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(Anatomy of A Zine)

Prison yards are full of the usual divided pockets of subcultural groups, The burpie dudes, the table gamers, the dialougers, and then theres the prison tribes, and Street tribal cats, the racial thing is also noticeable. And then theres Me and Joker and the rest of the Rappers, and a few singers, beatboxers, table DJs, Yall know, Prison HipHop Society, separated, together.

(The Tone)

Deathrow's Rhyme slingers and ink spillers will pop a verse at each other, on site, in passing, it's just what we do, so for this NGR series issue Vol, 2, I caught Young Joker at Yard Recall, walking past the cell I'm in, and shot at him with one of our 30 second spit fire freestyle ciphers, because yard recall is a quick step around here, and, the officers be trippin' about steppin' at the homies cells. The following is titled:

(The Book of Micah)

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XZ Society fakn' like they dont comprehend
a lil niggaz passion
So now where do we begin
at the Constitution? or where
the Star Spangled Banner iz lackn'?

JK When politicians set down on the floor
they called it a major civil action
when a black football player set down
because that song aint about lil
niggaz next door, they called him a
major distraction

XZ For every action theres a reaction
all of a sudden those words dont
apply to Micah in Dallas that went
Kenneth Cole on they asses
and got unlisted reaction crackn'

JK Anglosaxinz Killin Latinz and Blackz and
gettin paid leave, Maxin and Relaxin
dont appear to me, to be an equal transaction

XZ Killin Niggaz, da chase iz on, dogz trackin
squeeze n' triggerz at my blackness,
99% police corruption practices

JK Pulse on some Belt shit
Bullets in my back
police body camera broke, shit,
nobody captured that
runnin to my sistaz house
where every body iz black
we're almost where dem Niggaz fire back,
gotta go, here dey come.....

(small crowd broken up with oohz & aahz)

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Walter Scott

(No clean hands)

JK

IT'S EASY TO WRITE ABOUT POLICE BRUTALITY CAUSE IT'S WHAT WE HAVE BEEN AND CONTINUE TO BE FACED WITH ALONG WITH A HOST OF OTHER THINGS BUT THERE IS A PHRASE BEING USED THAT LEAVES ME TO QUESTION IF "BLACK LIVES MATTER" SEE THAT'S THE PHRASE I'M REFERING TOO "BLACK LIVES MATTER" BUT WHO DO THEY MATTER TOO? NOW HOW CAN WE STOP THE POLICE FROM KILLING US WHEN BLACKS KILL JUST AS MANY BLACKS AS THEY DO. DONT GET ME WRONG I LOVE MY PEOPLE BUT I HAVE TO ASK HOW DOES ANYTHING CHANGE IF WE CANT RESPECT AND TREAT OUR OWN AS EQUAL SO WE CAN STAND TOGETHER AND FIGHT THE GREATER EVIL AS MUCH AS I HATE THE FACT WE ARE CONSTANTLY MISTREATED THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS WE MUST GET OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE WE CAN POINT THE FINGER IVE OFTEN HAD THIS IMAGE THAT HAS ME SEEING THIS VIVID VISION WHERE EVERY BLACK PERSON IS ON THE SAME PAGE AND WE ARE MOVING WITH MILITARY PRECISION LIKE MICAH IN DALLAS NOW THERE WILL

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TAMIR RICE

BE SOME CAUSUALTIES AND
EVEN SOME RESISTANCE BUT
IM WILLING TO BET WE WILL
REACH AN UNDERSTANDING
WITH OUR OPPRESSOR AND
POLICE BRUTALITY WILL NO
LONGER BE OUR REALITY
I HAVE TURNED MY PEN ON
US AS A PEOPLE SO WE CAN
BEGIN TO BE MY BROTHERS
KEEPER AND THAT HAS TO
START WITH THE MAN IN THE
MIRROR. ITS AS SIMPLE AS
THIS UNITED WE STAND
DIVIDED WE CONTINUE TO
FALL

Bible Dictionary and Concordance:

MICAH, BOOK OF, a prophetic book by the prophet of the same name. The first section is about the judgment of the Lord upon Samaria and Jerusalem (1:1-9). The judgment is based on the violence and greed of the wealthy, who do not care for the poor (2:1-13). The second section (3-5) continues to charge the guilty. Zion is to be "plowed as a field" (3:1-12). But the prophet also has hope for his chastised people (4:1-5:1). He looks to the Deliverer (5:2-15). In the last section he exhorts to repentance.

(Nobody):

X7

Can't trust my father
the niggaz just a name
Cause his face I've never seen
Can't trust my mother
If see mama gave me away
when I was thirteen
Black Man, African,
Colored, Nigga
System's designed
for me 2 fail
economy, iz forcin' me
to squeeze dis trigger
Whiteman's heaven
Blackman's hell
So tell me who
Who can a nigga trust
NOBODY, NOBODY
NO there's not one
NOBODY, NOBODY

-Xyzst (exist)

"I wrote this song for all of the young homies that was abandoned by one or both parents, abused physically, sexually, and emotionally by community, exiled them to homelessness on the streets of America's innercities, seeing Gods so-called people, go on global missions, taking many resources and blessings in the name of love and care and ministry, to foreign countries, and not spend one nano-second with the youth in their own communities, where the visiting rooms of Juvenile Detention Centers and prison are empty, because demons convinced our own people, to vote in favor of anti-innercity youth designer laws, and for those that know, there are no clean hands when it comes to black on black, or police on black crimes, where the purchase of a MIRROR, makes for a wise investment." -Xyzst

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Michael Brown

XZ

Me and Joker have been exchanging verses like that for years, and covering all topics, I must say that there is an element of HORROR associated with the need to express the reality of the conditions of America that people will view as negative or inciting, or both, when the truth is, that these words are the reality of inner city youth in this country.

How about this, Micah is one of the 16 books of The Bible, a prophetic book written by Micah himself.

The irony for America, is that the Micah in Dallas was called a mentally ill, lone wolf, with no true direction of his critical denouncement of how American inner city youth are being killed by police.

Yet, The Micah in the bible also openly denounced the social injustice of the Kingdoms, with a clear message of Judgment, based on the violence, and greed of the wealthy, who do not care for the poor. I'm no bible thumper, but even this moves me to consider the word "Care", through Micah's disposition.
New Generation Rising, as one.

— XZYZST

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John Crawford III