

FUNK and DISORDERLY

ROLL LIKE AN UNRULY
RICK JAMES WITH THIS
COLD BLOODED COCKTAIL

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Photo by Paul Body

What did the five fingers say to the face?

If you don't know the answer, then you probably haven't seen comedian Charlie Murphy's "True Hollywood Stories" sketch from Comedy Central's short-lived, but much-loved and critically acclaimed series, *Chappelle's Show*.

The infamous sketch, which first aired in 2004, satirizes Murphy's early-'80s interactions with the King of Punk Funk, Rick James. Best known for his hits "Superfreak," "Give it to Me," "Baby" and "Cold Blooded," James provides commentary to a series of reenacted flashbacks in which he's portrayed by Dave Chappelle.

According to Murphy, James was a "straight player" and "habitual line-stepper" with "mad pimping skills." In the skit, James is depicted as a hard-partying instigator who doesn't give a second thought to sucker-punching Murphy or grinding his grimy boots into a suede couch owned by the comedian's superstar sibling, Eddie.

And now, a decade after James reentered the public consciousness — and, unfortunately, a decade after his passing — San Diego's The Shout! House invites guests to embody the spirit of the Superfreak with a Rick James cocktail.

Served in a pint glass over ice, the Rick James combines cranberry and orange juices with Southern Comfort, Amaretto, Myers's Platinum Rum and



Smirnoff Vodka. It's one of the dueling piano bar's most popular specialty drinks and the only one accompanied by a tagline: "It'll get you Superfreaked!"

So the next time you want to

feel like a king, look no further than Fourth Avenue in the Gaslamp. Just don't toss back too many, lest you get totally fucked up... like the drink's namesake himself.

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