Talib Kweli % Hi Tek F/ Mos Def, Jane Doe, Punch, "Twice Inna Lifetime"

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[Talib Kweli] Yo, we been through this before right? (Word, word...) So we figurin', if we gonna do it, we gotta freak it, y'know what I'm sayin? (True, true, true...) Cuz everything gotta go up from here, right? So Hi-Tek, turn it up a notch...

[Jane Doe] Hail Mary, 'matta fact hail Jane Niggaz take my name in vain/vein like I was cocaine My affirmations kill emcees like assasination Bringin' you pain until you wish you had a vaccination Or vaccine, I shine like Vaseline Gas plays like petroleum, walk over them like linoleum My vocab expand like a rubber band Walkin' nekkid through the motherland, give the finger to my brotherman Niggaz just don't understand my reasons, I transcend like season And scar these rappers like legion It's treason, my suspension attract attention I'm ventin', givin' these chickenheads detention Did I mention my name, yo, go by the Jane Doe Drenched in Polo, chill downtown in Soho You don't know, this is just half my potential Check my credentials, come harder than sequential It's essential, you listen, I drive, you a pedestrian They bless me on the track cuz I attack wit' the estrogen Rhyme against the best a men, Jane burn it up When you hear it in the whip, tell your man to turn it up! [Wordsworth]

Yo...get it...yo Yo, we fortified live, supportin' allies The wack is tryin' to shorten our lives, it sorta waters my eyes But here is some'n the cryin' talk about The verse on that cassette you and cousin fought about That led to God and Satan's fallin' out Encourage the liquor for those who ain't here that you pourin' out On 3-way, your parents, preacher and spouse called my house Revive or ruin, my theories of mics Sony or Aiwa, black or white, I fit in all stereotypes Search for a cast to plot, I make you a laughin' stock So shook. I could walk a half a block and feel the aftershocks Rain of acid drops, seek some help Now don't rewind, get it the first time, Shouldn't have to repeat myself Eternally verbally, I have numbers, succumb to time outs In rhyme bouts you'll dial 9, just to get a line out Known fact or factors and non-rappers fractured Results in more cast appearances than a hundred actors Emcees I'm testin' like diseases injected in gerbils Wordsworth, Kweli, Hi-Tek, Reflection Eternal..what... [Talib Kweli] My style high life like Fonz when I burn heads like a conk Cuz niggaz front, when their chances get slim like Pharoahe Monch Thinkin' they shits is heavy when they light like ilumination Intellectual masturbation with premature ejaculation I'm comin' cleaner than vaccinations My fascination with character assassination, Got these niggaz burnin' like sensation We keep it hot like matches and on lock like latches Wack emcees get they microphones snatched like Lee patches So YOU GO! To every wack muthafucka that you know (Scram...) My lyrics they get up in your genes/jeans like Parasucos So there's no mystery about the father, niggaz is hot and bothered Like the bitches that they are, takin' pictures with stars And got 'em open, but after they little hopes and dreams get broken Me and Hi-Tek, we live long and prosper like Vulcans Think I'm jokin'? We both got sons, we make cream and break dreams See through the fake schemes, wipin' your slate clean Like a squeegee, we be lightin' shit up like phosphorus

Turnin' flamboyant niggaz anonymous, depressin' to

optimus

You stoppin' us is preposterous, like an androgenous masohganist

You pickin' the wrong time, steppin' to me when I'm in my prime like Optimus

Transformin', from rookie of the year to veteran Hip-hop is big business like Con Edison or medicine But fuck it, they gonna let us in, or else we rush the door

I got to many reasons, save your 'whys' and 'what fors'

CHORUS:

[Kweli] This is twice inna lifetime so I'm lettin' you know (let 'em know,

yo!)

Blackstar, Wordsorth, Punchline and Jane Doe (yo!) [Mos] Lyrical com-pete and WE emcee We got the fortified five, exhibit level degree

[Punchline]

Check it...

I keep dough in my pocket while you follow the false prophet

Get deep like Islamics wrapped in a white garment I touch topics that try to open up your optics Vacate in the Tropics, you dodgin' bullets in the

projects

Cut the nonsense, I'm hotter than alot a men Start honorin', got more wifeys than Solomon Fuck the squad you in, a-yo we be the biddomb Regardless what I spit on, you worse with the tracks I shit on

Once you get on, it's fair you can't trust (Yes!) Words & Punch, make rappers march like the third month

I build with friends, lyrically spit gems Call me diamond, cuz I'm your girl's best friend Emcees are born losers, alcoholic abusers I'll go on the radio and start a gay rumor And then I'll talk about how the crowd tried to boo ya Label shoot ya, stressed out with brain tumors My gat claps, 50% of the wack Take it back to real rap, Krylons wit' the fat cap Get robbed for your ASCAP, leave you inside

Fortified live, reppin' NY 'til I die!

[Mos Def]

Black body radiation situation that we workin' wit' My verb exists enlisted by the bogeys campin' services The purpose is, make you go and purchase this, no nervousness

We are, hot like black tar, Black Star with emergerence Superlative, you fabricated like the word absurditive I'm rockin this from here to where the purges live To Brooklyn where the merchants live Next door to the murderers And bourbon is a elder man's medicinal alternative My memory is furnished with, back streets to back seats to fat Jeeps Legendary athletes who play by the trash heap My crew wasn't that deep, but beef we didn't act sweet Treadin' on these stompin grounds you better catch some black feet Flashy, it was between DeKalb and Pulasky Off the meter like an out of borough taxi They run your pockets fastly, black and nasty, nappy and crafty And SWAT are either sittin' in Clinton or Kaksaki Man Rudolph can screw off! You too soft to stop us You and your coppers should see some foot doctors Got your burnt chest popped up, but keep your guns cocked up Cuz all them cats that you knocked up and always gon' be locked up Hide yaself like Donna Summer, another number one And comin' from the underground, this is how it's comin' down Baby let me run it down, Mos Def, Talib Kweli, Jane Doe, Punch, Wor.. umm..E! Excuse me! Just ate another emcee! Sometimes that's just how it be Partner wash you down with green tea and some lime We like the five on the fist, fortified organized like DIS!

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