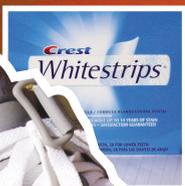


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From top: Those poor pets; Emma in Baltimore, Crest White Stripes and Nike's AF1s...



DECKS IN THE CITY

Feline's Hot Five
 Donaeo - Why? (Social Circles)
 Jem Squad - Skribble (VIP Dubplate)
 Highly Flammable Ft. Allstars - Charge (Test Press)
 Chanelle - Art Of Conversation (Good Music)
 Cream Cartell - Bang Bang (dubplate)

Emma Feline

Well, I never got any Valentine lovin', but on the plus side, I spent St. Val's Day deejaying at Sonar Lounge in Baltimore, USA. It was so good, I can safely say it was one of the best parties I've ever played at, and it was almost better than sex! (I said almost).

However, my trip got off to a shaky start when the promoters booked my flight under Emma Feline, which contrary to popular belief (or years of me lying) is not actually my real name. Obviously I had queen bitch at the ticket desk giving me attitude and saying, 'There's nothing I can do, you'll have to buy another ticket,' which my agent was not really into. The whole trip almost flopped.

Eventually it got sorted, and after a nine hour flight to Charlotte, a two hour stop over, followed by a second 50 minute flight to Baltimore, I was starting to resent the promoters and was asking myself, 'Why the fark couldn't they book a direct flight like normal people?'

While flicking through the Sky Mall (a catalogue of stuff for the extremely lazy) I discovered something funny, disturbing and shocking. It seems those American folk have invented everything for anything, you name it they got a gadget that does it, and their four legged friends are on it too! Check out the stroller/carrier for cats and small dogs, I mean c'mon, who would invent such a thing? Look at their faces, they look pissed!

Along with Sky Mall for entertainment, a wicked film I recommend with a full Feline five star rating is School Of Rock starring Jack Black (aka Shallow Hall). This was endless pant-wetting humour from start to finish, in fact, it was so funny I nearly pissed myself and it certainly made my journey more bearable.

When I eventually arrived in Baltimore the promoters were 150% safe and apologetic for the mix up. They also made up for it by reimbursing

me for the flight and taking me shopping the next day. All jokes aside America is a great place for shop-a-holics, and I got my paws on something that was worth inventing: Crest Whitestrips. These little babies are coated with tooth whitening gel which you use twice a day for 30 minutes, after 14 days you get a Hollywood smile that even Halle Berry would be proud of.

The par-tay itself was a huge success and was sold out by midnight. Room One was headlined by Dieselboy - America's premier drum and bass DJ - and I was reppin' for the UK in Room Two. The crowd was mixed with various ages and races, but most importantly they where bang up for it. Some people travelled for hours from other cities like Philly, Pennsylvania, DC and even New York to check out my set (they told me afterwards). God Bless America - it's a real ego boost! I played UK garage from midnight 'til 2am and loved every second. My American peeps take their underground seriously and somehow keep themselves up to date with the tracks. Big tunes were Ms. Dynamite & Oris Jay's 'Tes' Dis, Ends Productions' 'From Da Ends' (Feline VIP), Scandalous Unlimited's 'Full Phat', Delinquent's 'The Record' (Feline VIP), MJ Cole's 'Gabriel' and Artilla MicDda Mic and Geeneus' 'Hedgehog'.

The next day it was time to go home, but not before getting myself a bad gyal pair of Air Force 1s. No trip to America is complete without buying new trainers! (*True dat! - Ed*) Big up to Lonnie, David, DJ Arkive, Mary and Kai - OCD Productions. I also want to big up the special guests that have come for interviews and mixes on my show (Raw Selection, Choice). In February Donae'o, Lady Sovereign and Wrighty MC came along and they all smashed it. There will be more VIP guests this month including MC Shystie, Chanelle, and MC Ranking. Check it out, Choice 107.1FM, Mondays, midnight 'til 3am. (www.choicefm.com) **'Til next time**

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