. He says something like, "Honey's got some boobies like pow, pow, pow." Just the fact that he uses the word "boobies" is horribly amazing.

What's the strangest thing someone would find on your tour bus?

My dancers are a bunch of hot females, and whenever somebody tries to bring a dude on the bus, we make him take a Polaroid and we put it up on the wall. I haven't counted them, but we're covering one whole wall at the moment. Hopefully we'll upgrade to two after my tour.

What do you have in store for the tour?

I'm throwing around some ideas right now. All I can say for sure is it won't be like any other female pop show you've seen. We're a group of rowdy motherfuckers. We like to break things, we like to jump on people off of very high things and we like to take our pants off. It's a safe bet that I'll be pants-less at some point. On my last tour, butts came out frequently; sometimes we mooned the audience, sometimes we pulled band members' pants down during their guitar solos. I mean, my pre-show ritual involves covering my bod in baby oil and glitter and then my band and I high-five each other with our asses.

Any items you won't leave home without when you're on the road?

Lately, I've been wearing a person's middle-finger bone around my neck. It's kind of a middle finger to anyone who wants to hate. I'm not sure whose finger it was, but I hope they were cool. I also travel with a little bit of my crushed-up placenta that I wear in a necklace. According to certain religions, it gives you a sixth sense.

Doing anything exciting for Thanksgiving?

I finally get to go home to Nashville! I've only been home for one day in the past year — it's fucking insane. I'm taking three days off, which is an eternity. I don't know what I'm going to do, exactly, but I know for sure that I'm not gonna look hot for three days straight.

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Posted By Steven Bank
12.15.10 5:48 PM

I've read this facts about Ke\$ha and I think she is little bit crazy. When she smashed that guitar it was so awesome. It's also true that younger girls hate thereself because they think they are to small, to fat ect ect.

I vole you Ke\$ha, and see ya soon.

Posted By Anonymous
12.04.10 12:33 PM

Ke\$ha isn't that weird, she just tries to be.... really hard.

Posted By Chipmunk's fan
12.03.10 11:47 PM

My 11 year old nephew and all his school chums like her. Enough said. I don't hate her, but her music is pretty

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crappy. It just sounds so discordant. I wish her well anyway, not that she needs it.

Posted By Brononymous
12.02.10 7:44 PM

00Gonzo,

I think that's the issue. Most of Ke\$ha's fans take it very seriously, as you will see from the comments above. Her songs are catchy and she is pretty 'effing hot', and I can respect her for that. But to take her seriously as a musician (and thusly more than a pop icon) is seriously bothersome. I know very few people today who can name a band that actually has any musical quality to it, and that's problematic.

Posted By CoCo
12.02.10 11:41 AM

Kesha has no talent. Just Stop defending her sayin she's just soooo talented. Your just makin yourselves look like ****in idiots. Go listen to some real music so you can clean out your brain of Kesha's bull****.

Posted By Lexy
12.01.10 4:58 PM

KE\$sha sucks. her lyrics suck, her music sucks. Its not real music, it is not real talent. and I am confused as to why SPIN is paying any attention to her.

SO she "doesn't give a ****", she can cuss and wear ridiculous outfits.
SHE IS JUST AN ATTENTION WHORE.

Her not giving a **** doesn't make her cool. It makes her a stupid ignorant american girl. SPIN should be interviewing artists with REAL talent, or people who actually CARE ABOUT SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

There is a lot of stupid in the world, let's not advertise it SPIN??!!

Posted By Angry for a reason
12.01.10 12:58 PM

To me its not cause she is rich, famous, or any of that. It's about the (drum roll please) content of music as the argument has always been. KIDS now a days have scaled the argument towards "Oh she is rich and popular and your not and that is why your mad..." no thats not it at all. I listen to music from back then and now and I gotta say it really just aint the same. Compare artist then compared to the manufactured tonedead zombies of today ... they use to sing or flow about things that happen not just in their own personal lives but something the listner can relate to as well. If not directly at least in some emotional level. Dont get me wrong there was always the occasional party song but there is the key word... OCCASIONAL not every god damn minute of every god damn day i dont want to dougie at 5 o clock in the morning on my way to work and I dont want to listen to some tard talking about how drunk she got last night. I wanna hear some another day another hustle something that i can actually relate to.

