SHOWBILLS.

the 2012 compilation

by theotis jones

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FOREWORD

On July 3, 2009 I received an email from a stranger that read:

"Re: An Offer You Are More Than Welcome To Refuse

What's good man,

I wanted to shoot you an email for two reasons. The first one is just to say I fucks with your blog "hardbody" (as the kids say nowadays). Been reading it since your first post and keep coming back for more. Quality content, and goddamn it is hard to find a long read on a hip-hop blog nowadays. I also think you are teaching the kids something (Combat Jack does it for the kids? No Kells), and that's a good look. So keep up the good work, and all the usual stuff people say, although I doubt there will be some sort of drop-off in quality considering what I've read in your early blog career — if anything, I'm sure it'll get better.

The second reason is a bit more...I don't know, touchy? I saw the new website. And that's dope as fuck that you have entered the world of an actual dot com. But I feel like your header...it's not up to par with the writing and thoughts that you put out on a regular basis. Hopefully I'm not dissing the work that you or maybe someone close to you did. I try to keep it relatively gully in photohshop, so I whipped up a couple headers. If you want to use em, cool; if not, that's completely cool too. I just figured, all the hours of edutainment reading you've given me, I'd hit you back with something.

That's it...and I think you are actually the first blogger I've really reached out to like this. So again, hopefully you like the headers and decide to use em - but if not, no worries. Keep up the good work and keep droppin science on heads...

TJ"

This was my very first encounter with Theotis Jones.

Let me go back a bit further in time. When I started to venture out into the blogosphere back in 2005, I found myself communicating with many like minded individuals. Byron

Crawford, Eskay, Dallas Penn, DJ Benhameen...the list seems endless. Creativity, freedom, a sense of camaraderie amongst online writers existed during this "Golden Era" of urban blogging. And because I considered my self grown, mature, more experienced in the ways of the real world in comparison to these "kids", I was very trusting of the strangers that I met virtually. Trusting in my communications with them, trusting in giving them my personal information, trusting them in being a part of my digital journey. Maybe it wasn't the wisest move, being so accessible to faceless people who could very well be monsters, Sandusky's in sheep's clothing, or worse, Nigerian scammers, but for some reason, the cats that I chose to "friend" online always ended up being "alright". More importantly, the people that I allowed into my digital space always ended up contributing greatly to my growing "Internets celebrity" status. I've heard some horror stories, but in my case, most people I chose to ride with became invaluable allies. Call it fortune or good luck, I'd like to call it intuition.

Shortly after I started my blog in July, 2009, The Daily Math (now defunct and resurrected into today's TheCombatJackShow.com) I took Theotis Jones' up on his offer. Instantly, dude starting hitting me with graphics that I had to fux with. Images that began to define my Combat Jack brand, iconography that edged me a bit ahead of my contemporaries. I wrote words, and Theotis provided the pictures. As blogging evolved to me (and Dallas Penn) throwing events, the Bring Your Own Blogger Barbeque, Theotis crafted flyers that not only represented our personalities, but also conveyed the spirit of community we wanted to promote throughout the algorithmic ocean of the digital world. We wanted to live beyond the keyboard, we wanted to reach out from beyond the screens and touch our readers, our fans, our friends in real life, or the IRL as Dallas puts it. Pause at the touching though.

Some time after launching The Combat Jack Show in August of 2010, Theotis was right there, offering up his creative services for the cause. He wanted to create "Show Bills", a digital throwback to posters that advertised theatrical plays as well as a way of paying homage to album cover artwork that existed when music was vinyl. In April of 2012, Theotis crafted his first show bill featuring our guest DJ Premier. Shit was on some official, next level, pop your collar shit. From that point, I knew I had to have Theotis craft as many show bills as possible. From then on, he went from being a guy that occasionally did my artwork to becoming an official member of our team.

After a couple of pieces, I expressed to Theotis that I saw his pieces becoming a part of something greater, a collection, a gallery, a coffee table book of his work that he would one day compile and proudly share. We haven't stopped, me with my show and he with the show bills, but I'm so proud to be down with his very own movement. It's come to my attention that other online radio shows and podcasts have started creating their own artwork for their individual episodes. Some shows have been brazen enough to request Theotis' talents. Good. If we influenced a new standard, if cats are jocking our style, then awesome. Biting is a form of flattery. Or something like that. We must be doing something right.

