

They Forced My Hand

Cormega

Yo, son it's real, you know what I'm saying?
A man is often condemned or exalted by his words, you know?
That's why we feelin' my niggas going through the struggle
QB-Brooklawn
Y'all niggas hold on... if you can't hold on, hang on, you know?
Yo, I seen it all, coke rise and kingdoms fall
Profits in sneaker boxes, riches hidden between the walls
The hood agony
I'm one of the few who ever understood Tragedy
Batteries not included in my music
Or holding up my spinal cord
Niggas be lyin' on wax
Committing vinyl fraud
Denyin' the fact
They never slung or fired a gat
Mega's tongue is ghetto, dun
Hello
Where I'm from is the crime and graffiti
And NYPD
Broken glass, .44's, open caskets
Shorty ballers pop shit when they' rock hits the basket
The only life we know
I flow so precisely, though
My chain got the icy glow
Be-Mer Jeep shine with Lorenzos shine brightly, yo
Laugh now, cry later, one day I might be broke
And tellin' niggas I need coke
Shit is real
See the good Lord giveth and he taketh away
But niggas talk it and don't live it, then they forced to pay
I'm just trying to be a man in this poison land
Forgive me, Father - they forced my hand
Yo, visualize Mahdi as a shorty Fidel Castro
Snotty nose, nappy afro
Never realized in due time what I would have, though, yo
Before I spit at a ho I used to bag up blow
Little bastard - rockin' Pumas under two-tones
As we roam from the streets to the group home, yo
Watchin' mob flicks, clappin' at imaginary targets
Adolescents up in Spofford, facing hardship
Newborns grew up on Anita Baker songs
In the 'hood, wonderin' why the police hate us all
Up late nights waiting for the next day to fall
We're up late nights waiting for the next day to fall
My stomach hurtin', still searchin' for a way out
On an Island where P.C. was a gay house
Made my first board, stabbin' niggas on the way out
I knew cats who got bagged they' first day out
Yo
Yo, Trag, we been down for years(word)
From rappin' in the 'hood
To promising careers
It's all good
The rap game is new to me
The crack game - true to me(my life)
Accept the consequences
And the blood money cruelty

Yo, remember you and me? Back in the days
You had a sheepskin, I had a goose and Pumas in gray
(You remember that shit!)

We even did the same dorm in see-74
More than boys we were fuckin' outlaws
If I could break you out the courtroom, and clap through reporters
Kidnap the jurors - and whack all their daughters
The Montanas, Al Po's and Rich Porters
Mandela time - get smacked with two quarters
A life speed - fuckin' with cracks and weed
Yo, I sniffed so much coke, I froze with nosebleeds
Jumpin' over snow cliffs without the skis(shit is crazy, yo)
Then I saw shit was real, and I switched my steez
(outro)

Trials and tribulations... you gotta shine...
Regardless to what... nah'mean?
All of my niggas growin' up strugglin' - word
I see y'all out there - live ya life, man, stick your chest out, against all
odds, you can handle that shit. If you couldn't handle it, it wouldn't fall
on you, man - believe that. Nah'mean? Strap your shit up, pa. Keep it movin
g. Shit ain't nothin'. We live this, son! Word, that's what we do nigga. y'a
ll feel that?