Half these kids who comment on these issues aren't even of age to be out passed 11 but comment on club life and getting drunk and i think anyone passed the age of 22 listnin to that kind of music should seriously re think there lifestyle choices i hate radio always have always will but i especially hate kesha she is a no talent hack that got lucky she ****ed FLO RIDA (another dumb a**) and got a deal

Posted By IDUNCARE
12.01.10 1:07 AM

Blah blah blah u guys are idiots.. you guys must be blind.. she just mentioned that she doesn't care what you haters think... i'm SO THANKFUL that she is pissing the hell outta you guys.. I hope you will live a miserable life complaining about why she is so popular when you think her music is nothing but **** and she is an autotuning untalented person.. Next time, before you run your mouth like a smart ass, check the person first.. You guys probably don't know stuff that WE ke\$ha fans know.. so shut up. And BTW, Ke\$ha fans are better than any other idol fans out there cuz we only listen to her music when we feel like it. I don't like Lady Gaga, but I don't comment bad stuff about her. I respect ppl's opinion's.. it's what they feel. So I'm leaving this place with a quote: "LIVE YOUR LIFE THE WAY YOU WANT IT TO BE AND GIVE YOURSELF THE HAPPINESS YOU SEEK.." Seriously! I don't see how difficult it is to NOT comment **** on artists you hate.. GO TO UR FAV SINGERS AND RUN UR MOUTHS THERE!!

Posted By Anonymous
11.29.10 5:20 PM

"Ke\$ha On Her Haters: "I'm Not Going Anywhere""

I feel like God is punishing me and all the other human beings with functioning brain cells...
:/

Posted By Anonymous
11.29.10 1:55 PM

I feel sorry for humanity when they eat up **** like this as if it were breakfast cereal. People who feel drawn to this?? It says more about THEM than it does about Kesha and her pop filler music. This "package" is intended for people who are young, haven't lived life, have no real opinions on music, and maybe even practice writing their name with a very large crayon or scribble **** on a PeeChee folder about the boys that they like...this isn't intended to win a Grammy, perform on the AMAs, or anything else.... However, it insults everyone when the industry sees this **** seriously enough to put it on the AMAs? Really? And she's so "rock n roll" that she smashed her guitar on stage? Really? And the music industry keeps complaining because no one is buying music anymore...seriously, stop trying to feed us **** like Kesha and maybe we might eat....

Posted By Hans M
11.26.10 9:46 PM

I'm not here to argue or anything, but I think this bitch is cool. My wife can't stand her, and she likes Lady Gaga, but I think Gaga is just derivative of so much that came before her (Madonna and Bowie). Yet, I think Ke\$ha, who many consider the poor man's Gaga, so lame she's cool. Peaches did this stuff more than 10 years before either of them, btw.

Posted By Bradford
11.26.10 6:34 PM

Anonymous, we don't like her because she's talentless. You see, we long for the days where artists, regardless of the genre of music they happened to be performing in, were actually talented. So stop trying to make this into a "oh, you guys just don't like pop music" argument. You know it's not about that. We just happen to have standards. But I guess it's too much to ask that a singer actually be able to sing live, and not blatantly rip off other people's music.

Posted By Anonymous
11.25.10 7:49 AM

ok..my message isn't what you think whatever that doesn't work...sigh..

Posted By Anonymous
11.25.10 7:48 AM

uh...wrong let me correct myself : Have a **** guys

Posted By Anonymous
11.25.10 7:45 AM

Well...it's a new style of pop music actually guys...As she said, you like or you hate...but she doesn't care...

There are so much haters on the web...awful !

