

## Philander

### "What If?"

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[L-Fudge]

The likes of me, F-U-D-G-E brains compete  
Wit CP0-3's intelligence  
Accompanied by Mike Z-double-O-T  
Shabaam Sahdeeq, Skam, Kweli, and Spinna  
permanently  
Dead in the negligence

[Mike Zoot]

I buy trees all the time, twenties and dimes  
You see it in my rhymes frequently, when every other  
line  
There's the reference, the understood preference is  
that I'm biased  
To black shh, black shh to keep me more hype  
Seasoned trees get minus disposed right there  
Mixed it the ten piece, divide my share  
Amongst niggas to overrun it, it's a long climb to the  
summit  
On the lazy afternoon, on the boom oh how I love it  
So I does it but imagine if I wasn't, fascinated  
Wit the sense of heat that stressin me, fled to  
frustrated  
Ticked off, pissed off, tried to get my dick off  
I'm savin a little money, twenty dollars ain't shit  
I'm still hungry, and thirsty  
You haven't seen the worst of me yet  
Since we met it's back to back cigarettes  
All my breath hurt, my chest nervous wreckin the  
session  
Imagine Mike Zoot, my brain off drugs, any questions?  
(yes, yes)

"What" (25x)

[Talib Kweli]

We bring it back to science, wit the finest of Medina  
Imagine all the people livin in, maybe I'm just a  
dreamer  
Non-believers microscopic like ameobas  
Runnin out of phony acts, be at the underground spots

when you need us  
Defeat the purpose of the circus, guess who the  
animals (guess who)  
They over-work us and jerk us till we ain't thinkin clearly  
(come one)  
Cuz the history we stay weary of various theories  
Question evolution and use to pass this lesson through  
revolution  
Ask what not to do (yes), without firepower how is you  
militant? (yes)  
That type shit we don't forget like elephants (never  
forget)  
We stompin black holes in space  
If you tore this wicked system down, what would you  
build in its place?  
You gotta plan then we rollin (come on), don't waste my  
time (please)  
There is land that is stolen which is rightfully mine  
What if slavery never happened and we was never  
colonized?  
What if governments never lied and white folks  
apologized?  
Or if the environment didn't create the context for the  
art  
When niggas celebrate the death and breakin black  
mommies hearts  
What part, would a MC like me play wit my positive  
talents play  
If there was no negativity to keep the balance?

[Shabaam Sahdeeq]  
What if '87 never happened?  
No innovative hip-hop, no crack kingpin, no park hand-  
clappin  
Damn, one to his chest, the tool jam  
He tried to flash a black casket, his son's a bastard  
What if the guns was gone soon as your sons was  
born?  
Back to the fisticuffs, only the snakes get bust  
>From greed to lust, I seen em all fall face first  
Rapidly tappin the frequency and get dissed by  
chemist  
I be exposin the scandalous  
Sahdeeq, maniscription is the beef shit  
What if the sky fell into the sea?, apocalypse now  
Crushin the globe on a quest for your long lost souls  
What if I catch the red-eye flight to J-A  
And build wit the knotty's on the hill all day?  
What if I smacked the grin off your chin  
When you say, that the cats on this track don't have  
nuttin to spray?

"What" (17x)

[L-Fudge]

What if all world sort of didn't straight up exist?  
You wouldn't witness the diabolicness that'll twist  
Your head off, and suck the juice out your neck like a  
sports bottle  
Rip a rhyme full throttle, and put the sun in a clutch  
If you confused you can use your bad luck for a crutch  
So what you if tried to spit my brain's a pit, throw em in  
Shake a watchness up and stitch his lips to the opening  
I'm hoping above average becomes the new average  
Some mediocre rappers are flipped to sub-standard  
Demanded, the day da county dazzlely degenerate  
Three-oh-five representative the slang that scam  
Deep thought wit Shadow Man in Miami we do things  
Like sellin rap nigga's hoes to y'all for weddin rings  
Wit more mysteries than conspiracies wit change links  
We're strangely spittin thoughts by my lonely  
After all this close contact you still don't know me

[Skam]

What if? to me is the same question I've asked myself  
Exactly twenty years I just blew the penitentiary  
Imagine if disease, prejudice didn't exist  
Materialistic dreams of purchasing that Lexus would be  
deaded  
What if we remained primitive depended on natural  
resources?  
To live and didn't have technology to abort our kids  
How about if there was no rated-R flicks to corrupt our  
minds?  
Or if world wars ain't take place and didn't interrupt our  
times?  
What if this free world shit didn't have us hypnotized?  
Or cannibalism was a permanent state of mind?  
The death rate, grows faster than we can produce  
yellow tape  
The main suspect is society for committing this mistake  
Categorizing everything, I sit back and dig up some  
more "what if's"  
Hand em the drama that any bring  
Black and blues ain't results to some of em being mad  
at you  
Egos are devils sittin on shoulders, trickin em to blast  
at you word

"What" (to end)

