

Champion

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How did you come up with the name Blake ?

This is a very funny question thinking of it. So in college I had a friend, we called him MATOSKI. He was my closest friend, he grew up in Jos. I was really dark in school, like really really dark lol. So there was this Hausa name he gave me, it means black in Hausa, he used to tell me he likes the way I'm always proud of it whenever people say I'm black-skinned instead of dark-skinned. That alone gave me more confidence. I searched for a perfect word that describes physical me. BLAKE found me.

• Describing yourself using 3 words, how would you be described?

Blake in 3 words, uhmmmmmm okay;
CHAMPION
WILFUL
FUN

• What is that notion people believe about that you'll love to change?

I'm a playboy! Hell NOO!!! I'm a lover boy, I love LOVE!
I'm even so shy to talk to a pretty girl. But me I love pretty girls.

• Would you date a fan?

Firstly , Champion boy doesn't have fans, I have a FAMILY, I call them CHAMPIONS too lol. They're humans too just like me, the difference is I Represent them, that's why they support me. And you have to like me for everything I do before we could even be friends.





• **If you weren't famous, what would you be up to right now?**

I'm an architect with a very good degree. I'm born to be anywhere you see me at.

• **What was growing up like?**

I'm still growing up yo! It's been a lot of highs and lows, having to frequently change schools because of my dad's job then. It was always I, my senior brother and his friends dancing and all, but my mom never allowed us to go for the shows and events, cause if my dad knew (hahaha) let's not even go there lol. If though I came from well to do family, I always loved being around those boys in the area, big or small, the older men in the streets loved me so much then and always supported, my friends too. I had few friends but I wasn't always allowed to go hang out with my school friends, neither could they come to my house because they were scared my dad will pursue them lol, so I usually sneak out, but I'll tell my brother or sister so they could cover up for me. My brother left

dancing because he knew my parents will never allow him to take dancing as a career, that's where I got my first inspiration, I never stopped dancing even though I didn't know how far it will take me. Till my mom was tired of

complaining, but my dad doesn't still know I dance. Maybe he'll see me on tv and be like "this person resembles my son".

• **Your most embarrassing childhood memory?**

Oh no!!! I can never forget. There was this time in high school during prep I was pressed and really needed to use the restroom. I took permission repeatedly from the teacher but he didn't let me, I think he thought I wanted to use that as an excuse not to be in class, so instead he brought me out to stand in front of the whole class, a class of over 55 students! And you know the fine girls loved to sit not too far from the front row. I held my urine till I couldn't again, I had to let it go, with a lot of shame on my face, gosh! I wish I could remember that teacher.

• **What are some things that sound like compliments but are actually insults?**

Lol, AGBA dancer. The way it sounds isn't giving at all.

• **What's the weirdest experience you've had with a fan?**

My weirdest experience, uhmmm lol, that should be the time a girl recognized me in public. She ran towards me, it was so scary lol, then she hugged me so tight, and brought her phone and video



called and friends, and was like "look I've seen him ooo, I've seen Blackie oo (Blake)". It was very cute tho, but we were in a public place and I became so shy lol.

• **Why Dance?**

Why not DANCE.

• **What's your regular day like?**

I don't have regular days anymore, it's either I'm outside working or I'm home chilling.

• **How can you describe the nightlife industry in Nigeria?**

It's insane! I love it in Lagos especially, even tho I'm more of an introvert, it's something I see myself doing. But I believe it can't be forced, so if it comes naturally, you already know the vibe!



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