

= Yasss Bish =

" Yasss Bish " is a song recorded by Trinidadian @-@ American rapper Nicki Minaj for her third studio album The Pinkprint (2014) , which did not make the final cut . It was written by Minaj along with the song 's producer Soulja Boy , who is also credited as a guest vocalist . The track was released through her official SoundCloud account as the album 's third promotional single on May 3 , 2014 following " Lookin Ass " and " Chi @-@ Raq " .

Musically , " Yasss Bish " is a bounce and drill song with a trap beat . Its stripped back hip hop production encompasses intense Roland TR @-@ 808 drum hits , a " sinister , echo @-@ y " vocal loop , " eerie " shimmering synthesizers , foreboding snares , and the sound of church bells ringing in an ominous tone . Lyrically , Minaj addresses her detractors , and references several celebrities including Donald Sterling and Will and Jada Smith .

Minaj performed the song live for the first time along with Soulja Boy on May 18 , 2014 at the Power 106 's Powerhouse , Minaj performed the song again on June 2 at Hot 97 Summer Jam 2014 .

= = Background = =

In September 2013 , Minaj began working on her third studio album , The Pinkprint (2014) . For the album , Minaj desired to return to her hip @-@ hop roots , calling the album 's sound " a continuation of The Re @-@ Up with a lot more " . Minaj told MTV News that the sound of The Pinkprint would be " next level " and will have " so much to talk about " , saying : " I 'm really excited and the people that have been working with me now , have been people that I haven 't worked with before so it 's like they 're bringing a new sound to the album that I 've never experimented with . "

In April 2014 , Minaj posted a picture on Instagram of herself with Soulja Boy in a studio . Later that month , he posted a Vine of him singing the song 's chorus . Originally , Soulja Boy created the song 's beat but according to him , it lacked a hook . However , he later came up with the idea for the hook while making a Vine , and added it into the song . He then brought the unfinished version of " Yasss Bish " to Minaj , who was impressed by the song and recorded her vocals . After Minaj sent the track back to him , it took " about a day " for Soulja Boy to finish mixing the record . In May 2014 , Minaj spoke of the meaning behind the word " yasss " : " When I watch ' RuPaul 's Drag Race , ' I live for the way they speak . Females , we adopted it and it makes us feel like very cocky and very just like sexy and feminine . So saying ' yass ' as opposed to ' yes , ' it 's just putting on a billion times more attitude to the word ' yes ' . " On May 3 , 2014 , Minaj posted the song on her official SoundCloud shortly after midnight .

= = Composition = =

Musically , " Yasss Bish " has been described as a " bouncy drill anthem " with a trap beat . It features a stripped back hip hop production that encompasses intense Roland TR @-@ 808 drum hits , a " sinister , echo @-@ y " vocal loop , " eerie " shimmering synthesizers , foreboding snares , and the sound of church bells ringing in an ominous tone . Minaj 's vocals in " Yasss Bish " have been described as " melodic " with a " fierce " message , while her rapping has been compared to the works of Southern hip hop group Migos . Several critics including Kyle Harvey of The Grio and Emma Goddard of Bustle noted the change in sound to be the beginning of a new image for Minaj . Harvey said the song continued her goal of shedding her image of a pop act , while Goddard said : " Although this song is definitely NSFW and it 's completely improbable that we 'll hear British sisters Sophia Grace and Rosie rapping her song anytime soon , Minaj has come back strong with a new image . "

Lyrically , she addresses her detractors and all those who don 't believe in her . The song opens with Soulja Boy singing " yasss bish " repeatedly for thirty seconds before Minaj begins her rap with " Me I 'm just me / Me I 'm just real / Me I 'm that bitch that be footing the bill . " In the line " I don 't fuck with you niggas / I own the Clippers / I own some homes / I own my own liquor " Minaj references ex @-@ Clippers owner Donald Sterling , who was banned from the NBA after leaked

recordings of him making racist comments were made public . She also mentions Will and Jada Smith in the lyrics : " Bitches can 't beat me they ain 't got the skill / Eye of the tiger they ain 't got the kill / Look up to Jada / I love her and Will . "

= = Critical reception = =

Upon release , " Yasss Bish " received positive reviews from music critics . Lewis Corner of Digital Spy named " Yasss Bish " one of the " 10 tracks you need to hear " , praising Minaj 's vocal delivery , the inclusion of Soulja Boy , and the line " Fix it , Jesus . " Colin Joyce of Spin called the song an " unbridled joy " , and noted that while it may not be included on The Pink Print , the album would be " lucky , however , to feature any track half as exuberant as this one . " A writer for MTV News UK praised both the production and vocals on " Yasss Bish " , saying that Minaj 's " melodic " vocals and " fierce " rap delivery were the best part of the song . Several critics noted a musical departure from the pop and dance @-@ pop stylings of her second studio album Pink Friday : Roman Reloaded (2012) . MTV News writer Emilee Lindner said " Yasss Bish " found Minaj going back to her original sound , saying : " Nicki Minaj is letting her rapping speak for itself . She 's left her colorful wigs , fancy robes and tutus behind ? along with the hyper @-@ pop production of some of her biggest hits ? and now she 's getting back to her roots . " Emma Goddard of Bustle praised the chemistry between the two rappers and saw the song as a change from the more upbeat sound found in Minaj 's catalogue , which she credited with " show [ing] her rapping prowess much more " . Writing for The Source , Khari said of " Yasss Bish " : " [Minaj] sheds the wig and the excessive make @-@ up , we get the most gorgeous Nicki we 've seen in her career . Now , she grabs Soulja Boy for the hook and the beat . You guessed it , score again . "

= = Release history = =