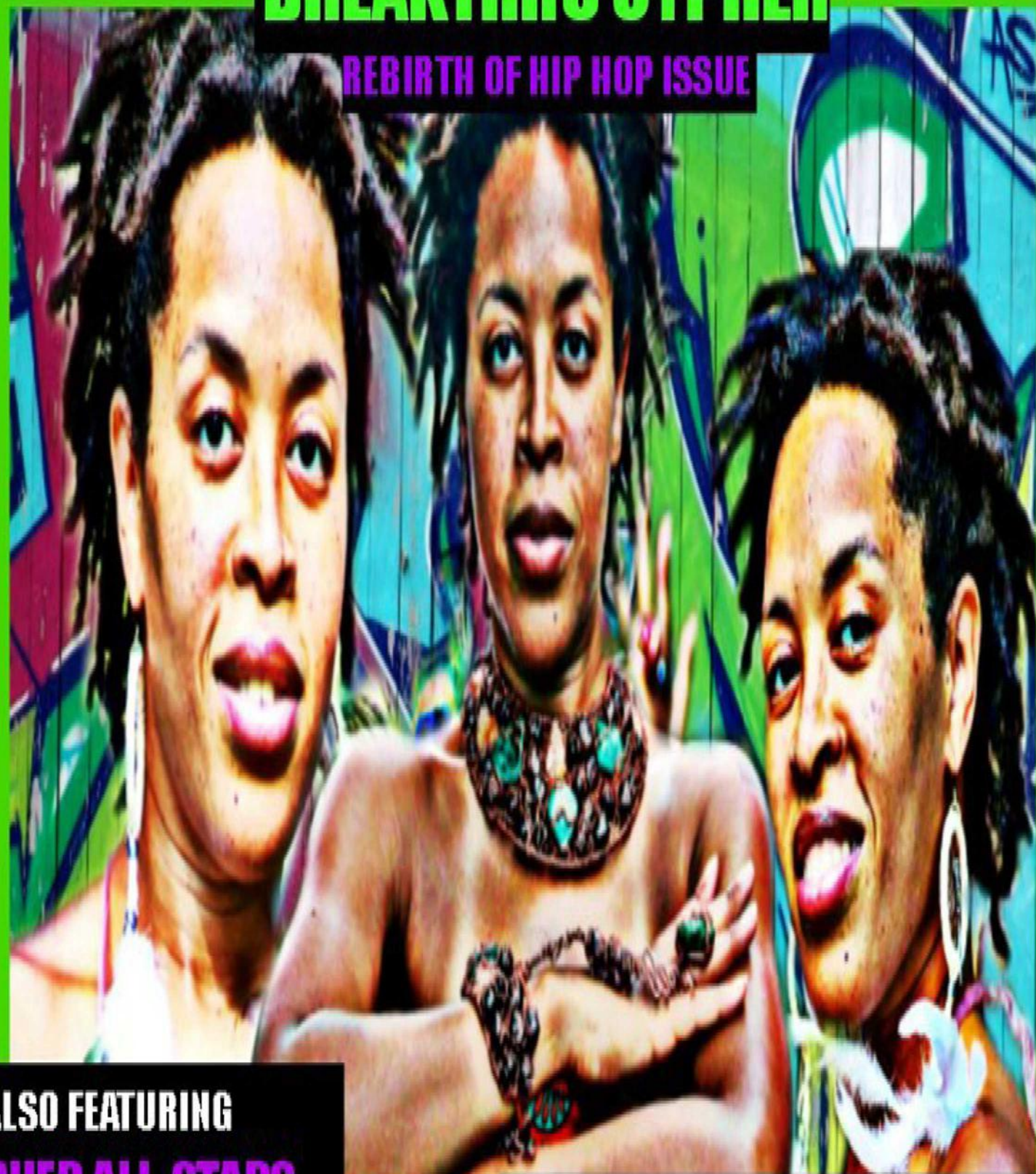


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StaHr 2 H's for Hip Hop

StaHr. In a sentence, home-girl is one of the slickest, most lyrical and knowledge-based word play artists I've heard across the underground circuit. Yet, that sentence still doesn't do her enough justice. Her words are cleverly combined and strategically arranged meshing with the tracks so well, it's ridiculous. If you haven't heard anything from StaHr to date than you're missing out on a great Hip Hop artist. I was introduced to StaHr via YouTube when I came across her video for the track 'Crown.' The laid-back summer scene visual was a nice sight for a change versus the overflow of club shoots and bottles poppin'!