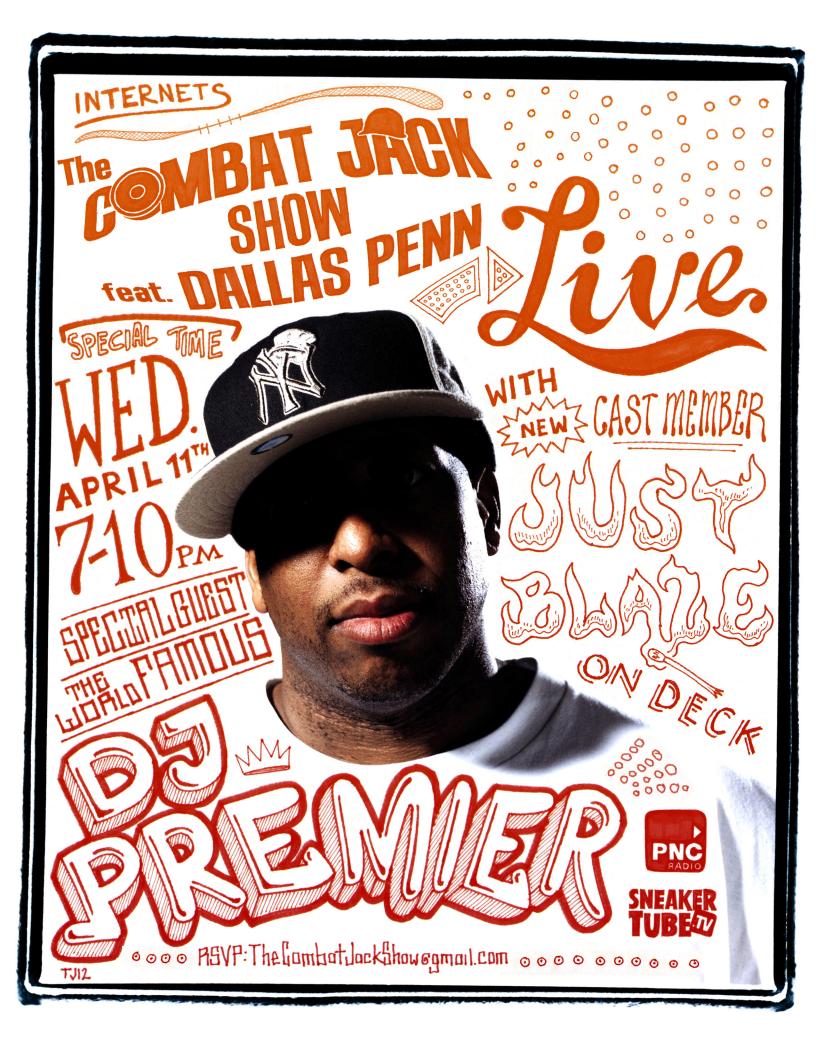
To date, I've still never met Theotis IRL. We communicate primarily via email and we've spoken over the phone only a couple of times. I don't know Theotis' race, what political party he belongs to, nothing. I do know his work. And his work is forest fires. And he continues to branch out. Record labels have started calling, authors have commissioned his work, which is good. Hire and pay this man because you know he's going to give you that work!

Wtf more do I say in a forward? *KRS voice* Theotis Jones is down with us, making funky artwork is a must, he's number one! And he's #Newmanati.

