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@ Golgotha w/SCRAPPY DOG

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XZ It's July 27, 2013, a Saturday, out here on the yard with yet another Prince of the Streets, now, as Pac would say, "Stranded on Deathrow". Got a few routine questions for you, then we, will, just, roll.

SC Alright...

XZ How old was the Scrap Dog when you got arrested for whatever it was that got you up on the row?

SC 24.

XZ Okay, that's fucked up, where do you call home?

SC South Central. Los Angeles California.

XZ Oh, before we get into this, I'm going to say one name and you say the first thing that comes to your brain... George Zimmerman

SC Racist Murderer

XZ Now we got that out in the universe, I'll back that up with a "Fuckin'", and that should be the end of that, "Tell me what's a black life worth!"

SC Yeah... (Knidding head)

XZ Outside of your Family, if it takes a village to raise a child, in retrospect, name one thing that you wanted from your community that you never got, like close community? because alot of people think we're all strangers out here and the word homie is becoming over rated, so did y'all do shit together? like what about the block you grew up on?

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SC Shit, on the block I grew up on, our parents knew each other, so... it wasn't nothing that I wanted that I couldn't get, so what do you mean?

XZ Right now, we always hearing about, like the lack of recreation and shit in the innercity, so realistically, give us a quick look into your block, feel me?

SC Hell yeah, man, we had some kind of recreation or function to do at each house, like at my house we had all kinds of video games, next door we had all kinds of fruit trees, down the street we had drill teams for the girls and we played the drums, and we also played football in the street, we had a lot of... Slapboxing, shit, Real Fights..

XZ OK, so what about if we fast forward to 2013?

SC Change? Yeah, it's more Mexican families now...

XZ You're about to say something about a cultural shift?

SC As far as recreationally, all that's gone, it's only like the original families still on that block, look, we got The Webs, we got The Edwards, we got The Jenkins, The Davis and Gibsons, those families been there for generations, our family is one of those original families dating back to the 50s and 60s, so people still come back, but a lot of families have moved off the block, not because Mexicans moved in, in fact, they moved into homes that black families moved out of, I can only speak for my block, with or without other races, it's always shit to do, now the Mexican families might do things differently culturally speaking, and I don't know all of what they do, but I don't know, we don't do a lot of stuff together, that's what I was about to say.

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XZ Your childhood homie "Godfather", uhm, Wesley, what?

SC His last name is Hunter, they always come back and stay connected, automatic, that's family.

XZ On deathrow and prison mainlines all over California, Godfather is fast becoming more and more popular because of the books that he now writes, when y'all was kids, could you or anyone around y'all foresee into the future that.....

SC He would end up in prison?

XZ No, like since you and him was childhood friends did you see him as an author? I mean like the prolific Urban Culture type writer that he is growing into? Wesley "The Godfather" Hunter, feel me?

SC Writer? NO, Entrepreneur? Yes, I always saw him as a \$ chaser, a hustler, making \$, that's what we always had in common, so now that we are now adults, and when I look back, I can see him being alot of things

XZ You are well known on the row, especially when it comes to lowriders, unlike some fake ass wannabes.... let me step there.... but your history and involvement with cars and business is no secret, my question to you is, if your folks, Godfather, was here right now, would he be able to look back and see business in your future? What about cars?

SC Yes, due to the fact we had our toys, mini-bikes, Go Carts and motorcycles, we had it all, worked on 'em, built, dismantled, rebuilt them, everything, hell, I put on roller skates one day jumped on my motorcycle and pepped a wheelie all the way down the street.....

(both LOL;) What tha?

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XZ Shit, you put the whole block on notice with that crazy ass shit, I'm asking these economical questions because even though you're on deathrow, and your childhood petna Godfather is in some prison, and without Business 101; in 2013, both of you actually are proof that innercity youth are stereotyped, put into a box that society is forced to view you in.

SC Media, and they hardly ever showed up until fucked up shit happened.

XZ Yeah, media get alot of fake ass intel from prison administration, like for example, the common thought is prisoners are looking for a handout, OR donation, OR webpage pimpin, "so to speak", fuck me, niggaz always on some me me me shit, but what they want say, about, well, lets take you for example and how you got at your sister on a business level, so for clarity, give us a brief recap on how that popped off.

SC I basically got tired of hearing her tell me for years that she couldn't find a job, you know, sitting around complaining about, wasn't... like it aint nothing to do, I said what do you like to do? That's when she said cooking, shit, I had a lil \$ on the streets so I said, OK, lets start a catering service, it's been like, what, 4 years now, and...

XZ And that shit is crackin, exactly, so I'm like, here you are on deathrow, literally waiting to be smoked, and, sister or not, you had the presence of mind to continue to be what you was before you get leaked up, "business minded"; in a nutshell, that's you SCRAP.

