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### "Strictly Business"

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[Erick Sermon]

Try to answer to the master or the MC rap artist  
No joke on the lyric - it's hard to be modest  
I knew I was the man with the master plan  
to make you wiggle and jiggle, like gelatin  
Just think while I sing, into the brain structure  
(Yo don't sleep on the E) ya see, somethin might  
rupture  
I don't take time for me to blow your mind  
It take a second to wreck it because you're dumb and  
blind  
So just lounge - cause you a MC clown  
Or join the circus - EPMD is in town

[Parrish Smith]

Total chaos - no mass confusion  
Rhymes so hypnotizin known to cause an illusion  
Like a magician; he draws a rabbit out a hat son  
I'm draw 'em all like a forty-four magnum  
MC freeze stop look and listen, and try to imagine  
It's travellin the speed of light, but everything's motion  
It's frightening - plus the thought you alone  
You now enter the dimension called the Twilight Zone  
You're terrified - plus you can't bear the thought  
You and I one-on-one, in the land of the lost  
You start to shiver - then you scream, my friend  
Yo wake up Muttley, because you're dreamin again  
But next time I'm on the scene, do not try to diss us  
Keep your mouth shut sucker duck, because I'm Strictly  
Business  
I'm Strictly Business..

[Erick Sermon]

This is the rap season, where the E starts pleasin  
Girls around the world no need to be skeezin  
When I roll I stroll, cool always pack a tool  
Just in case (just in case) a brother acts a fool  
I've got the energy, to put the girls in a frenzy  
Put 'em in shock, when I rock, give enough, I'm not  
stingy  
Make sure I don't bore when I'm on the dance floor

(Get busy, boy) like you never saw before  
Wine flow {\*scratch\*} good to go {\*scratch\*}  
After the show {\*scratch\*} I pull your hoe, boy  
(You sniff blow?) Hell no  
Have my whole life ahead of me, no time to be sniffin  
My parents find out, then they start riffin  
So I stay, A-OK  
Cause I'm the E - the R-I-C-K

[Parrish Smith]

MC's look me in my face, then their eyes get weak  
Pulse rate descends - heart rate increases  
Like beam me up Scotty, I control your body  
I'm as deadly as AIDS, when it's time to rock a party  
And all due respect, when I say mic check  
Let a sucker slide once, then I break his neck (then I  
break his neck)  
So when I say jump, you'll reply "How high?"  
Because I'm takin no prisoners, so don't play hero and  
die  
You're just a soldier - and I'm a Green Beret  
I do not think twice, about the MC's I slay  
So if you want to battle, I highly recommend this:  
Bring your dog, mom, and dad - because I'm Strictly  
Business  
I'm Strictly Business..

[Erick Sermon]

Yo yo, you're still pickin on that four-leaf clover?  
Bring in the Sandman, sucker - because it's over  
My name is Erick Sermon and I'm back again  
I see the heads still turnin on my so-called friends  
They smile in my face, behind my back they talk trash  
Mad and stuff, because they don't have cash  
Like the E-Double - or the Pee-MD  
He drives a Corvette, I drive a Samaurai Suzuki  
I'm the locksmith, with the key to fame  
Never high on myself - always stay the same  
Play a lot because I'm hot, like a horse I trot  
Around the track and back (fatigued?) No I'm not

[Parrish Smith]

Well I'm the mellow, the fellow, the one that likes to say  
hello  
To a fly girl that is good to go  
With the slow tempo and the off-beat rhyme flow  
Cause when I am in action, there is no time for maxin or  
relaxin  
Just reactin and subtractin  
On a sucker MC, who mouth keep on yappin and flappin  
I lose my cool, then I'll start slappin and smackin

You on a roll, then Albee starts jabbin and cappin  
No time to lounge, I'm packin and strappin  
At my point attack, I soar at you like a eagle  
I'm the sheriff, and bitin is illegal  
So next time in town, I highly recommend this  
You gots to chill, because I'm Strictly Business  
Hey yo E-Double man, let 'em know what time it is

[Erick Sermon]  
Yo, I'm Strictly Business  
You know what I'm sayin PMD?

[Parrish Smith]  
Yo word, EPMD is in full effect

[Erick Sermon]  
Lounge.. be the E-Double E-Double E in the place to be  
and with PMD

[Parrish Smith]  
Know what I mean? My homeboy Bernard on the scene

[Erick Sermon]  
Knahmsayin? Mixmaster Chuck Chase

[Parrish Smith]  
In the place

[Erick Sermon]  
Yo I'd like to say peace to my homey Big Daddy Kane

[Parrish Smith]  
And Biz Markie

{\*both laughing\*}

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