I don't understand how some of you guys can be so hainous with her and...how can you wish such things, as the end of her career to be very soon ?

You don't like this new style of pop ?...true it really appears weirder within the time, maybe because she feels more confident 10 months that she's on the after the release of the Animal.

Or..is this because it's a new type of pop artist you don't like ? Because perhaps you never saw pop artists behave in such ways and perhaps that bothers you ?

Anyway we like her style or not and like her jokes or not
Goodbye Kesha is a beautiful song indeed I love it too

Happy thanksgiving or I dunno how to wish you this special event for you US + Canada guys, as I'm French...whatever have a **** guys
take care ! peace

Posted By Anonymous
11.25.10 3:05 AM

She will soon be replaced, sorry for the typo.

Posted By Anonymous
11.25.10 3:03 AM

Ha-ha, she is deluding herself if she thinks she has staying power, artists like her are a dime-a-dozen. She will soon be replaced by another no-talent, manufactured pop sensation in no time.

Posted By Anonymous
11.24.10 1:40 PM

No she can't sing, it is called auto-tuning. And it is for people who can't, to make it seem like they can sing. Look it up if you think I am BSing. It is quite the new thing for record companies to sell **** to the general unknowing population. That is right you have had the wool pulled over your eyes and it makes you look even dumber if you

are buying what they are selling. Kesha is just a cash bag for the record company and when that cash bag runs dry she will be replaced by another untalented over auto-tuned image of the current generation.

Posted By Anonymous
11.24.10 10:20 AM

The Grim Wilderness.

Posted By Anonymous
11.24.10 2:24 AM

DEAR 'KESHA HAS MY HEART'

You certainly don't have mine. Will I ever live in a world where people go to enough school before dropping out to learn a very simple grammar rule or lesson regarding conjunctions?

1. YOUR = something that belongs to you, as in the phrase, "Is that your dog?" or, "In your terrible opinion, is Ke\$ha a better singer than Britney Spears>?"
2. YOU'RE = YOU + ARE = as in, "Wow, you're terrible at the English Language!"

Its no wonder you think Ke\$\$\$ha (who cares how that is spelled, its not a real word and we all will have forgotten her name soon enough) is a good artist.

Sincerely,

The Grammar Nazi

Posted By Anonymous
11.23.10 11:27 PM

I must admit she sounds descent though not outstanding or anything in "Kesha Goodbye" but how come she doesn't sing like in her other songs, performances. It's a shame that she doesn't because people like me who heard her on American Idol earlier this year she just came off as non-impressive to us. When people don't hear her sing the way she does in "Kesha Goobye" but instead hear her sing the way she does in most of her songs we assume that's she is not that great of a vocalist. That's crazy. And no need for all caps, tone it down a bit. :)

Posted By KESHA HAS MY HEART
11.23.10 8:50 PM

IF YOU THINK SHE CANT SING UMMMMMMMM YOUR WRONGGG!!!!!!!!!! GO TO YOUTUBE AND TYPE IN "KESHAGOODBYE" SHE IS AN AMZING SINGER I DO GET UPSET BECAUSE I WISH SHE WOULD SHOW EVERYONE UP CUZ SHE CAN SING AND SHE IS VERY ****ING TALENTED!!!!!!!!!!

Posted By Anonymous
11.23.10 6:18 PM

I don't hate her but why does she have a recording contract again. She's proof that anyone can get one now a days which is crap. It makes me mad that her label would rather focus on her more than thier other artists who can actually sing the phonebook.

Posted By 00Gonzo
11.23.10 3:59 PM

People who hate Ke\$Ha are just not in on the joke. Anyone who takes songs about gold Trans-Ams and guys that "look like Mick Jagger" at face value need to get a sense of humor. Ke\$Ha's songs are well produced, slices of pop and are already influencing music on the radio. What is "California Girls" if not a thinly veiled imitated version of "Tik Tok?" I hope she has a long career and keeps turning out great dance songs with her unique pop sensibilities.

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