SC I mean, it comes from being stuck on hustle mode, and not to mention my Grandfather and Grandmother set that standard in our family, shit, especially when it came to \$, They taught me to save my chips at an early age, I didn't just spend \$.

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XZ Man I'm glad you just said that about your G Papi & G Nani because technically in the hood, that's where it all....

SC That's where it comes from, so I give them accolades, you know, honor, so, oh yeah, I was gonna say that being in prison can also kick that hustle mode into overdrive for some individuals.

XZ hell yeah because out in society we be movin huh?

SC Movin, here, you got time to think, here it's slow motion.

XZ A lil Hood trivia for ya, I'm just saying tho, lets see what you know about your own; off the dome; ok, name 2 books written by your childhood homie Godfather... Fucked you up huh? I only knew one...

SC Ahhh! you aint said shit, uhm, let me see, ok, "South Central"; I aint read that one yet, but I will, and he got another one called "Things She Needs to Know"

XZ How long has it been since yall seen each other?

SC 26 years to long.

XZ I asked that question for a reason because it needs to be put out there that incarceration cant stop the hood connect; 26 years? Godamn scrap!

SC That's that tribalism, that we are in sync with each other throughout the years, and after growing up with people, sometimes you can pretty much tell, well, I wasn't surprised that Godfather is successful, and it's also no surprise that I support my sister due to how we was raised, you see, just because were in jail dont mean that we turn into other people, you know what I'm saying? I'm still me, nonetter what.

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XZ That's my point, Prison is the place that people say is filled with losers and shit and that's a stereotype that even parolees catch after they get out, it's like, Young Whites, Blacks, Latino and USO's and Asians from the inner city are viewed as losers that need to be saved, rehabilitated and broken, and domesticated, and that fucks me up because in the same breath they say not to blame the victims, so what can we do?

SC That's a good question

XZ It's a good question because the system is not only designed to exploit the poor, and the well to do, but it's specifically designed to keep society fooled into believing that inner city youth are helpless, and not targets of a corrupt Billion dollar industry. Feel me? Single parent homes my ass, broken homes my ass, these are often not self-inflicted conditions. Got kids?

SC Yeah 6

XZ 6? what tho? but you're still, I mean, at your age?

SC I got started early, they all grown now

XZ Do they wasn't raised in a single parent home because you was on point from Deathrow right? people don't seem to get that...

SC I mean, even before that as well, and also due to my Hustle Mode, you like that shit huh?

XZ LOL; Hustle Mode fool, like you ain't got no OFF switch, like a ghetto super hero or some shit
(Both LOL)

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SC When you got kids, hell, it don't turn off, but I had already set up lucrative funds for all of them.

XZ And that's also viewed as rare for prisoners, people just somehow automatically think it's a cut off, or total shutdown when niggaz get locked up. You know? I was thinking, as, you know, the prison is out there looking for a one shot drug to kill us with, have your kids asked you about it? You can pass on this &...

SC Like I said, they are all grown now, so we can talk about anything.... Nuh man, good question.

XZ What advice can you lace the New Oz with that's coming up to death row that got toddlers, or 12 to 15 year old kids, how do we answer that question? Most don't even know what to say.

SC Then it becomes a question of discretion because you just can't tell every kid certain things that they ain't ready for, shit, I just said that "it's possible, being that I'm here, but the likelihood? NO," I put it that way because it's true, anything can happen on appeal.

XZ and age appropriate true answers ain't easy to find.

SC You can't lie to kids man, because they remember shit and will call you on shit later on, and it's just disrespectful to lie to kids, last thing you want to do is that shit, oh, and also don't forget that every kid is different, my kids are smart, they have experienced a lot, so some kids have a different temperament and can comprehend things at different levels, so I'd say, know your kids first, then answer that question.

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XZ now that's some valuable shit right there, what about, uhm, what advice can you give a Y.G. out there on the mainline if some prison, OR still in the hood, OR how... wait... what would you say to a younger you that would help to keep you off of deathrow?

SC My advice would be to "think before you move".

XZ OK, great shit, Now say that to a lil nigga that's like, "you only saying that because you got caught", because I hear that alot...

SC I mean, no bullshit, ... I would say the same shit..

XZ We used to be that kid, you're right, Finnish. Yark Comment,

SC Exactly, but on top of that, my comprehension levels was OFF the radar, all I knew was I had a 3 year old daughter when I was 17 years old, she wanted the world, and I had to go get it, so really, a motherfucka couldntell me shit, that was my reality.

XZ So now what do we do scrap? Not say shit? because what you are saying is some real shit, you got the last words on this... GO.....

SC Eventhough they dont want to hear it, they at least need to know that life is literally like a chess game, one wrong move can be fatal; Worth more on the street, OR on deathrow?

XZ Being on deathrow is some fatal shit, Lets end on your last words that "at least they need to know". and here comes the babylon for yord recall, did you understand the Golgotha connection?

SC That's a trip huh? Fatal.

XZ Yep, Fatal.