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Smiley Gives Fitness Advice In His Motivational 'In My Zone' Video

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Toronto rapper Smiley takes on the challenge of fitness training in the video for his new single "In My Zone." Playing the role of a personal trainer, he teaches a class, giving a motivational speech at his whiteboard before hitting the stationary bikes for a sweat-centric back half of the video. The emphasis on exercise follows an early scene in which Smiley and his friends take over a 1950s style diner.

Smiley — also known as Smiley_61st — caught a huge break in 2018, despite being unsigned, when Drake posted lyrics from his song "Intro" on Instagram. In 2020, Smiley followed up with *YYZ – LAX*, a seven-song EP led by the singles "90210" and "YYZ-LAX." "In My Zone" is Smiley's first song of 2021, implying that he might be working on a full-length body of work to finally capitalize on the attention he received from Drake's co-sign.

Fans who checked out Smiley's music thanks to Drake's Instagram video (which has since been deleted) discovered an artist who raps in a lethargic, slurred tone about life in the streets of Toronto. His hazy flow is paired with an enthusiastic charm — which pops out at the end of the "In My Zone" video via a handful of outtakes — that draws in listeners as much as his lyrics and unique flow.

Watch Smiley's "In My Zone" video above.

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