

# MACKLEMORE, Ego

Ladies and gentlemen, Sekken Thaughtz on the beat  
(And you know how I feel) Big up to Lace Cadence  
Good lookin' out for this one, man

I love hip-hop music, I just hate the ego  
The politics that follow it, getting caught in it can be lethal  
See I love the community, 'cause a community will embrace you  
But you turn it back the community is the people that will hate you  
See everybody's striving for that same shit  
To get paid and make it, and I'ma be honest, I'm tryna become famous  
When someone makes a move watch that person next to you  
'Cause I'll warn ya  
I love Hova but jealousy's The Takeover  
Here come the mean mugs  
"I can't do what he does"  
And where does that lead us?  
To the ego that feeds us  
I wish that I could just do what I do  
But when a door opens for him I'm afraid there won't be enough room  
Comparison's a mother fucker  
Like MLK said  
"We all want that band leader syndrome and it won't stop"  
This concept makes me wonder, is it the commodity  
Of the music or the ego that is killing hip-hop?  
(And you know how I feel)

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It's the ego that makes me talk shit behind people's back  
You know that it's the ego that's constantly polluting my consciousness  
So ingrained in my brain that I can barely even acknowledge it  
It's the ego that makes the present moment jet-lagged  
I said it's the ego that has me trippin' about the next man  
You know that it's the ego that makes me not go to the front  
Of the show 'cause the performers have exactly what I want

"I'm so cool"  
For real?  
You know dude, I'm serious spit it different and if you just flow too  
I'll listen lookin' for glitches and rip 'em to shove improve  
That my rhythm's a little bit more intricate, just to boost  
My ego, it's so evil  
Threatened by so many different kinds of people  
It seems that if you're going through somethin' and life is feeling uncomfortable  
The immediate place you go is to your ego to comfort you  
When Boom Bap got signed I hated on him  
When Grayskul got signed I hated Onry  
And that's hard to admit, but since I'm really being honest  
I wanted to be one of the first to make it as a Northwest rap artist  
Instead of taking it as a plus for my region  
I took it as a cut to my dreams of makin' it out of this political scene of  
Northwest haters to be next, I guess I'm just like them  
Jealous of who's taking that step

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Now everybody got one but people trying to front  
Claiming that they on the humble but cocky

Now it comes up when we judge  
Or are threatened by someone  
But everyone still be like "man that's not me"  
Now let me break it down son  
It's only a lack of love for ourselves  
'Cause we're submerged in "I gotta be"  
The best or number one  
But it's just that we don't trust  
In our heart and that's what stops me  
It's the ego