

The artist : **Jean-Louis Saporito**

**The title :**

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Asia Snow

**Comment accompanying the photo**

Asia Snow and Michael Smith have lived for 13 years in Ocean Hill, a neighborhood of Brooklyn. They have three children : Sonny, 18, Malcom, 8, and Malasia, 6. Neeka, Sonny's girlfriend, lives with them. Michael can't get used to the fast pace of New York. He would like to settle down with his family in the country, taking his children away from the drug scene.

**A**sia: Those who have a real nice car, big houses, since I'm not a hater, I applaud them because it's something that one day I hope I could achieve. I think it's a beautiful thing to be able to make the transition from the projects, to be able to get a nice house with a backyard, front yard, your own little pool.

**M**ichael: Rich is not happy. Some people got money and don't have nothing, nobody, but the money. They think they're better than the next person. When you have that type of power and money you just tend to distance yourself a little from everybody, you know.

Asia: Yeah, the less money you have, the more you need your neighbors. So, yes, it's more closer in the ghetto even though more trials and tribulations go on here. It seems the less money you have, the more closer you are to the people around you. Being poor is getting to be a rich thing too. When you've got money, you don't take time to see the happy things you've got.