

Queen of Compromise

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How can you take the crown from the queen of compromise?
How can you figure out where her allegiance lies?
How can you be on both sides when you don't know her agenda?
How can you be on both sides when you don't know where they end up?
How can you look into her heart or look into her eyes?
You'll only get halfway with
The queen of compromise

If you wanna be a jester you better get a funny hat
If you're out to impress her you better do better than that
She doesn't give a fig if you're horrible or pleasin'
You might be a prick and that's the part of you she's teasin'
If you want to drive her home, well, you're in for a surprise
'Cause she'll only go halfway
The queen of compromise

She's got all the angles covered and your advances
Will get smothered 'cause that's her way
Yeah, that's her way
And if you think you're in the runnin'
She'll start runnin' every way but your way
'Cause that ain't her way

How can you take the crown from the queen of compromise?
How can you get her hand a little further than your flies
If you wanna be a joker you better take another toke
If you wanna smoke her out you better be prepared to choke
It's not completely honest and it's not a pack of lies
It's somewhere in between for
The queen of compromise

If you think she looks alright
She'll turn her face and then you'll see another side
If you blink and look again
You'll find you've been taken for half a ride
By the queen of compromise

How can you take the crown from the queen of compromise?
How can you settle down with her and cut her down to size?
If you wanna be a jester you better get a funny hat
If you want to impress her you better do better than that
No, I would not commit myself or make any firm ties
I'd only go halfway for
The queen of compromise
'Cause she'll go only halfway
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