

Ragging

Driving from San Fernando to Siparia
I pulled into a gas station to tank up--
This regal Black woman jumped on top of meh hood screaming,
screaming--
Don't touch meh Porsche
Don't touch meh Porsche
She sounded Guyanese--
Yuh parking too near!
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Panic stricken-- I put meh Lincoln in park--
Exit the vehicle and shut the door--
There is enough room fuh both ah wee!--
Enough room fuh both ah wee--
Both ah wee--
Both ah wee--
Enough room fuh both ah wee--
Both ah wee--
Both ah wee!
She said both ah we--
Both ah wee
Can't fit here--
Can't fit here--
Yuh read the sign-- this is restricted area
Restricted parking--
Yuh from Guyana or what? I said.
You Guyanese like to pirate--
She said that have nothing to do with it--
Just don't park yuh Lincoln here--
This is restricted area-- restricted area--
Restricted-- parking!
Yuh nationalize this area or what?
You Guyanese-- pirate everything and anything--
Yuh! Rubup and raga Peter Tosh, Gregory Isaacs, Yellowman, Burning
Spear,
And Lord Laro.
Yuh-- Dubup Marley, Sparrow, Otis Redding, The Temptations,

Cracker Jack and Patches.

Yuh-- down load King Short Shirt, Burning Flames, Eddie Hooper, Shadow,
Durbee, Fighter and Canary--

And yun don't know John L--

And staying clear of Rebel because he knows the rules--

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I tell yuh! This land is my land and I park anywhere-- I can fit...

Look! Get off meh hood...

Yuh Guyanese--

Jumping off she said-- Me nah Guyanese

Me ah Vincee-- Vin-ci-- yuh know--

Better yet I said--

Yuh all invoking Maestro, Kitchener, and Melody...

I am a Guyanese-- so me know...

Then she said let us dub up-- stop the fussing and fighting...

And yuh forget the Mighty Gypsy-- the for cane man--

Just park-- and leh we go-- for cane.

Guyanese and Vincee-- Vin-ci...

Who me?-- Who me?--

Raga-- Ragging...