Outside of the combination of witty lyricism and maintained flow the video showed that she is very interactive with the public and her fans. This industry is missing the "hands on" type of artists that StaHr is portraying herself as in her artwork. Once I got a dose of StaHr's music I had to go further and research more into the music that had my full attention. Sweeping through the links provided on her pages I came to her Band Camp page (stahhr.bandcamp.com) and found a hidden gem: Mother Nature With a Molotov: Molotov Season. A nineteen track lyrical dominance over well produced tracks. This album is a must have for anyone claiming to love and respect the Underground Hip Hop scene.

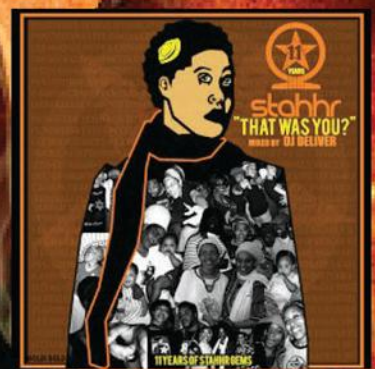
-Eddie Royal



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Mother Nature with a Molotov:

molotov season



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Lindo



By- Eddie Royala

"Words are better spoken from the heart and not the mind/ But yet it seems to be our action in which we all are defined"

After listening to Lindo's 5 track album 'What Dreams May Come,' the first words that came to my mind were, "they aren't Lindo's lyrics," but what it proved to me is that he promotes inspiration. This soul catching spoken word lyricist truly grasped my attention which honestly was highly unexpected. I went to Lindo's page (lindoyes.bandcamp.com) with the sole intention to just be analytical in my approach to something that presents itself to be at least slightly different. What I found were words that created a visual interpretation in my own mind which isn't something easily done these days. To be able to see or create a vision to match someone's words means that something they've said had a powerful effect on your physical and mental state.

On this album, I was very pleased with the concept and the Lindo actually held to the concept of the title instead of just having a name to go with a project. He actually congealed his message, so to speak, around the dream concept and allowed the tracks to evenly flow from one plane to another. I truly enjoyed the album and the features are outstanding. They say Philadelphia breeds some of the best creative minds and Lindo is another proof to that testimony.

CITIZEN XAVIER

Citizen X, as he is well known as, is the meaning of "don't judge a book by its cover." Looks are deceiving with this emcee, as he is not the average white rapper. Completely original from flow to lyric.



Citizen X dressed as Mouth from the Goonies in his video "Reel Characters."

The most impressive thing I've seen and heard thus far is the song "Reel Characters" and its video. If you're an 80s baby and remember The Goonies, then you're going to really enjoy this video. The song has everything, positive messages and lessons on not being a fake emcee.

Citizen Xavier is definitely doing his part in preserving fresh Philly Hip Hop. -by LaceUma

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COMMUNITY CYPHER



THE SHOE STORE THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

The shoe store formerly known as Gilbert's Shoes is still up and running but no one is selling shoes. So what's going on, you may be wondering. This place is now and has been for over 5 years, an open community space to the public. The owner, Wiley, has and is working his fingers to the bone to make this a place that plans to be around for a long time. This space can be used for meeting, birthday parties, event venue, etc. Just use your imagination. The Shoe Store, as everyone in the hood calls it, really needs your support. Whether it be donations or positive events for the families in this North Philadelphia neighborhood. For more info drop a line or stop by 1652 North Ridge Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19130 and GIVE BACK TODAY!

