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The life of radio personality and celebrity blogger Vivian 'Gossip Viv' Billings was never easy. As a mother of two at the age of sixteen, she dealt with the harsh realities of an abusive relationship, and a boyfriend uninterested in helping raise their children. With great personal strength, she eventually left him behind and began a new life with her children.

Years later, Vivian once again called on that inner strength when her child, Kadajah, confided in her that he was not her daughter, but her son. The news came as a shock to her. She vowed to protect Kadajah and herself by separating her personal life from her public persona. All is well until Vivian began filming VH1's, *The Gossip Game*. It isn't long before Kadajah's gender identity becomes an on camera topic of discussion, and what was once a personal matter is laid out for the world to see. Faced with the feelings of being exposed, emotions soon run high, heated arguments take place, and Vivian loses track of what's most important; her relationship with her child.

Although it seemed like things would never get better for Vivian and Kadajah, who is now known as Kamal, they inevitably do. Vivian is proud of the man Kamal is becoming, and although uncertain at times, she provides love and support to him when he needs it the most.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Vivian Billings, also known as 'Gossip Viv' was first introduced to the entertainment industry in 2001 working as the talent coordinator for "All Access DVD," a then very popular media outlet. Soon after, Billings began penning her experiences while on set, gathering the inside scoop or "gossip" on some of the industry's most popular personalities. The lives of our favorite celebrities are always in the spotlight and someone needed to report it, and in the most accurate way. Vivian decided that she would launch her own website and become the insider who brought the information to the masses.

Established in 2008, Vivian launched HipHopGossipSite.com as a platform to provide the online audience with the latest news and 'gossip' about everyone's favorite celebrities, along with exclusive content including photos, videos, new music and more. Gaining much notoriety from the popular site, coupled with her infectious personality, Vivian went on to work alongside Lisa Evers of *Hot 97 Street Soldiers*, *The Star & Buc Wild Show* and *Urban Latino Radio*.

With all of her gossip blogs and radio segments, Vivian then caught the attention of VH1 executives who were looking for a fresh face to add to their new reality docu-series show titled *The Gossip Game*. Alongside the likes of Angela Yee of *Power 105.1's The Breakfast Club* and Kim Osorio of "The Source Magazine," Vivian was added to the roster of the new show.

After a few years of conducting interviews, Vivian and her family relocated to Charlotte, North Carolina where you can occasionally catch her on *Power 98 FM* reporting the latest news and gossip on *The Morning Madhouse* alongside No Limit Larry and Burpie. Vivian is still an integral member of the G-Unit/ThisIs50.com team and travels frequently to New York where she interviews celebrities, and asks them all of the juicy questions to keep her audience entertained.