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Joe Budden "Three Sides to a Story"

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[Joey as Derrick]

My names Derrick, I'm from Queens right there on Merrick

Raised of honesty, loyalty, good merits

Gotta lil sister and my pops just perished

And I just came home so my freedom I really cherish

Young when they bagged me, seven in the can is torcher

And I just did that for manslaughter

Odds was against me, murder in the second degree

Made it less cuz I gave 'em a plea

That's the past, now a dude home tryna clean up his past

When all niggaz kno me for is the past

And my minds always thinking how to pocket some

They know if something ever sparked it'll cock it and blast

Now I'm tryna live straight and get my act together

But my moms struggling, she putting scraps together

Long time ago, when I wasn't home she was cleaning my room

Cried when she found a gat in the dresser

Said no child of hers would a had dat, never!!!

But with all the dirt I was doing

I felt like I hadda protect her, I hadda protect us

Stead of me sellin crack forever

She rather be ina shop right, getting bags together

Passing endeavors, wont allow me to get work

Forced me to get work

On apps they ask if you ever been to jail, like if I say yes you'll hire me

NIGGA DON'T LIE TO ME!!!

I gotta lil sister that's nine

Plus moms is chillin, wit some new dude I think she feeling

But he don't help with the bills and I'm back on the script

So we don't go broke, I'm back to this hammer that I hafta tote

Stash ya kno, I'm killin em, only nigga on the Ave. with coke

Only man in the house, I gotta bring in cash And those two chicks a month that mom get don't last Lil Sally still young she developing fast Oh, you thinking the same thing, it's a hell of a task Then it clicked me, plain close, cops came to get me But knew that I had mine on threaten to hit me And I moved swiftly, said they had a warrant They knew about it all they said they had an informant I'm back in this caged up cell With the apes in jail, now I'm back in this eight by twelve See I tried to live right But society ain't made for niggaz to live right Mommy just write Mommy make sure Sally keep her shit tight And I'll be home real soon, don't cry, it's iight

[Chorus]

I know it might seem like it's all good But this is what it's like in the hood I rep my set like you should But this is what it's like in the hood [repeat]

[Joey as Sally]

My names Sally, and I'm from Queens I'm not happy
Dad pasted away, moms remarried
I gotta big bro, but he's in jail
Moms said for some things that he used to sell
And I'm always with step-dad, his names Beau
And theres some things about him that my mom don't
kno

And he says if I tell that it won't be pretty And I'm really scared of em, he's already hit me He touches me places I don't like it And I ain't talking bout a hug or goodbye kiss I mean touch me places that's private And he don't just touch he put summin inside it He says the more he does that, I'll start to like it Hand over my mouth so I'm quiet Moms only wit 'em cuz our money is low I'm sixteen but I'm shaped like a twenty year old And my moms in love so she makes excuses But she looks at me and sees scrapes and bruises Why step daddy gotta take me thru this Help, somebody, I'm getting raped I cant do this Nobody understands I'm weary Get goosebumps anytime a man come near me Know how it feel to have a man use you for a cushion All the while moaning and pushin You try to push him, he's getting bothered

Trust me, it's summin you don't wanna be apart of Cuz even when it's over, your life, it'll scare ya Visit my bro, he can tell I'm sad Staring hard at my stomach he can tell I'm fat He can tell I'm mad But step daddy touched me, fucked me, you think that I can tell him that? Beau called the cops on him, could I tell him that? Yep, thought you'd agree so I keep it all to me Baby on the way, and I'm not working And I kno it's his cause I used to be a virgin Derrick says he'll handle it, wipe my tears He don't know, this is what it's like for years And it falls on def ears Damn mommy please come home, please mommy don't leave us alone Some secrets are hard to keep Some secrets make it hard to sleep And sleep is the only time I feel safe Still the act haunts me, and I kno I'ma wake up with step daddy on me¢Â€Â¦

You yell and you scream but he starts going harder

[Chorus]

[Joey as Beau]

My names Beau, gotta chick named Pam that I live with But she's always in church, real religious I hadda son he was young he was gifted Til a nigga killed him a week before Christmas Three shots close range with a handgun I knew before I met Pam that it was Pam's son I knew when I pulled the Mill out harder And went on a manhunt just to kill they father Derrick and my boy hadda mutual friend That put me on doing what I gotta do for revenge Derricks coming home now, and he's gonna get it And I kno he'll be lookin for me with a biscuit Not hard to find, got them teks in handy, and I'm in his house having sex with him family I got his mom on the bed and the canopy And I'm with his sister molesting her candy Now he kno it all His friend prolly told em, and you can't hide nothing ina hood so small But then it came Sunday, Beau ain't hafta work Just humped on Sally, Pam's in church Derrick bust in, Beau just froze White shit on his nose, Sally getting her clothes Screams, "Get ready for your funeral Beau" And then he reach to his hip and let a few of 'em go

Cause he's packin but Sally starts gaspin Holdin her stomach, I guess she started having contractions

Beau grabbed his, now they both got heat Just gunnin, both ignoring the seed that's coming Now Sally's in the crossfire, screams out stop Holes in the wall, now the scenes getting hott Next 30 seconds on the scene is the cops Yellow tape up, now the scenes getting blocked Barricades up, yep, you already kno y'all Ambulance there, streets full of patrol cars Cops on the mega phone, "come down now" But it all calmed down somehow Beau comes out, hands showing, carrying his arms Derrick comes down, little Sally in his arms Yep, nuttin to say, she was hit by a stray Nope! Shots done ric-o-shade, cops take him away And now some niggaz miss em But it wasn't the guns that killed Sally, nah it was the dumb niggaz wit em When we gonna learn to treat our people sacred Theres some type of way kid, we're all related When we gonna grow and get rid of the hatred Cuz this shit happens on a regular basis, this shit happens on a regular basis This type of shit happens everyday kidd

[Chorus]

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