

# REUNITED AND IT FEELS SO GOOD

## ACEYALONE RETURNS WITH THE FREESTYLE FELLOWSHIP

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"WE WILL NEVER FALL THE FUCK OFF. WE PROMISE."

That phrase accompanied the Freestyle Fellowship's second album, *Inner City Griots*, in 1993, their first for a major label (Island). Rising like horny gelatin out of sub-sea level L.A., the FF were part of what I thought was going to be

a huge movement in hip hop. But similar to the way the pro-black consciousness of the X-Clan's and Poor Righteous Teachers got taken out by NWA's inclusion on Cointelpro's surveillance list, the Good Lifer's got left in the ashtrays of the Blunt Era. But while most heads were smoking ganja on Black Sunday, a few of us were listening to Ganjah K.

Apparently, enough of us to keep the Project Blowdians still in the game – barely. After Island consulted with Satan and dropped the FF, the crew disbanded to pursue solo action, still maintaining their allegiance to the FF (Acey even revamped the logo, replacing the FF with an AA) and a promise of reunion.

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"Bounced" over to Capitol, only to find their mentality to be more lower-case, and dropped an album that I've never even seen in a store. Five years after "Heat Mizer", I got "Faces" (3 months ago, Acey's latest flush-content on his own Project Blowed Recordings. The album *Book of Human Language* should be on the shelf next time you go to your local vinyl diner. Pick it up, picklehead.

"What the fuck is too experimental?" Acey asks openly (if rhetorically) when the subject of the Sauce's recent non-advertiser-funded review comes up. "I got a bad rap on that, 'cause of this motherfucker who didn't really know too much about my past, is not really in tune with what I'm doing anyway. I think my album went over dude's head, cause my album's like spoken word influenced, jazz influenced, and it's poetical. It's poetry. I don't talk about MCs on this album. Purposely."

Unlike some MCs, who finish grade one and "jog on the spot" their entire careers, Acey has covered a

