

Title : Lawful Harrassment

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"The human being who is born on this earth really is at
The mercy of the people who are in the gun-tower" - Ice - T

In this place, they won't leave you alone
If your head's shaven like mine
If you don't look like an ordinary
Goody-two-shoes, you'll be in for a little hassle
Like I was one night while walking out of some hawker
centre with some pals of mine from Malaysia
This qx car stopped right by us and the first thing one of
those plain-clothes men did was flash a pair of handcuffs
A tactic to intimidate ?
Well, my poor Malaysian friends were a little
worried alright
Afterall, if you're a labourer and this ain't your hometown,
you too would feel like you're left at the mercy of
the authority
But I ain't no foreigner
This is homeground and I expect regular patrolmen to
show some respect or at least, some courtesy
If they wanna know if I'm a criminal or offender of the
law, just ask for my I.D. to call up classified information

But no, those guys believe in calling my bluff
Or maybe they were just tryin' to pull off one of their
rehearsal stunts for the benefit of their
accompanying apprentices at my expense
No, I didn't resist being checked
I'm not stupid enough to obstruct the law
They, of course, assumed that I'd just been released from
detention since my shaven head and tattooed arms
indicated that I was no regular dork on the street
I was no timid creature to be sure
Though consequences could be dire
Cos I have heard friends say they can get real nasty
And those plain-clothes men confirmed it that night saying:
" O ,we can do a lot of things to you "
Of course, if you're clean, there's no reason to fear
That's why I wasn't afraid nor was I willing to be

intimidated - much to those QX-men 's dismay
Their tact certainly left a lot to be desired
When they asked a question,
they weren't waiting for a reply
An answer from you is generally ignored
Cos they're ready to snap at you some more with some
quick, sharp order to make you cower in fear
that works fine if they're dealing with criminals
But when they're not, they either look or sound like
uncivilised hooligans or lawless crooks
Or worse, big bullies with shining badges
I told them there was no need to get
insolent if they're just routine-checking
To which the 'graggo' chief replied, " I don't need you
to tell me how to do my job "
I guess he didn't, even tho' he's stupid enough not to
realise that all he generated was some defensive
indignation from me -
An ill-will welling so bad, I could scarce
contain myself from hurling some verbal
hassle at him in return
But of course, I was mindful not to get abusive
Sarcasm does it better
It may not maim the uncouth law-enforcer
But just as the Buddhists believe that
bad karma begets bad karma
I'd say that unnecessary hassling only begets
unnecessary hassling
And I'm one tough son-of-a-bitch
who refuses to swallow a bitter pill

In memory of 16/2/93
The handcuffs & threats