

# Big Brother

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Stadium status My big brother was B.I.G's brother  
Used to be Dame and B.I.G's brother  
Who was hip hop brother, who was No I.D friend  
No I.D. my mentor, now let the story begin It's The Hard Knock Life Tour, sell out  
Picture us in the mall coppin' iceberg and yell out Jigga  
Yeah, that's what we'll yell out, yell out  
You know the name do, I gotta spell out or tell 'bout? J A Y and Ye' so shy  
Now he won't even step to his idol to say hi  
Standin' there like a mime and let the chance pass by  
Back of my mind, he could change your life With all these beats I did, at least let him hear  
At least you can brag to your friends back at the gig  
But he got me out my mama crib  
Then he helped me get my mama a crib Big brother was B.I.G's brother  
Used to be Dame and B.I.G's brother  
Who was hip hop brother, who was No I.D. friend  
No I.D. my mentor, now let the story begin, begin  
Let the story begin, the story begin  
If you feel the way I feel why don't you wave your hands? Fresh off the plane, I'm off the base line  
Nothin' handed out, I'm 'bout to take mine  
Round the same time of that 'Blueprint 1'  
And these beats in my pocket was that blueprint for 'em I played my little songs in that old back room  
He'd bop his head and say, "Damn, oh, that's you?"  
But by the 'Black Album', I was blackin' out  
Party at S.O.B's and we had packed the crowd Big brother got a show up in Madison Square  
And I'm like, yeah, yeah, we gon' be there  
But not only did I not get a chance to spit it  
Carlene told me I could buy two tickets I guess big brother was thinkin' a little different  
And kept little brother at bay, at a distance  
But everything that I felt was more bogus  
Only made me more focused, only wrote more potent Only thing I wanna know is why I get looked over  
I guess I understand when I get more older  
Big brother saw me at the bottom of the totem  
Now I'm on the top and everybody on the scrotum My big brother was B.I.G's brother  
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If you feel the way I feel why won't you wave your hands? Have you ever walked in the shadow of a giant?  
Not only a client, the presedito

Hola' Hovito', the game gettin' foul  
So here's a free throw I was always on the other side of the peep hole  
Then I dropped 'Jesus Walks', now I'm on a steeple  
And we know, New Jack City gotta keep my brother  
But to be number one, I'ma beat my brother On that 'Diamonds Remix', I swore I'd spaz  
Then my big brother came through and kicked my ass  
Sibling rivalry only I could see  
It was the pride in me that was drivin' me At the Grammy's I said I inspired me  
But my big brother who I always tried to be  
When I kicked the flow, it was like pick and roll  
'Cause even if he gave me the ROC, it's give and go I guess being styled was more of a slam dunk  
And my shit was more like a finger roll  
But I had them singles though  
And them hoes at the show gon and mingle yo, y'all know I told Jay I did a song with Coldplay  
Next thing I know, he got a song with Coldplay  
Back of my mind, I'm like, "Damn, no way"  
Translate Espanyol, "No way, Jose" Then I went and told Jay Brown  
Should have known that was gonna come back around  
Should have talked to you like a man, should have told you first  
But I told somebody else and that's what made shit worse My big brother was B.I.G's brother  
So here's a few words from your kid brother  
If you admire somebody, you should go 'head and tell em'  
People never get the flowers while they can still smell em' A idol in my eyes, God of the game  
Heart of the city, Roc-A-Fella chain  
Never be the same, never be another number one  
Young Hov' or so my big brother My Big brother was B.I.G's brother  
Used to be Dame and B.I.G's brother  
Who was hip hop brother, who was No I.D friend  
No I.D. my mentor and that's where the story ends Don't kill this shit

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