DJ Yarus

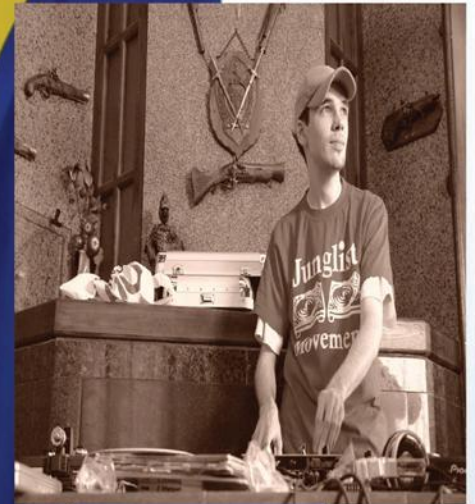
DJ Yarus is one of the most unique DJs. Not only does he represent Moscow, Russia but he also represents Brasil by becoming one of the masters of SamBass. SamBass is the fusion of Brazilian Samba and Drum&Bass.

These two genres of music complements each other very well. The way DJ Yarus blends the old and new is a musical bridge for today's generations. Mixes from his many PodCasts will make you feel as if you were in South America!

The thing we love the most about DJ Yarus is that his music leaves you with a smile. That feeling you had back in the days where everyone at the party actually danced and wasn't posted on the wall just there to impress others. He has also earned the respect to be featured on DJ La Patife's radio show in Sao Paolo, Brasil. Lace Uma



**BRAZILIAN
DRUM AND BASS**



yarus.podomatic.com

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BALTIMORE S.O.N.

First off the name alone was enough for me to tune in to this artist. Once I did, I was not let down. Sick lyrics and elevated flow easily grasped my attention as I listened in to the music of Mr. Shinning Over Negativity.

While transitioning through HisStory (cdbaby.com/cd/baltimoremoreson) all I could do was imagine everything being said as if it was a part of my own life.

To me, he's just a highly relatable artist with impeccable skills. Baltimore S.O.N. has a lot of buzz in the circuits and even expands his reach to an international plane. London and Japan just to name a few. That itself speaks for the touch that he has in Hip Hop and the influence he wields with the microphone. Easily placed, in my eyes and ears, as one of the most well rounded artists that's non-mainstream to date, I've fully respected his talent level.

Stay tuned for his upcoming project "B'MORE 2 FRANCE" dropping December 2012.

-Eddie Royal

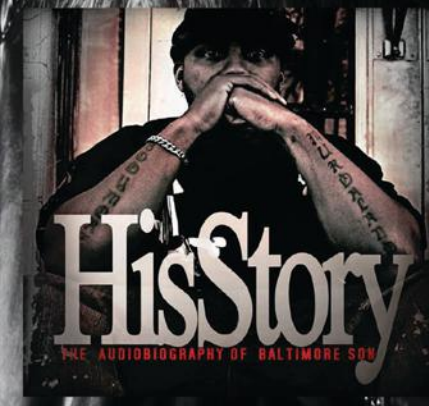


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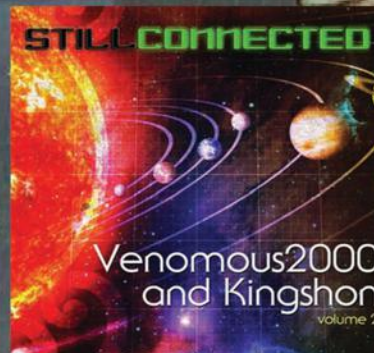


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VENOMOUS THE ULTRA EMCEE



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Written by Lace Uma

Venomous is an intelligent emcee that delivers a message of 'Hip Hop Lives' through his well thoughtout lyrics over creative, nostalgic beats that put you either back in the 80s or a local jazz cafe. With the help of the fresh, DJ Priority, they make music that you and your family learn from as well as dance to. Songs like "Rock the Bells" brings us back to what the culture of Hip Hop is about. Along with the four elements, Venomous perfectly displays the positivity that the Hip Hop culture was built on.

This well rounded emcee has recently returned from Belgium touring. He has worked with legendary emcees such as Keith Murray and Slick Rick, thats really just naming a few! I was really HAPPY when I found out about Venomous, yes HAPPY! This emotion is being reinjected into Hip Hop by way of our own bio-musical warfare we know as Venomous the Ultra Emcee.

