

## Smush Parker fires back at Kobe Bryant

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That's right, a second Smush Parker post.

[After getting trashed and called "the worst"](#) by [Kobe Bryant](#) , Parker had a response.

"I'm lost for words," [Parker told Hard 2 Guard Radio](#) , [via a transcription by Larry Brown Sports](#) . "It makes me blush. For my name to still come out of that man's mouth? It makes me blush."

Fun fact tht Parker shared: At one point, he intentionally quit passing Bryant the ball during his second season with the team.

"The reason I wasn't a Laker after my second year is because I didn't bow down to [Bryant]. I didn't kiss his ass. I wasn't kissing his feet," Parker told Hard 2 Guard. "Quite frankly, towards the end of the second season, I stopped passing him the ball. I stopped giving him the ball. I started looking him off."

Parker, who is about to begin his third season playing in China, told a story about a road trip during which the team went to dinner and Bryant sat in a [corner booth](#) by himself and said Bryant would spend his time on road trips with his [security guards](#)

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"I had a workout with the [Lakers](#) , beat all the guards out for the starting position, earned a spot on the team," Parker told Hard 2 Guard. "Midway through the first season, I tried to at least have a conversation with Kobe Bryant -- he is my teammate, he is a co-worker of mine, I see his face every day I go in to work -- and I tried to talk with him about football. He tells me I can't talk to him. He tells me I need more accolades under my belt before I come talk to him. He was dead serious."

Parker's issue wasn't and has never been about Bryant's game -- that is undeniable. Parker's problem was with the person.

"You can't knock the man's legacy; you can't knock what he's done in basketball," he said. "His work ethic is tremendous. There's not an ounce of hate in my blood whatsoever. The guy can play basketball; you've seen that throughout his [career](#) .

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