

# Erykah Badu, Hands Clean

If it weren't for your maturity none of this would have happened  
If you weren't so wise beyond your years I would've been able to control myself  
If it weren't for my attention you wouldn't have been successful and  
If it weren't for me you would never have amounted to very much

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You're essentially an employee and I like you having to depend on me  
You're kind of my protg and one day you'll say you learned all you know from me  
I know you depend on me like a young thing would to a guardian  
I know you sexualize me like a young thing would and I think I like it

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what part of our history's reinvented and under rug swept?  
what part of your memory is selective and tends to forget?  
what with this distance it seems so obvious?

Just make sure you don't tell on me especially to members of your family  
We best keep this to ourselves and not tell any members of our inner posse  
I wish I could tell the world cuz you're such a pretty thing when you're done up properly  
I might want to marry you one day if you watch that weight and keep your firm body

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