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[Jimmy Lynch – Nigger Please! \(MVD Audio / Cult Collectibles\)](#)

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The collaboration of MVD Audio and Cult Collectibles provides another time warp – not to mention jaunt across the race divide for non-black listeners – into fascinating comedy territory. Sure the jokes are old – so is the performance. This is, as advertised, an “[OLD SCHOOL COMEDY CLASSIC](#)” – specifically, a re-release of a vintage record by black comedian Jimmy Lynch, “NIGGER PLEASE!”. As with the Redd Foxx release, I felt as though I’d entered a forbidden world. A black listener will have a totally different experience, of course, but for me it was being the invisible man in a club during a time when whites and blacks did less social mingling. I don’t know the exact date of this performance – or Redd’s – so I can’t tell you just how different racial relations were when this recording was made. At any rate, I’m pretty sure there weren’t a lot of white folks around when this Lynch album was recorded live. As for said performance, it’s beyond edgy and very funny. Like with Foxx, the comedy [form](#) is joke telling rather than observational humor, but it’s deftly handled joke-telling by the multi-talented Lynch, who also opens the show with a funky song.

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