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(America's Most Hunted)

XZ New generation rising, out there on the yard with Alphonse, on California deathrow. Trip, a couple of routine questions before we get into it. How old was you when you got arrested to come to deathrow?

AL 21, I'd just turned 21 years old.

XZ As you've seen in later issues, that question has drawn numbers that directly connects us to the streets, because on execution day, they show the face of a 60 year old, but it was the youngsta that was hunted.

AL I caught that  
(Straight Outta Compton)

XZ where do you call home?

AL Compton, theres 2 Comptons, maby even 3, Boston? Michigan? and where I'm from California. My peoples, aunts, uncles, and older generation came to Los Angeles from Texas, 1963-64, lived on 118th Street in L.A. But my generation we lived in Compton.

XZ Yeah, that's a trip because when we lived on 122nd Street, behind Killa King "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hospital", our zip was 90059 which is Los Angeles, but I went to Willowbrook Jr High School which is the Compton Unified School district, so L.A., Compton, Watts & Long Beach is close up.

AL It's crazy how that area is because even down by Mona Park, a few steps can have you in Watts, we come from a landmark generation where we always know where we are based on landmarks and not just boarder lines of city limits. Just bust a left on Whoopdeewhoop (laughing).

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yeah, over there by the freeway (Laughing).

XZ Name one thing you wanted from your community that you never got.

AL That's the thing, we used to have it, you know the saying "It takes a village to raise a child"? Well, when we moved to Compton it was primarily white, but in like around 1979? maybe starting around 1976 "The President Carter years", we began to see a lot of those community spots shutdown, as every park had summer programs and all that.

XZ The Boys Club over by Carter Elementary School, ....

AL Games, sports, you name it, one by one they all got shutdown, remember the CEDA program?

(Dear Mama)

XZ People don't know this, but my mother was a social services coordinator at W.L.C.A.C. in the city of Watts,

AL That's where they had the CEDA program

XZ Yeah, she worked on 109<sup>th</sup> and Central at the Senior Citizens Center, I knew everybody's Grandmama!

AL Big carnival wheel across the street...

XZ Exactly, second hand store, all that, you see, it was a man named Seargent Shriver that got at the Kennedy administration to help fund the Community Centers all over the country, and Mr. Ted Watkins Jr. was the brother that made sure that Watts got chipped off by founding The Watts Labor-Community Action Committee

AL W.L.C.A.C., The Watts festival, parades & concerts, The Reagan administration flooded the hoodz with guns and crack and now the history has been either forgotten or ignored.

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XZ My Mom is Gertrude "Trudi" Stewart, and she taught us about Sgt. Shriver, who by the way is former California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's wife Maria Shriver's father. I aint never heard of nobody giving Ted Watkins and Sgt. Shriver props for what they did, maby because ...

AL Those community based programs got shutdown, and that was back when everybody knew eachother, and even if families didnt get along, or even like eachother, if somebody saw one of us out past the street lights going off, they looked out

XZ Boy dont make me call yo mama Gertrude ...

AL (Laughing) yeah, an carry yo lil narrow ass home

(911 is a Joke)

XZ And the good thing about today is that now everybody got cameras

AL See, yeah, because now they cant say that Ms Johnson was lying about the police beating somebodys son, or, hell, killing him.

XZ Youre so right, it's like, now, if *it's* not caught on camera, the peoples word aint no good, and the truth is whatever the officer writes on his report.

AL A sheriff right up here in Humboldt County just came out and said, as long as he's in office, he's not going to request cameras for his deputies, and we all know that Humboldt is open about being fascist, clan.

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(The New Jim Crow)

XZ now add cameras to people like Michelle Alexander who's like, you read her book?....

AL Yeah I got it, and she's writing from experience, and by way of getting her education and positioning herself to be able to be visible and, I mean, visible, and vocal not just ~~through~~ social media but in those private places where her voice needs to be heard.

(Racism)

XZ The conduct of abuse is the same from the 60's when cops abused blacks by saying that their conduct brought about said abuses, to a complete narrative change to, oh, now they abuse and kill black people because they sell drugs, are in gangs, or look suspect. I bring these connections up because, what if anything would you say to that 21 year old you today, knowing what you know now, especially about racism.

AL Don't be afraid of change, abuse of authority by law enforcement and staying in that "learned box" growing up in urban societies can be crippling, especially if we don't travel, and engage other cultures and appreciate diversity, especially racial diversity. Man, every year we would go from Compton to Washington where we had family, and I found myself getting homesick and wanting to go home, and my peoples wanted me to stay, so I had those opportunities to experience life outside of these streets of Compton, but my narrow views like on race and stuff remained unhealthy.

