Keep 'Em Close

DJ Shadow

(Yadadodoo! That means hello! Hi! Hey!)
(The names have been changed to protect the innocent)
(You know, Nump ain't one to dry snitch or pillow talk, mayne)
(Man, Shadow, you was there)
('member how it went down, bruh?)

Shadow dropped me off at BART
At the Fruitvale Station
You mighta heard that on your radio station
[?] went to my friend
Looked at him and he grinned and said

"Keep your friends close
But those that you wanna rob, keep them closer"

So I walked on my merry way
And scrapedy-scraped to San Jose
Stunnas half off [?]
My Vietnamese pahtnas told me that they hog-tied Chairs (Who's Chairs?)
Chad is the boss that throws [?]
It might be pillow talk that got my [?]
The whole hood is lost cause we don't know who to watch now

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Now my best friend
Now my best friend are my enemy
Now my best friend
I'm not worried 'bout that Hennessy
I need rounds for my weapon
Stressing worse than a stockbroker gone broke and out of Folgers
Y'all don't know
It feel like the galaxy on my shoulder
Who to trust to discuss
My life, my luck
My wife, my lust
She might be biting the dust (bitch!)
Cause you know lately she been off that stuff, hate me

And I'm like

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'noid and exploited, don't know who to talk to
Those that said they love you, now they want to pop-pop-pop-pop
Watch you drown and fumble
f*ck that shit, I ain't humble
I see my [?] try to pitch me wit' a big ass bundle
My uncle's daughter, daughter, my niece say she want me deceased
She learned that from her momma, I ain't talked to her for about three weeks
But I'm sneaky, sneaky
Is that my enemies trying to get me?

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(I see you, nigga)
(Man, f*ck y'all niggas, you ain't got me!)
(I'mma f*ck you up)
(Now get over here, motherf*cker)
(Oh shit)

I'm out of breath like a fish out of water
Leaking out my cheese like a jalapeño popper
I'm thinking about my light more than I'm thinking about my daughter
I need to get back to the house to see who really on my roster
I walked in
Something feel wrong
Flicked on the lights and all my shit was gone
Only thing left was a letter under a coaster that said

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