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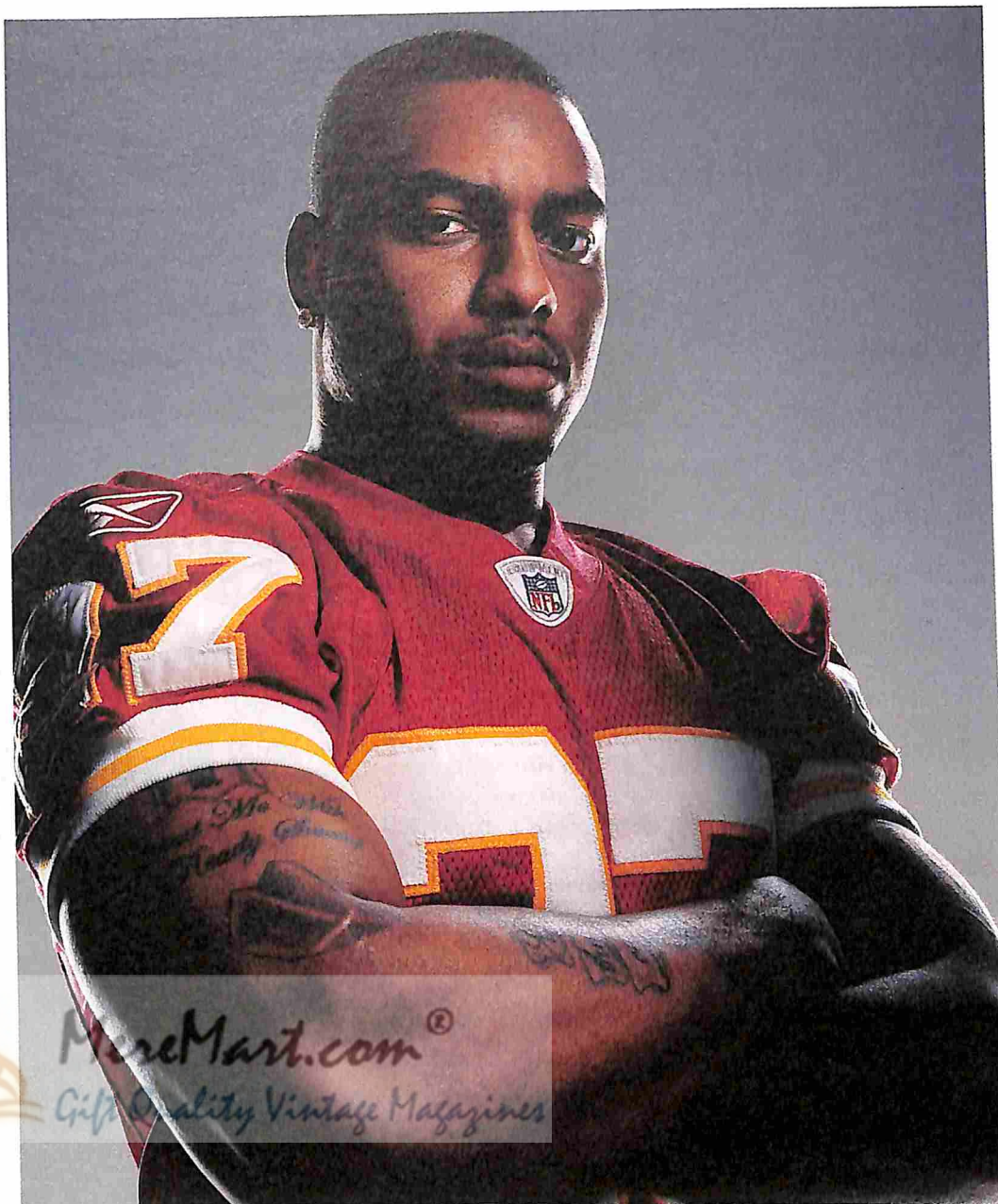
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At least that's what the Chiefs tailback thinks. And it's just the motivation he needs to break big on his own terms after three frustrating seasons in KC. **BY SETH WICKERSHAM**

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Short for *credibility*, natch. Every pro wants it, but it's nearly impossible to define. Think Petty, Papi, Reggie and Roethlisberger. Still don't get it? You will when it's staring you in the face.



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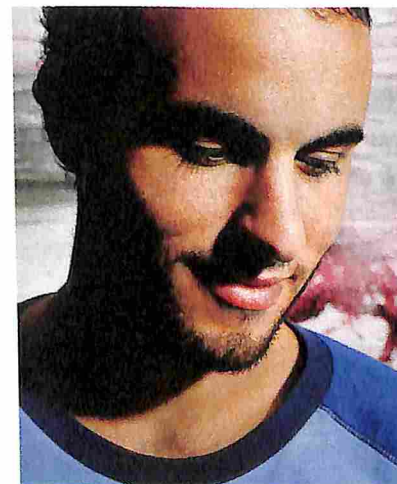
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