

# It's Not Easy Being Michael

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You think you're sick of hearing about the Michael Jackson drama? Imagine how Brian Woolridge feels. In ten years of impersonating the Gloved One on the streets of Ann Arbor, Woolridge has absorbed plenty of ridicule. But the star's recent legal troubles have pushed it up a level. "I was dancing and one woman yelled out 'Child molester!'" he recalls. "Another guy walked by and said 'So, you like little boys?' Some guys even threw a cup at me." Woolridge has a novel response to the hecklers. "I play one of Michael's songs that reflects it back at them – songs like 'Leave me Alone' or 'Scream.'" And though friends have encouraged him to find another musical hero, Woolridge's loyalty remains unshaken. "I really hope he's innocent. But I'm not gonna throw in the towel just because he's going through a difficult time. You can't replace a star like Michael Jackson."