

## Onyx F/ All City

### "Wages of Sin"

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[Talib Kweli]

Yeah, yeah, YEAH!

Y'all already know what it is, this is fam

Yo, Brooklyn raise up (come on)

Uptown raise up, Queens

Staten Island, the Boogie Down

[Chorus: Mr. Khaliyl (Talib Kweli)]

Aiyyo some people die for it (And some live it)

Some people snatch what they can (And some give it)

It's not how you play the game (It's how much you win)

Fuck the wages of sin, we gon' hustle

(We don't get by) We multiply

(We don't settle for less) We take the whole pie

(Don't gamble, we invest) Cause the stakes is high

(Whether we live or we die, we gon' hustle)

[Talib Kweli]

You all comfy when shit is paid up, like the car note or  
your rent

Look out you broke, and now you got more Hustle than  
Larry Flynt

Diggin up dirt on politicians when you got no pot to piss  
in

Sellin watches for commission, with fake rocks that  
don't glistin

Holdin up a block position, been a lot of options,  
for you to get in, stop the bitchin!

You just ain't makin no hot decisions - where the blood  
clot?

Look how many gold-diggers the clubs got

If you ain't up on the hustle, find yourself doin the bus-  
stop,

or the train station, with the change, waitin for a metro  
card

Petrified, cuz once you get the dough to let go is hard

I'm a vet though and it's odd to see these new cats  
splurgin

Industry virgins think money make 'em a better person  
Sign to ya mans label, which is under a label, under a  
parent label,

apparently you ain't even able to sit down at the table  
You ain't braggin about seein the dough,  
You braggin about bein a ho  
Don't be mad at me, be mad at'cha boys,  
I just thought you needed to know

[Chorus]

[Mr. Khaliyl]

Yo, they try to gas me up (gas me up)  
But I don't fall for the flattery  
Just keep the people charged like assault with a battery  
Now your mad at me, and your squad wanna battle me  
Cuz every line I spit, got a money-back guarantee  
With a lifetime warranty, just keep the receipt  
Universe is passing moments, but my world is the street  
They can't dance and when they hustle, they trip over  
they feet  
They tryna make ends meet like when they cipher  
complete  
I used to wanna be a star when I was a spectator  
So now I'm legendary, when I die I'll be greater  
It's funny how life is just like an elevator  
But major life changes ain't nuttin to be afraid of  
Remember (-member) nuttin in this life come free  
Cuz if I take from you, somebody else gon' take it from  
me  
And I'll be damned if I let somebody take it from me  
Shit I'ma do for y'all the way you never did it for me  
Come on

[Chorus]

[Talib Kweli]

Up in the city that never sleeps, black mommas forever  
weep,  
and cats whip Jeeps equipped with fashion designer  
leather seats  
But the team is never beat, and we always weather the  
heat  
Stay with that mentality, I'll bet y'all niggas never eat

[Mr. Khaliyl]

Yo, they callin me the Devil's Advocate,  
but they don't know the half of it  
The lone catalyst, shaped for my master shit  
Make it tangible, firmin up the hand of these apes  
Who can't grasp because intense, so they rewind in my  
tapes  
Yo Kweli!

[Talib Kweli]

We count down to armageddon like 1, 2, 3, 4  
We raw like C4, been here before and after  
You up and down like a see-saw,  
With your fake hustle, that beats more  
Like when I ask my three year old son to make muscles

[Mr. Khaliyl]

Cuz muscles come in all shapes, and mine take the  
form of breath  
So when I spit the air is thick enough to beat you to  
death  
See to die is to have lived, but you can't even die right  
You like a candle on the sun, nigga you just a waste of  
light

[Chorus]

[Mr. Khaliyl (Talib Kweli)]

Come on eh-eh-eh-eh-eh-eh  
(It's like, it's like, it's like)  
Come on, come on, come on (Uh, uh, uh, it's like)  
Yea yea yea yea yea yea (Yo, it's like, uh)  
Yea yea yea (Come on it's like)  
Raw Series, Mr. Man (Come on, it's like)  
(Yo, yo, it's like)  
Kweli, Reflect 'Ternal  
(Y'all wanna get a peice) C-Smith  
Rawkus Records, Raw Series Entertainment  
Make it nice like that for you..

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