Reggie Ossé a/k/a Combat Jack

December 17. 2012 Brooklyn, NY





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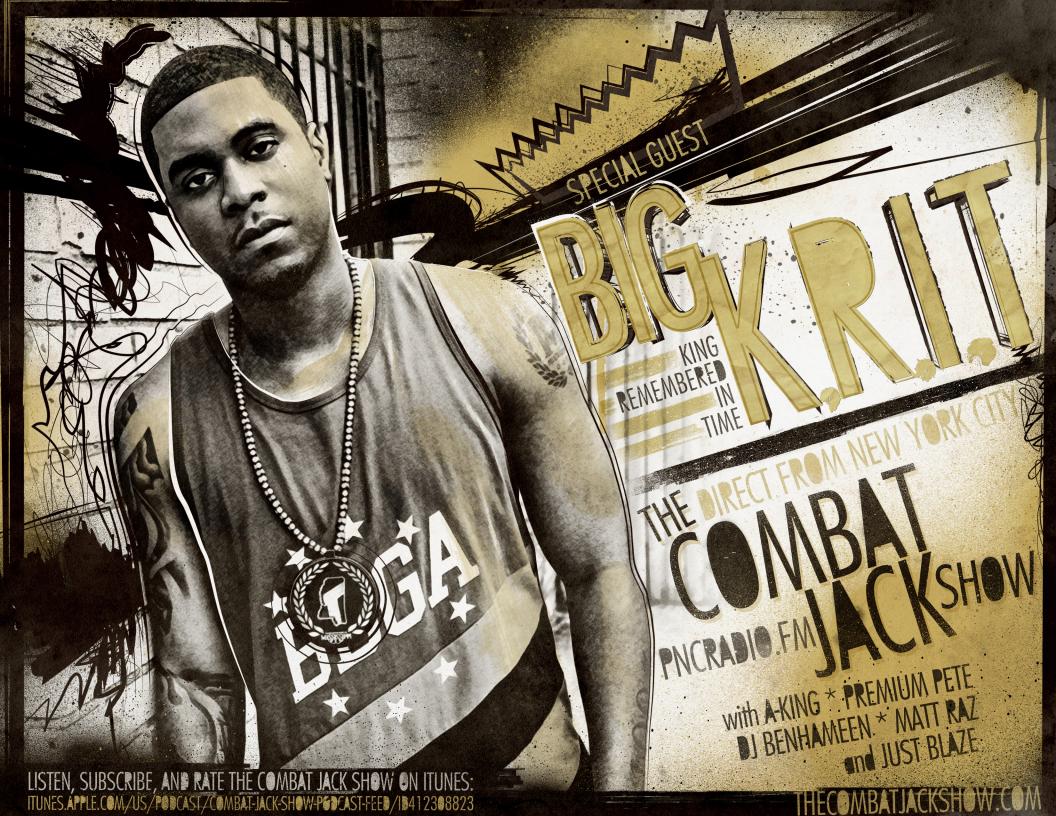
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