

## **The Genius Gza "Swordsman"**

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Yo, I gotcha back but you best to watch your front  
'Cause it's the niggaz that front, they be pullin' stunts  
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I was always taught my do's and don'ts  
For do's I did and for don'ts, I said, "I won't"  
I'm from Brooklyn, a place where stars are born

Streets are shot up, apartment buildings are torn and  
ripped up  
Stripped up, shackled up and backed up from fiends  
'Cause the bosses on the scene, they got it cracked up

Kids are slingin' in my lobby, little Steve and Bobby  
Gettin' paid but it's a life-threatening hobby  
Yeah, they still play hide and seek  
The fiends seek for the crack and they hide and let the  
cops peep

Grown folks say, they should be out on their own  
Before the gangs come and blow up their mom's home  
Because they lifestyle is hectic so fuckin' hectic  
Blaow! Blaow! Blaow! Bullets are ejected

My lifestyle was so far from well  
Coulda wrote a book with a title  
'Age 12 And Goin' through Hell'

Then I realized the plan  
I'm trapped in a deadly video game with just one man  
So I don't only watch my back, I watch my front  
'Cause it's the niggaz who front, they be pullin' stunts

Back on the Ave of Lavonia and Bristol with a pistol  
Stickin' up Pamela and Crystal  
You know your town is dangerous when you see the  
strangest  
Kid, come home from doin' the bid and nuthin'  
changes

What is the meaning of crime

Is it criminals robbin' innocent motherfuckers every  
time?

Little shorties take walks to the schoolyard  
Tryin' to solve the puzzles to why is life so hard

Then as soon as they reached the playground, blaow!  
Shots ring off and now one of them lay down  
It's so hard to escape the gunfire  
I wish I could rule it out like the umpire

But it's an everlasting game  
And it never cease to exist  
Only the players change

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{Your technique is magnificent when cut across the  
neck

A sound like wailing winter winds is heard, they say  
I'd always hoped to cut someone like that someday  
To hear that sound but to have it happen  
To my own neck is ridiculous}

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