Zion I & The Grouch "Bad Lands"

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Walk light, for these are the bad lands Bad lands, these are the bad lands Bad seed, castor bare of soil Weeds run free through the golden oil Milk outside, it's bound to spoil Know a couple bad girls 'n they all adore you Somethin' to assure you, we'll secure you The television say they can do that for you Wanna go to sleep, gotta seek a drug Shorty on the street thinks her man's a thug Went and got shot cuz he need the pub Record blew on up, tell you life is rough Mama ain't home, daddy doin' dirt Lil' Jimmy got the fo' fifth from the shirt 'Bout to go bizerk, just needs some guidance But in the bad lands, the results are violent

Rhymin' on the corner using gun shots for snares
Bad enough lands to make punk rockers care
They don't give a fuck just like we don't give a fuck
Righteous man get bucked and some stopped to stare
Blood on they backs cuz they ran, just a grub on scraps
No daps, mean loves n' a slug in the air
How many beefs wore to the point where everybody
eats when it's over, that's rare
And in a prayer, I begged the All Mighty to spare

My daughter from fake thugs, real drugs, and players I've been around that shit and I'm embarrassed You been a town jester, that's careless Perilless pits I've dodged like it's my job They worship twisted gods and spit facades To get that wad, what will you do? Lie, cheat, steal, kill, till it kills you

[chorus:]

Tumble weeds and twisted tales
These the bad lands where the angels fail (Bad lands)
Make money, try to stop the fear
If you think it ain't real, then you ain't been here (Bad lands)

This is a place where babies are hooked on drugs Before they see the light of day

A land where doctors'll necessarily cut them out their mothers' stomachs

Just to make more pay

Their fathers run away

Consumed with the most ignorant shit you can think of Cuz it's been dangled in front their faces like a carrot to an ass

But still they know better, they're just too scared to be outcasts

It ain't about past; let's talk present and future

Fuck presidents, what do you do with your power, your control?

Control yourself

Going dumb's not really a movement, you're really going dumb

Look at the shit they play on the radio

And got the nerve to wonder why rappers keep dying in the streets

Stop putting 2pac and Biggie on magazines until you understand the significance of why they died Don't ya'll get it? Humans are bigger than they're supposed to be

Check yourself before you come out the house holdin' a piece,

Runnin' off at the mouth, sayin' trendy shit like "yes sir" and "ye ye"

Like it's the only thing you know

Yea, that shit is fun but don't let it be the only thing you know

Ultimately, it won't get you anywhere and trying to get out of here

Leave these bad lands behind, get in touch with my spirit, my body, and mind

Cuz I'm divine

And if no one ever told you you were, well you are

And that's it.

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