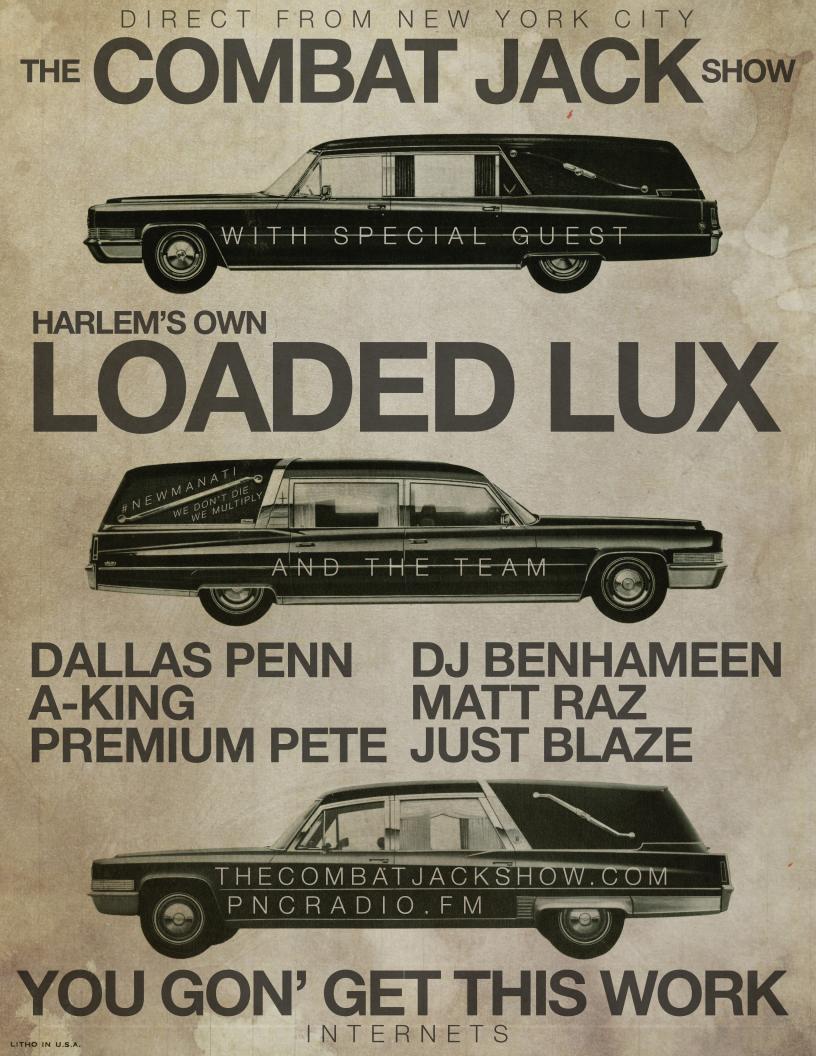
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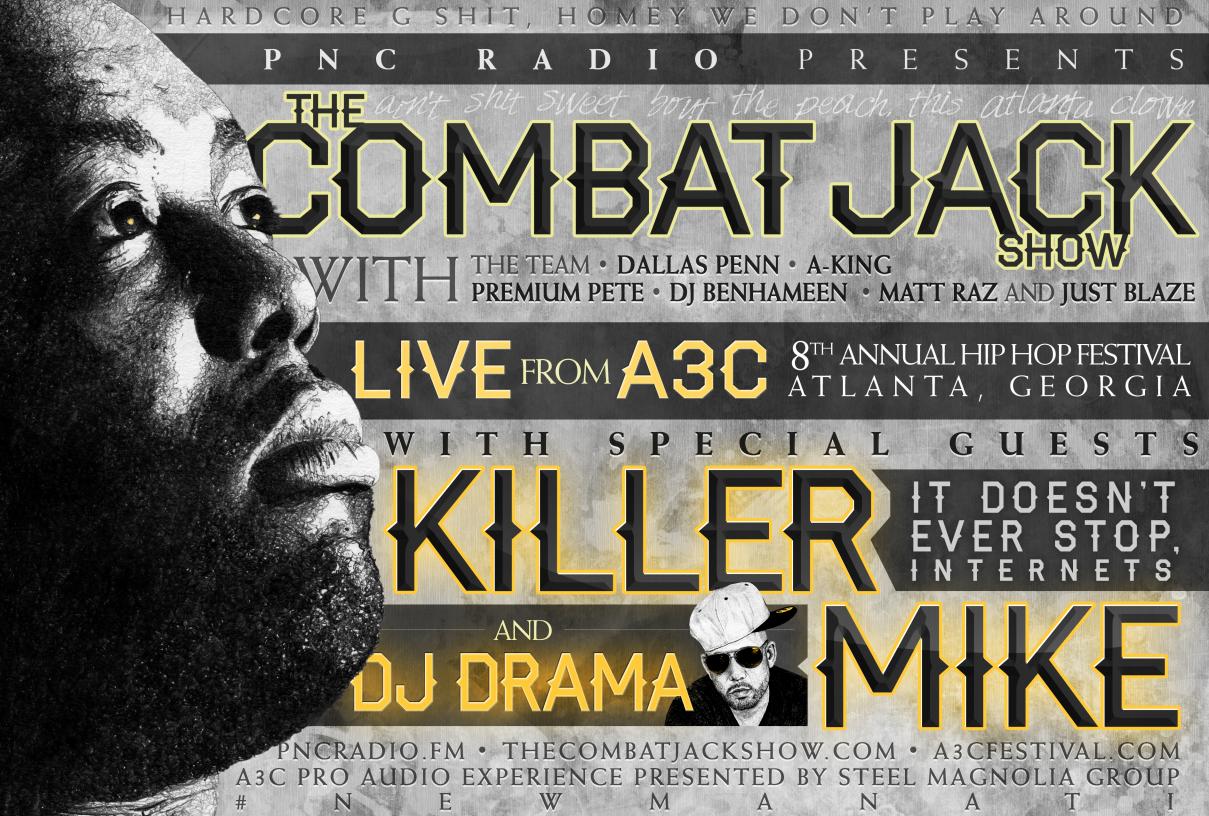
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