

## **Roots, The**

### **"Ain't Sayin' Nothing New"**

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[Black Thought - amidst ad libbing voices]

What the fuck, what what what?

Nuttin new, nuttin new..

What? Nuttin new.. check

Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new

I represent the legendary Fifth Dynasty crew

Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new

Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin, check shit out

It's nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new

Nuttin new, nuttin new...

Ghetto related with this hit the whole world awaited

Y'all Dorito-head cats that yak and stagnated

Black Thought, The Doug E. Most war vete-ran

Crown ruler, soul controller of this lyrical land

Spliff wizard kid, who is it?

Fifth Dinosaur Ghetto, beat detonator

Apex my level, NEXT, my complex pattern of speech is  
like sex

I mastered the art of makin you snap the necks

And Chase Manhattan endorse my mic checks

Upset, poet threat

Just collectin my debt, yo I'm overpaid in dues

blood tears and sweat, when you fuckin with The Roots  
that's as good as it get, Ultramagnet

We pull you in a Drag-net then brainwash your click  
and extort your assets, then roadie all your homies  
on some old school shit, Roots crew represent

[Dice Raw]

Life's a gamble, step up and place your bets

I drift through space, then make my escape on through  
the 'net

With CD's, cassettes, no C.O.D.'s or checks

Straight from the old school, aiyyo Raw's in full effect

I'm like, Lex Luthor with rifles filled with kryptonite

When you grip the mic it's like -- c'mon kids, let's say  
goodnight!

You don't like me?! But don't even know why should  
you hate me

You scared to face these so I still remain safely

confidin, North Phil' where I'm residin  
Never let an outside nigga slide in  
This ain't home plate, I dunk on you once inside the  
paint  
Flow like this you cain't, take me you out, you ain't!

[Black Thought]

Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Nuttin new, nuttin new, tell me what you could do  
Yo we drop the funk, and do the shit

Yo, head lost, slip in this land, ?big framboix?  
Spittin it for like whoever demand the answer  
What's the cure for this hip-hop cancer? Equivalent  
to this avalanche of black snow, rap flow  
to get my people thinkin mo', we at the brink of war  
What does it all mean? What's it all for?  
With knowledge of yourself, then you're through the  
first door  
My people hungry and thirst for more next music  
explore  
It's heavenly to your ebony daughter next door  
So what you think The Roots get the world respect for?  
The splendid authentic hip-hop that's raw core  
Severe, world premier, a superior sophomore  
No doubt, wherever you dwell, that's where the bomb  
fell  
Explodin from the imperial en-sem-ble, for real  
From the ven-ue to the avenue  
We truly only got respect for a few, y'all ain't sayin  
nuttin new

[Black Thought]

Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Represent the legendary Fifth Dynasty crew  
Roots crew comin through, tell me what you could do  
Yo you lookin for me? Nah we lookin for you  
Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Represent the legendary.. with nuttin to do  
For you.. yo, lyrical one two  
Blow up y'all, it's nuttin new, nuttin new

[Dice Raw]

Look at y'all you just a army ant, I'm a gi-ant, arm fist  
King of my city, runnin this shit, just like a ty-rant  
Y'all clowns know what I meant, that's if we at war  
Then my henchmen, will be at your back door, uhh  
WAITIN, wise at debatin; trippin over Legos  
Runnin up the steps and lookin for a weapon  
But you come out wavin a white flag; that's why

I just backslap that ass like Shaq did Ostertag  
Either take me or be taken, you think I'm goin down?  
PSYCH, the jury, they're still deliberatin  
I got half of they kids, tied up in a basement  
Nah I'm just playin yo but that's how I'm playin doe  
Dig what I'm sayin yo? D-I-C-E  
Shove a mic in your mouth, like Ted DiBiase  
When you come sloppy, fuck is y'all tryin to do?  
Y'all into, some wack shit, and ain't sayin nuttin new

[Black Thought]

Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Represent the legendary Fifth Dynasty crew  
Roots crew comin through, tell me what you could do  
One two, one two, yo.. we lookin for you  
One two, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Represent, Fifty Dynasty crew  
Check it out, what? Well one-two one-two, one-two  
Knahmsayin yo? It's nuttin new  
Nuttin new, nuttin new, y'all not sayin nuttin new  
Represent the legendary.. Fifth Dynasty crew  
Roots crew, tell me what you could do  
You lookin for me.. we're lookin for.. one-two, one-two  
Ha hah HAH! Y'all ain't sayin nuttin new  
Wha-wha-one-two, one-two  
Represent the legendary Fifth.. knahmsayin?  
Blowin your vent, yo, content yo, it's like that

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