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*Fold*, has already sold 30,000 copies independently since its release in September, and gained the attention of an industry always looking for "the next big thing," while continuing to pimp what and whoever they currently have on the tax write-off (oops, I mean payroll).

"Yeah, we're gonna sell out and start doing tracks with Dru Down," Tak laughs when I ask him about the possibility of signing to a major league team, "nah, we're gonna stick to what we're doing for now. We're already working on the next album. It'd be cool to have more money behind us, but..." It's obvious that their mentors' musical vibe isn't the only thing that's rubbed off on these cats, as business experiences in the industry have also been passed down from one generation to the next. Written in chalk on the ground are lessons in such vital things as creative control and publishing, in place of the would-be police outlines of the musical careers that shady managers and A&Rs tried to assassinate. Obviously, Bilal and Divine Styler learned the hard way, and don't want to see their family having to navigate the same rapids, at least until they've put on their life-jackets and have a few kayak lessons under their belts. Continuing the joke, Tak laughs about trading in his broken-down Honda for a low-rider ("I'm gonna drive up to Canada in it, if I don't get stuck in the snow"), dating the lead-singer of Changing Faces, and enjoying a bidding war between No Limit Records and Cash Money Records for their next album, tentatively called *It's an S.O.B. Thang*.

"But seriously, we just want longevity," he says, repeating the fact that he doesn't have any desire to do a tight-rope walk across the dotted line anytime soon. "I don't even call myself a rapper, I'm an artist. Ryu is an artist, he can draw the illest shit [note: he's also an affiliate of L.A. graf crew A.W.R.], and I can draw a little bit too. Rap is just a key to unlock many other doors. I'm starting to learn how to make beats, and I'm also trying to get into acting, which is mad fun." Another dream being realized, as Styles of Beyond recently shot a