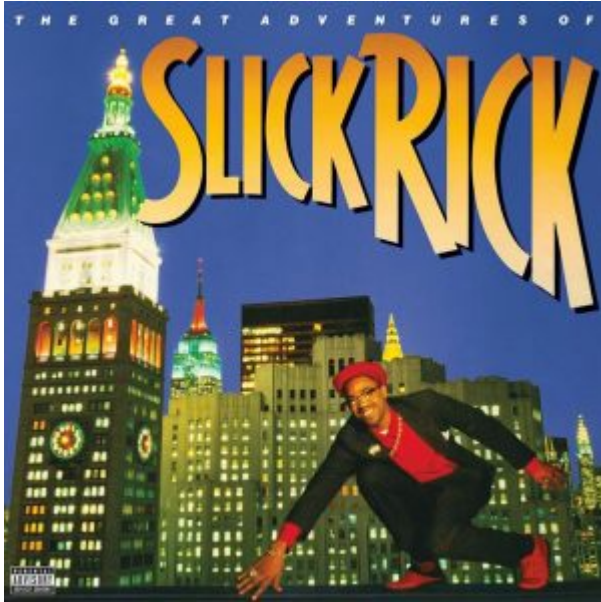


Throwback: Slick Rick - Children's Story



Slick Rick's "Children's Story" was the high point of his skills as a storyteller via his 1988 debut solo album *The Great Adventures of Slick Rick*. Three years earlier he became famous because of his verses on Doug E. Fresh's Get Fresh Crew's "The Show" and the beatbox heavy B-side "La Di Da Di." By the following year in 1986, Rick became the third artist signed to Def Jam Records. He produced "Children's Story" and four other songs on his first album while Eric Sadler, Jam Master Jay and Hank Shocklee handled the rest of the songs. Slick Rick was an uncle reading a bedtime story to the kids about a wayward teenager's reckless exploits on the way to jail. The tale was cautionary and comedic at the same time and displayed Slick Rick's ability to take the listener with him on a ride. "Children's Story" continues to be a presence in pop culture as a cover song, sample, lyrical reference and inspiration.Â Â

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