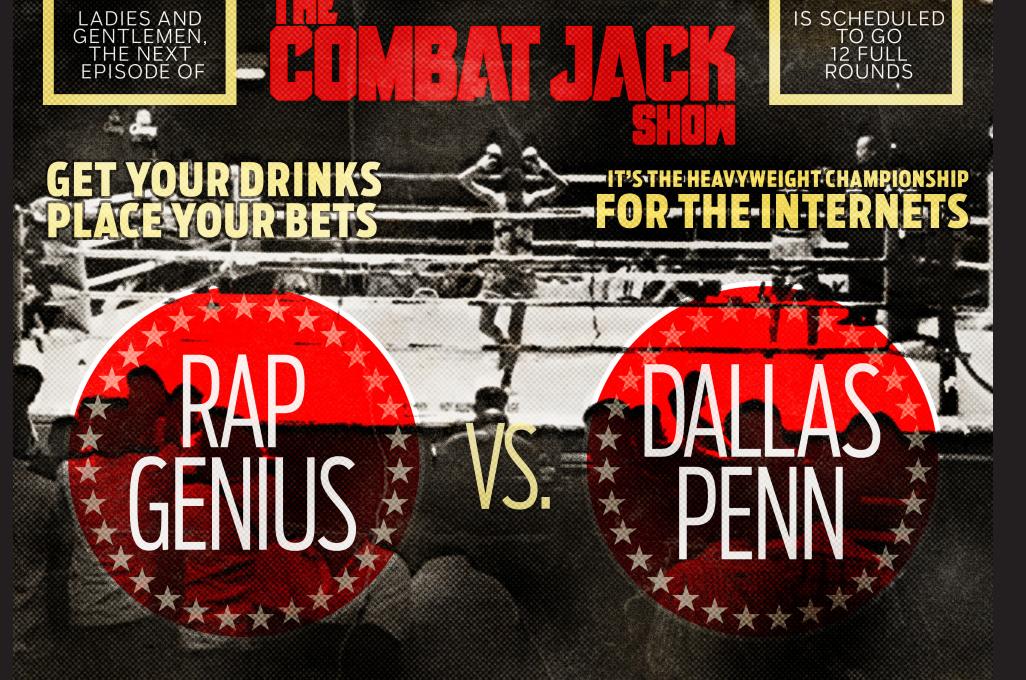
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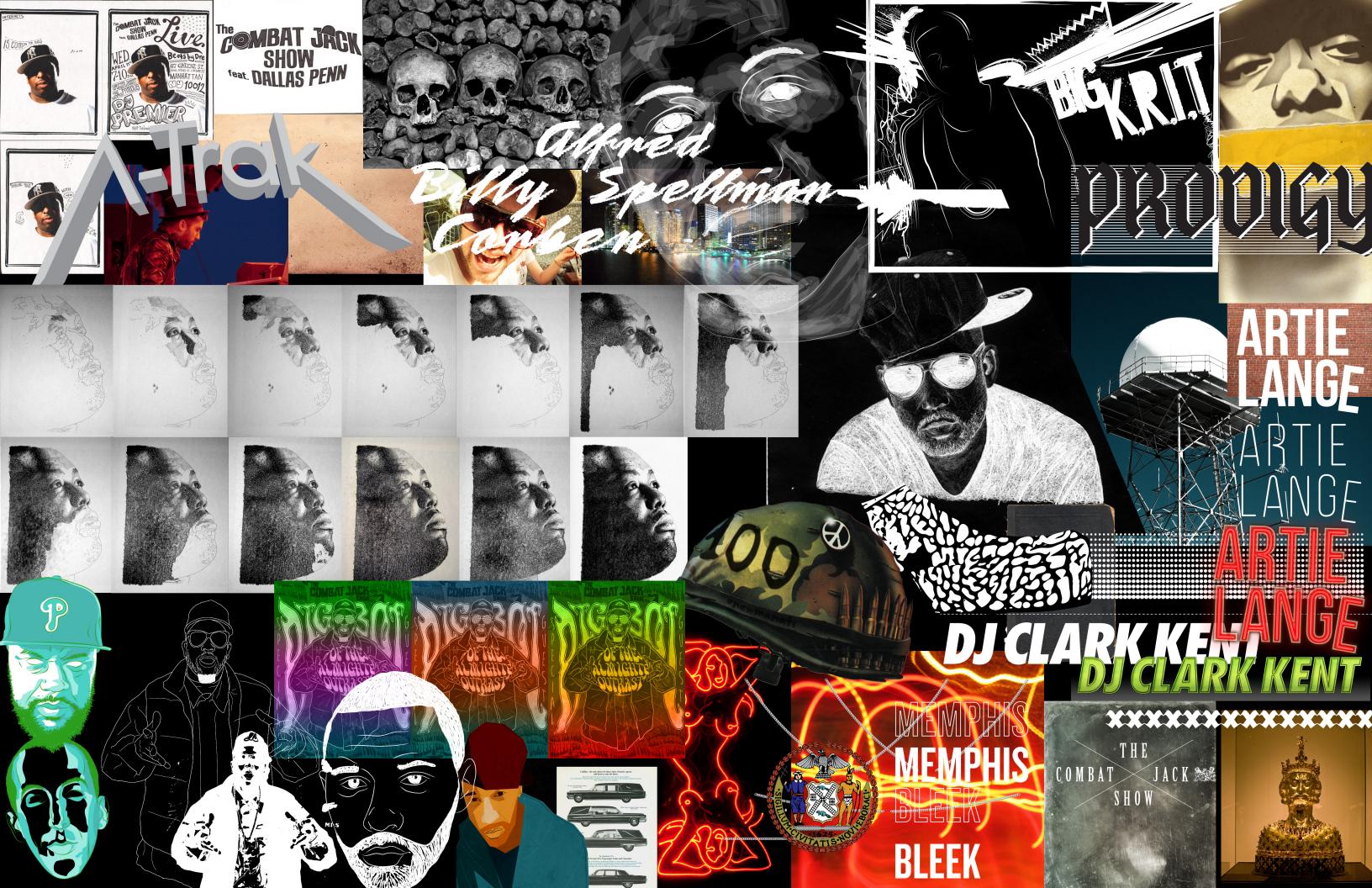
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OUTRO

