Hood Politics

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Advisory - the following lyrics contain explicit language:

K dot, pick up the phone, nigga.

Every time I call, its going to voice mail.

Don't tell me they got you on some weirdo rap shit, nigga.

No socks and skinny jeans and shit. Call me on Shaniqua's phoneI been A-1 since day one, you niggas boo boo

Your home boy, your block that you're from, boo boo

Lil hoes you went to school with, boo boo

Baby mama and your new bitch, boo boo

We was in the hood, 14 with the deuce deuce

14 years later going hard, like we used to on the dead homies

On the dead homies I don't give a fuck about no politics in rap, my nigga

Our lil homie Stunna Deuce ain't never comin' back, my nigga

So you better go hard every time you jump on wax, my nigga

Fuck what they talkin' bout, your shit is where its at, my nigga

Came in this game, you stuck your fangs in this game

You wore no chain in this game your hood, your name in this game

Now you double up, time to bubble up the bread and huddle up

Stickin' to the scripts, now hear if them benjamin's go cuddle up

Skip, hop, trip, drop, flip, flop with the white tube sock

It goes "Sherm Sticks, burn this"

Thats what the product smells like when the chemicals mix

50 nigga salute, out the Compton zoo, with the extras

El Cos, Monte Carlos, Road Kings and dressers

Rip Ridaz, P-Funkers, Mexicans, they fuck with you

Asians, they fuck with you, nobody can fuck with youI been A-1 since day one, you niggas boo boo

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On the dead homiesHopped out the caddy, just got my dick sucked

The little homies called, they said, "The enemies done cliqued up"

Oh yeah? Puto want to squabble with mi barrio?

Oh, yeah? Tell 'em they can run it for the cardio Oh, yeah? Everythin' is everythin', it's scandalous Slow motion for the ambulance, the project filled with cameras The LAPD gamblin', scramblin', football numbers slanderin'

Niggas name on paper, you snitched all summer

The streets don't fail me now, they tell me it's a new gang in town

From Compton to Congress, it's set trippin' all around

Ain't nothin' new but a flow of new DemoCrips and ReBloodlicans

Red state versus a blue state, which one you governin'?

They give us guns and drugs, call us thugs

Make it they promise to fuck with you

No condom they fuck with you, Obama say, "What it do?" I been A-1 since day one, you niggas boo boo

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14 years later going hard, like we used to on the dead homies On the dead homiesEverybody want to talk about who this and who that

Who the realest and who wack, who white or who black

Critics want to mention that they miss when hip hop was rappin'

Motherfucker if you did, then Killer Mike'd be platinum

Y'all priorities are fucked up, put energy in wrong shit

Hennessy and Crown Vic, my memory been gone since

Don't ask about no camera back at award shows

No, don't ask about my bitch, no, don't ask about my foes

'Less you askin' me about power, yeah, I got a lot of it

I'm the only nigga next to Snoop that can push the button

Had the Coast on standby

"K. Dot, what up? I heard they opened up Pandora's box"

I box 'em all in, by a landslide

Nah homie we too sensitive, it spill out to the streets

I make the call and get the coast involved then history repeats

But I resolved inside that private hall while sitting down with Jay

He said "it's funny how one verse could fuck up the game"I been A-1 since day one, you niggas boo booI

remember you was conflicted

Misusing your influence

Sometimes I did the same

Abusing my power full of resentment

Resentment that turned into a deep depression

Found myself screaming in a hotel room

I didn't want to self-destruct

The evils of Lucy was all around me

So I went running for answers

Until I came home

But that didn't stop survivors guilt

Going back and forth
Trying to convince my self the stripes I earned
Or maybe how A-1 my foundation was
But while my loved ones was fighting
A continuous war back in the city
I was entering a new one

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