The Fugees "Family Business"

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[omega]

Where I was born, nothing is promised

My life is filled with less hope than the prophecies of nostradamus

Omega marks the ending of predictability, birth of agility

Who will it be to test me and expose their futility.

Iron like a lion from zion stop tryin' so hard,

I think I smell your brain cells fryin'.

The family's behind you if you're worthy

Philosophies developed deep in the back streets of dirty jersey

Troops with scully hats and timberland boots

No more break-dancing for loot.

Niggas hustle and shoot

In the garden state, it grows stink weeds and criminals

Government funds are minimal

Oppression's subliminal

[clef]

These days it's hard for we to find peace of mind

Between insanity and sanity there lies a thin line.

Some dwell in hotels with jezebels

A stone age and fall a victim to the plague

Unclean bad dreams of wyclef being a fiend,

One last kiss from my sweet serpentine

Eliminate then break,

Navigate to rejuvenate thoughts of suicide with my nickel plate.

Reconcilation came from my enemy-friend

Who said family don't bend

We stay silent till the end.

Now who would think that your best friend

Would be your worst enemy and your enemy your best friend.

Stare into the air inspiration from the atmosphere

I think of old ghosts, that ain't even here.

Like alex haley take notes on this biography

My family tree consists of street refugees.

A ghetto land, where we talk slang

Stolen cars bang, like my chitty bang-bang sh-bang

For the heads, we ain't sellin' cocaine today

So refrain and let my family reign okay

[omega]:chorus

Just walkin' the streets death can take you away It's never guaranteed that you'll see the next day At night the evil armies of shaton don't play So defend the family that's the code to obey [clef]

But if I fall asleep and death takes me away Don't be surprised son, I wasn't put here to stay At night the evil armies of shaton don't play So the family sticks together and we never betray [clef]

Nah fuck that

Fifty-two pick up, no cops around

Fifty-two thousand in cash, I don't want no savings bonds

Have the money ready, I smell something fishy Your wife's in my custody

One false move and you'll find her body in the sea.

That's the voice of the kid, that's the kidnapper I do my work and then I catch my ticket to jamaica.

Meet me in the alley, make sure you bring the money

This ain't the seventies I'm far from a jive turkey [lauryn]

My circle it can't be broken

Open, cut-throatin', provokin'

Record promotin, tokens chokin' on they words like smoke and.

Cause we soft spoken, doesn't mean that we've forgotten

Your bootie smells rotten and one day you will be gotten

See joker's is scatter-brained, their focus is unrestrained

My army is trained, you never find us beefin' in vain.

Cause I've seen fire and I've seen rain

You claim fame, while modest niggas remain.

I can judge a character like ito judge a verdict

And if you bringin' threats I give you sex if I ain't heard it.

See poppin' s***'s about your attitude and how you word it

I've seen the biggest niggas on the block get murdered And they deserverd it

Or so the beast said when they served it???

That s*** is nervous

So what's my purpose?

Family, we must preserve it.

Your number's retired

I hope you like the hell fires

You'll be screamin' murder she wrote like chaka demus and pliars.

[omega]:chorus

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We used to jump rope,

But now we gun hope

Bustin' shots off of project roof tops

Sending signals with the blunt smoke.

Ock, don't talk a lot if you can't hold it in lock

If you think lips sink ships,

Imagine full glock clips.

I hold a glass of remy martin

Gettin' milks by the carton

Extortin' the light weights for thinkin' they important

The night pays and heavenly ways

Ain't nothin' free ah

Knowledge of your family and steppin' to your b.i.

You see i, stay on top of s*** like a fly

My niggas reach when they got beef

Then jet down to south beach

Yo mouthpiece is yappin'

I hear it in your rap and

My family is thick so that bulls*** could never happen.

[clef]:chorus

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So defend the family that's the code to obey

[lauryn]

If I should fall asleep and death takes me away

Don't be surprised son, I wasn't put here to stay

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So the family stick together and we never betray.

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