

## Ludacris

### "Do The Right Thang co-starring Common and Spike Lee"

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[Spike Lee]

Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hip hop nation, this is Spiz-ike Lee

Been sleepin for too long, wake up..

Wake up - WAKE UUUUUUUUUUP! {\*rooster crows\*}

[Ludacris]

WAKE UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUP! {\*rooster crows\*}

I see the sunshine GAZING through the window pane

(yeah)

Blazin like indo flame; it's to WAKE UP!! Come to yo'  
sense manye

Snow is all around you, but you don't play in the winter  
games!

Cartridges surround you, but you ain't playin Nintendo  
games!

Load 'em up and fill 'em up, to the top before you cock  
and aim

Tryna get from the bottom to the TOP, like the stock  
exchange

Shower shit and shave and hit the corner for a block  
exchange

Amazing what my people'll +DO+, for some pocket  
change

But maybe this ain't the life that you chose (chose)

This is the life where you stay strapped

and pack a knife or end up with a blooded nose

Street survivor or survivor of the streets! (streets!)

And only the strong survive, there's no survival for the  
weak! (weak!)

Catch a sneak peak of DEATH if you ain't on ya Ps and  
Qs

They carry banana clips and niggaz'll peel you for ya  
shoes

It's the +Blues+, but not on +Hill Street+

Hmm, you could call it, "kill or be killed" street

"Lost a pint of blood, let it SPILL" street

STOP AND WAKE UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUP!!!!

{\*rooster crows\*}

WAKE UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUP!!!! {\*rooster  
crows\*}

[Chorus]

They say my folks'll do WHATEVER for the fortune and  
the fame  
And it'll take a FORTUNE to get rid of all the pain, but  
I'm sayin  
Use your brain homie, do the right thang! (Lemme talk  
to 'em)  
Use your brain homie, do the right thang! (Lemme talk  
to 'em)  
You say the only family that you got is in a gang  
And the only way to make it is by sellin cocaine, but I'm  
sayin  
Use your brain homie, do the right thang! (Lemme talk  
to 'em)  
Use your brain homie, do the right thang! (Lemme talk  
to 'em)

[Common]

I've been in this 'ere since we were drinkin beers  
Years we've spent together, used to break up, get  
together, split a fight  
Every night, gettin cheddar, movin white  
Our thang, so we had to +Do it Right+ like Spike  
Holdin 40s, gettin green on acres, these broads were  
our mules  
That's when we used to serve in front of Com'wealth  
School  
Fuel for cars and jewels, chains and tools  
It was +Organized+ crime but we remained  
+Konfused+  
Mom in the pews, singin, "Lord, protect 'em"  
You might not a-gree with our views, but you had to  
respect 'em  
Diamonds in the rough, but were we reflectin  
a system that's aburpt, the streets, or no ?pressure?  
One morning in the mirror, I seen my reflection  
A young man with good spirits, but needed direction  
I guess my man's death, was my +Ressurrection+  
'cause now I hear him sayin from heaven, "Wake up!  
(WAKE UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUaaaahhhh-)  
Wake up! Wake up! Wake up! Wake up!  
(aaaaaaaaaaaaahhhhhh-up!)  
Wake UP! WAKE UP! WAKE UP! WAKE UP!"

[Chorus w/ Common rapping the 3rd+4th and 7th+8th  
line]

[Ludacris]

I, woke up this morning and got a call  
My pot'nah said he had news about a girl named Baby

Doll

She got fo' baby daddies - fo' kids by fo' different men  
And she just found out she's pregnant, I said, "No, not  
again!"

Man, when she gonna learn she don't wanna spend her  
life in court?

Lookin for back payments and fightin for that child  
supports

Chasin checks, chasin her ounce of respect, chasin  
paper

Chasin entertainers or rappers and ballplayers

Not carin about a condom, I say, "Help her Lord,  
PLEASE"

'fore she stuck wit mo' babies or ends up fightin some  
di-SEASE

You know that you a momma and mommas, we cain't  
lose ya (no!)

Treat yourself better, you carry seeds to the future  
(whoo!)

And the future looks dim if we don't get ourselves  
together

We gotta sacrifice, some do WHATEVER for the  
cheddar

So make the right decisions 'til you ready to give birth  
And know that you the most precious gift we have on  
this earth

Babies, stop and WAKE UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUP!!!  
{\*rooster crows\*}

WAKE UUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUUP!!!! {\*rooster crows\*}

[Chorus 2]

They say my folks'll do WHATEVER for the fortune and  
the fame

And it'll take a FORTUNE to get rid of all the pain, but  
I'm sayin

Use your brain baby, do the right thang! (Lemme talk to  
'em)

Use your brain baby, do the right thang! (Lemme talk to  
'em)

You say you want a family but it's hard without a mayne  
And the only way to make it is to get him fo' his  
change, but I'm sayin

Use your brain baby, do the right thang! (Lemme talk to  
'em)

Use your brain baby, do the right thang! (Lemme talk to  
'em)

[Spike Lee - Outro]

Wake up, wake up..

It's a new day! C'mon brothers, wake up

C'mon sisters, wake up

ATL, wake up, wake up, baby  
Chi-Town, wake up wake up  
Brooklyn's in the house!  
Wake up, Brooklyn!  
Ludacris! Common Sense and ME, SPIKE LEE!  
{\*echoes\*}

[Ludacris]  
Always do the right thing..  
I got it, I'm gone \*echoes\*

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