XZ Kind of like that youngsta white man that shot up that church, you can tell that his view of black people was not only distorted, but he got stuck in his ignorance, which grew passed hate he learned about some black people without learning about all black people.

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AL While everybody else is stuck on the Confederate flag, people failed to see the level of, whatever it took for him to go to that church and pray with the very people he was about to kill, is still alive and well in others.

XZ That's deep all the way around because a lot of white youth out there possess those same energies that you are talking about, and where is their community leaders to recognize that someone is misleading their youth down the path to self destruction and who's taking responsibility for poisoning these youth?

(Racism & Forgiveness)

AL I've never heard of an entire community being allowed to say they forgive, that was amazing, and if you can recall what the families said about that movie theater shooter case, not one of them said nothing about forgiveness, and yet they play the black community as being hard, distant and out of control.

XZ Glad you said that because I saw the rapper "Killa Mike" on a two day interview with Tavis Smiley, and Killa Mike said to the effect that "if you come and ask me for forgiveness and you ain't coming with some form of reimbursement for your damage, well you can take your sorry, put it in your pocket and bounce." That's not exactly what he said, but that's what I got out of it....

AL Then, he's not talking about forgiveness then, why even bring up forgiveness to make that point? He has the freedom not to forgive, as did the people that was directly affected by that situation, but they chose to forgive. The music is cool, but what exactly was he talking about?

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XZ I said the same thing, he and Mr. Smiley was talking about how these families forgave the young white cat, and although Killa Mike sounded right to some, the fact is that the word forgiveness doesn't require reparation because the damage itself has been forgiven, which means, that community, put that man, on notice that his actions won't be held against the other white youth of America, and that his plan to cause a racial war to kick off, didn't work, and that the community understands that his conduct came as a direct result of learned behavior in combination with those foul sources of information that preyed on his youth and quest. And, nobody, ever said nothing about Gold's Gym.

AL what do they got to do with this?

XZ You see, people looked to those photos of him with the Confederate flag, which in my opinion is everything; people say it is, however, in one photo he was wearing a Gold's Gym tank top T-shirt

AL aah yeah, and Reeboks, and short pants, and...

XZ exactly, that flag is a foul symbol, but that Youngsta was in serious trouble before that flag became his weapon of choice, and position, to defend; that Youngsta did not create that flag or what it means, and the resources and energy used to take that flag down, can also be used to make sure we won't need to continue to offer the forgiveness to the rest of them that's not incarcerated; forgiveness, the ultimate grant of mercy won't need to be a topic when we allow for our new youth leaders to continue to engage each other on a human level, and not pass on the ideologies of supremacy to our youth, the people are responsible for that, not the government.

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He prayed with them before he killed them, or shall I say, he acted like he was participating in the bible study, what was it, that made him go through these motions? The poison of another?

XZ

Having a made up mind can be critical when the mind has digested the external poisons of another. Black, White, Asian, Latino, Racist Group Street Warfare, this generation is not the first to face this head up, and I want to end this cipher by saying that moments like these don't produce the best of a community, the best of a community already existed, and this new generation of activist through, protest, action, and creative open dialogue should put the entire world on notice that no matter what people think about america, ~~american~~ american youth have always met hatred head up, face to face, and always will.

"Not 'If We forgive', but 'As We',  
As We, forgive those who trespass against us!"

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True, all this ain't new, 4 little girls and...

XZ

People act like they forgot how Martin Luther King's mother died, so yeah, ain't none of this new. Racism, hatred, insanity, I believe that our youth know an assassination when they see one, and are able to sift through the conspiracy fogg and talk, to distract attention from reality. Stand bye! Everybody has a position in war, and this time the forgivers struck first, the forgivers rushed to the front line and moved before those that are still just, pretty much stuck talking about doing something, playing with the K.K.K.



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Some of those tough talking people dont see outside of where they are and dont realize that this issue is global, people of color all over the world are disrespected and abused everyday, for generations, and it's bigger than just calling it by a name like the K.K.K, even that group has been infected with demented mindstate hatred.

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Speak Bra, You've got the last words, bring it.

### (The Ones They Havent Killed, Yet)

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There is people who are Judges and attorneys that put kids in jail for being truant from school, that's not the kicker, listen, they are arresting parents, taking the kids away and putting the kids in detention centers and making them work, building furniture and other items, and nobody is calling this Kidnapping and Child Slavery, and the overwhelming numbers of these children are of color, yes, here in American urban areas, so when we talk about war, the talkers must consider that even war has levels, and "talking Black," in this era is not an effective resolution towards rescuing our children, and how demented is giving a child a life sentence? Man, it's people that still dont know where their kids are, now imagine the war going on in the hearts and minds of these families, And those are the ones they havent killed, yet.