THANK YOUs

I want to start this outro by thanking all my family and friends who have supported me way before the Twitter shit (with extra special shouts to Walter, G, Esquire, Jonny, Tony, MG, Jon B, MdL, Hath, Laila, Steffi, Jerry, GRAAAP!, Kendraaaa!, Han Dogan, Snyde, and Kara, and much love to a lot of other people who aren't listed here). Ya'll continue to hold me down outside of my work, and I am who I am today because of the people I have met to this point. This book is dedicated to my mom & dad, my brother, my sister-in-law, and my lawyer, who have all been there since way before the beginning of all this.

This compilation wouldn't be possible without The Combat Jack Show. So first and foremost, let me thank the man himself, Combat Jack. Based off an email that I wrote three and a half years ago, in which I sound like the corniest motherfucker in the universe, I've been lucky enough to become a part of a movement that I sincerely believe in and support. I'd also be remiss if I didn't thank the rest of the team who has always shown mad love and support, be they on the air (Dallas Penn, A-King, Premium Pete, DJ Benhameen, Matt Raz, Just Blaze) or keeping the spaceship moving behind the scenes (Chris Morrow, Dwayne Crawford, Alwayz Ambitious, Christina "Shoom" Isaacs, JasFly, NY Delight). It has been my honor to be there since the beginning of this show, and to see how it has grown into a genuine force to be reckoned with. #newmanati

To all the teachers I've had, in school, in work, in life: thank you for helping me to get better, and for never wanting to settle.

But perhaps, most of all, I have to thank all the internets, far and wide, who have supported what I've been doing. There are way too many people to name, some with bigger online presence than others, but if you've sent me a complimentary tweet, retweeted me, if we've collaborated together, if you've re-tumblr'd my shit — hell, if you enjoy my shit and haven't said anything at all — thank you. Thank you for your support, thank you for fuckin' with me, and thank you for letting me know you enjoy what I do. I can't emphasize how lucky I've been in regards to all the awesome people I've interacted and/or collaborated with online.

SHOWBILL INFO

DJ Premier Release date: April 2012 Tools: Pen, Photoshop Final file size: 101 mb

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EPILOGUE

It doesn't ever stop. Arte ad propter caritatem. Let the good times roll.

Theotis Jones

December 24, 2012 Outerspace

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