

The Roots

"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, sippin this Lambic Framboise
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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