We're Famous

Aesop Rock

I brought that genuine shit in '96 Before you knew the underground or independent existed I watched the whole scene straight jump on the dick After stepping to KCR lit and flexing my shit No gun talk, no gimmicks, just rounds of raw-dogging Dirty dusty intelligent wit and word murdering A hardcore poetic informed without burglary Potent and shook the shit out of rappers who just learned of me Everytime I prescribe a new pill, revolution Quickly defined the standard for indie rap distribution Arrogant unafraid shit developed riding a train thinking of brain fucks "Bad Touch Example" that soon became bucks Had everybody sprung wondering where I came from Screaming out "Independent as f**k" with an insane tongue With an indelible squad of design monsters Innovating the styles that made biters look like imposters So we scripted an album and signed to Rawkus Selling a hundred thousand without a radio chart hit Imposterous son is taking the world hostage Classic hip-hop bombage dirty with style progress Now I've come from the '80s juvenile Brooklyn Where cats was like: "Gimme that subway pass, kid. Good lookin." Now someone else is taking a ride with what's mine So I had to develop styles with a death device cooked in So when I battled in basements I had eight sentences Waiting ready for the four you had laced in And I was taught to wait patient (Why?) Only faggots make shit up just to get famous So when I finally blew up I remained sick Earning respect in ghettos and 'burbs for word placement Back when the independent scene remained faceless We were the only crew who promised your ass we'd take it Mold it, shape it, living outside the matrix Hold it, make it, more than miniature major labels Hold it sacred, living it for the culture Told ya plainly, protected it from the vultures That's why I always get respect from true soldiers That laugh at the critics claiming every year: "Hip hop's over." FUCK YOU, hip hop just started It's funny how the most nostalgic cats are the ones who were never part of i t. But true veterans'll give dap to those who started it Then humbly move the $f^{\star\star k}$ on and come with that new retarded shit New slang, new thought, new sound, new heart, you thought you hang You clown, you don't, you drown I won't dumb it down, I'm dumbing now for these rounds I'm a live mothefucker plus I'm gunning for clowns You're a mime motherfucker, don't be coming for pounds Till you can break out of that invisible box, you're not down My favorite ones are the ones who started out young rappin about Comic books, spaceships, and Omnicron 1 And even though they were soft they had fun But they couldn't break out the frame of the town they came from Some of these faggots used to send me their demos Keeping their puppy styles in the Company Flow kennels But since they had no identity from the start They started to resent the scene when they couldn't become a part

They've been failing for years and call themselves Vets, that's bold Motherfucker, you're not a Vet you're just old I'll slap the shit out you to continue my nerd rap Making this money fist over fist, f**k what you heard Rookie cats talk about boom bap and golden ages Pat themselves on the back for making that new outdated shit But i've been putting out vinyl since '93 and never looked back once At ya'll trying to chase me You don't innovate because you can't innovate It's not a choice despite what you might tell your boys Keep your identity crisis under the table I always knew who I was and I'll always be more famous Check it For the best in the bendor biz 1-800-Lazerface Leave the last CE-Off for crabs and bobbin hatorade Dig it, daddy dug his own tunnel under the gutters where the numbers bleed Hunters froze up and exposed Rapunzel weeds Tugboat, tug a rut out brutal dirt first The fuedals fuming oodles, it was right under your poodle skirt Welcome to Bazooka Works, halogen halo eyesore The revolution will not be apologized for Warbucks exlex megaphone on the fashion piggy pageant While my dick's raw-dogg in a style magnet Fraggle rock your four figure watch I clock ninety-nine cent wristbands And still know the time when you record flops And this is on a sick with it factor Exhibit A, E, S, Genesis of the klepto reactor Wanna burgle the buzz over definitive cast After a life of labor camps starts paying innovaters back Baby, you ain't felt the collect? (Coooool) Stuck running bases with little bears under the wing of punchdrunk butter ma kers That engine sputters while the hound dogs wire cutter mechnical rabbit banto mweight puppies ain't rabid enough to snatch him Poplock dynamos, is approached with a golden focal point Come soak in it, resume sturdy composer soldier bliss Wrong name by a molar can often expose your phobias Watch a cobra grow hands to hold his own tongue when he notices All city legity critter, bark with me All filthy documents, cats piss on their kittie litter moccasins Welcome to mi casa, Monsters Inc, dropping bangers out the rocket ships Your own private apocalypse Honor it For f**k's sake Original Wild fly You wanna read the nile, I twitch easy reader Father it I will, dog Original

Wide open with banged out cutlery from a slang mouth teacher

And money is an ugly god we all fall for I got land mammal, cannibal, natural survival squackbox That means when I wake up and decide to comprise the new shit It's not some watered down version of what my favorite crews did Puff the magic komodo bitch Rappers stuffed komonos and shark fame at a perfect working unit Look, I'm done B-boy, feed that to the needy Shut your liquor hole, f**k you in 3D Easy