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## Inner City "Riot Akt"

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{\*DJ Premier scratches children laughing and yelling\*}

[Chorus: Guru]

Riot act, this is where we really prepare
Riot act, out here we show no fear
RIOT ACT, time to protect our communities
Riot act, real criminals get immunity
RIOT ACT, eye for an eye - so yo who want it?
RIOT ACT, rushin all you cowards who fronted
Riot act, let's bring the power to the people
RIOT ACT, no justice then we gotta come see you

[Verse One: Guru]

Just like a thunderous gun clap, you wonder who done that

Put you under with one rap, me and the brothers have come back

We'll lash you for tryin that, we know you been lyin cat So now you be lyin flat, we'll read you the riot act Whassup you little fuck, get your life right Cause there's too much goin in the world, and shit ain't quite right

See you're just addin to the problem Young gun, high-strung, ready to trey-eight revolve 'em

Knot nearly in your waist, you step up in the place Catch one off guard, he lookin silly in the face But hear they come with the M-16's

They got teargas, helmets and clubs - knahmean? It's martial law in these streets

It's like Afghanistan man, it's gettin raw in the streets Still you demand your rights, I understand your plight But do the knowledge if you plan to fight

## [Chorus]

[Verse Two: Guru]

So realize what it is to be oppressed and afflicted Subjected to sick shit, knowin others live different FUCK THAT, the streets about to blow again They forgot, so we gotta let 'em know again Huh, we'll blast you for tryin that, we know you been lyin cat

So now you be lyin flat, we'll read you the riot act Soldiers, let's show these cowards what's up The hood ain't goin for it, let's get ours, that's what's up

Be sure to keep a balance to your fight And do the math, figure how to use your talents in a fight

Ain't nuttin worse than a rebel without a cause Ain't nuttin worse than a people without laws 200 million square miles under attack Reperations for us blacks, hell yeah, they need to come with that

Who's gonna take the weight, and erase the hate All I know is when we come through, better make some space

## [Chorus]

[Verse Three: Guru]

A lot of people ain't happy you can tell by their ways It's growin tense okay, I can smell it today Tenement buildings house the next killers While rich diplomats, are purchasin their next villas But for the scrilla and power, uhh They'll send some killers to their hood, that are iller than ours

Still niggaz settle beef, with the metal piece
And every block stays hot, like the devil's feet
Incarceration of the mind, police brutality and poverty
These are realities of mankind
And we can't win nigga, if we keep shuckin and jivin
In a minute, they gon' have us duckin and divin
They got bullets for us {\*automatic fire\*} yeah, uh-huh
They got jail cells and graveyards, they the bullies, not
us

We'll blast you for tryin that, we know you been lyin cat So now you be lyin flat, cause this is the riot act

## [Chorus]

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