*****Interview with Venomous in the next issue!!!*****

Photo & Edit by Rez Ones

TAY\$'s VIRAL AUDIO



Tay\$'s Viral Audio is truly a breath of fresh Hip Hop air. The passion, energy and on point wordplay along with the simple joy of loving what she does, Tay is the complete Emcee package. She makes being a lyricist seem effortless, you barley hear her catch her breath, which means she isn't new to this. Tay submitted three tracks....all hot.

She subtly beats you in the head with the truth as you nod along with the crisp music production. In the track "Who's Gonna Stop Me" she attacks the beat and reminds us of the positive power of the female Emcee. Look out for Tay\$'s Viral Audio in our next issue.....

-Lace Uma



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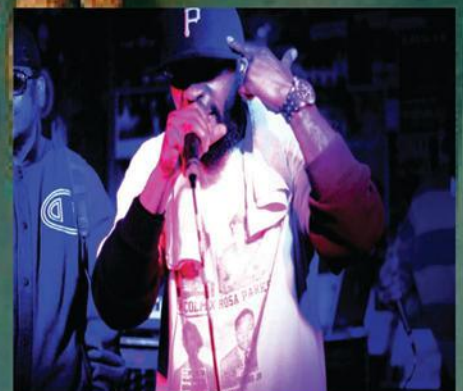
GRINDING MY OWN BUSINESS

By: *Magnum O*

AUL PURPIS

Besides his unique voice, Aul Purpis is a Veteran Emcee. His Boy beginnings shortly led Mr. Purpis into the element of emcee-ing. A freestyling beast and written skills for days, Aul Purpis is a force to be reckoned with. His single "Wow" featuring Tanzania Lateef is a family nostalgic Hip Hop track that you will definitely listen to over and over again. It reminds you of the days when your Elders played records for you on the record player and you were infatuated with every sound, down to the crackling of the needle against the record. As BreakThru Cypher's Exclusive Emcee, you will hear and see more of Aul Purpis sooner than later.

- Lace Uma



OK, the name alone weirded me out too, until I saw the spelling. Then I had braced myself and hit play on a podcast that was sent via Facebook to my inbox. I immediately loved the samples he chose, most were between the decades of the 30s to 50s but it was **DOPE** against the beats Which Craft chose to rhyme over.

He has a complex delivery to the untrained ear, but for those who look for strictly lyrical content, hands down Craft can meet any bar set. Just as well because he also is apart of **MHBs** (MostHigh-Beings), a collection of the illest emcees I've witnessed in a long time as a **GROUP**.

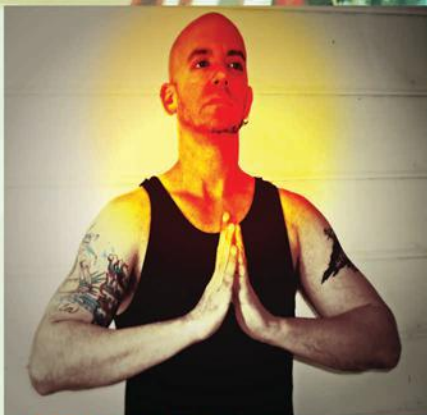
Which Craft is my favorite out-spoken Emcee that rhymes with no fear, simply to educate and bring people the "news" but in a way that it can be understood. We call them "conscious rappers" today but that was and what an Emcee IS and forever will BE! --

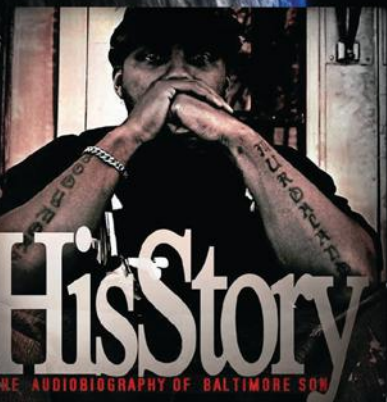
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WHICH CRAFT

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THE AUDIOBIOGRAPHY OF BALTIMORE SON

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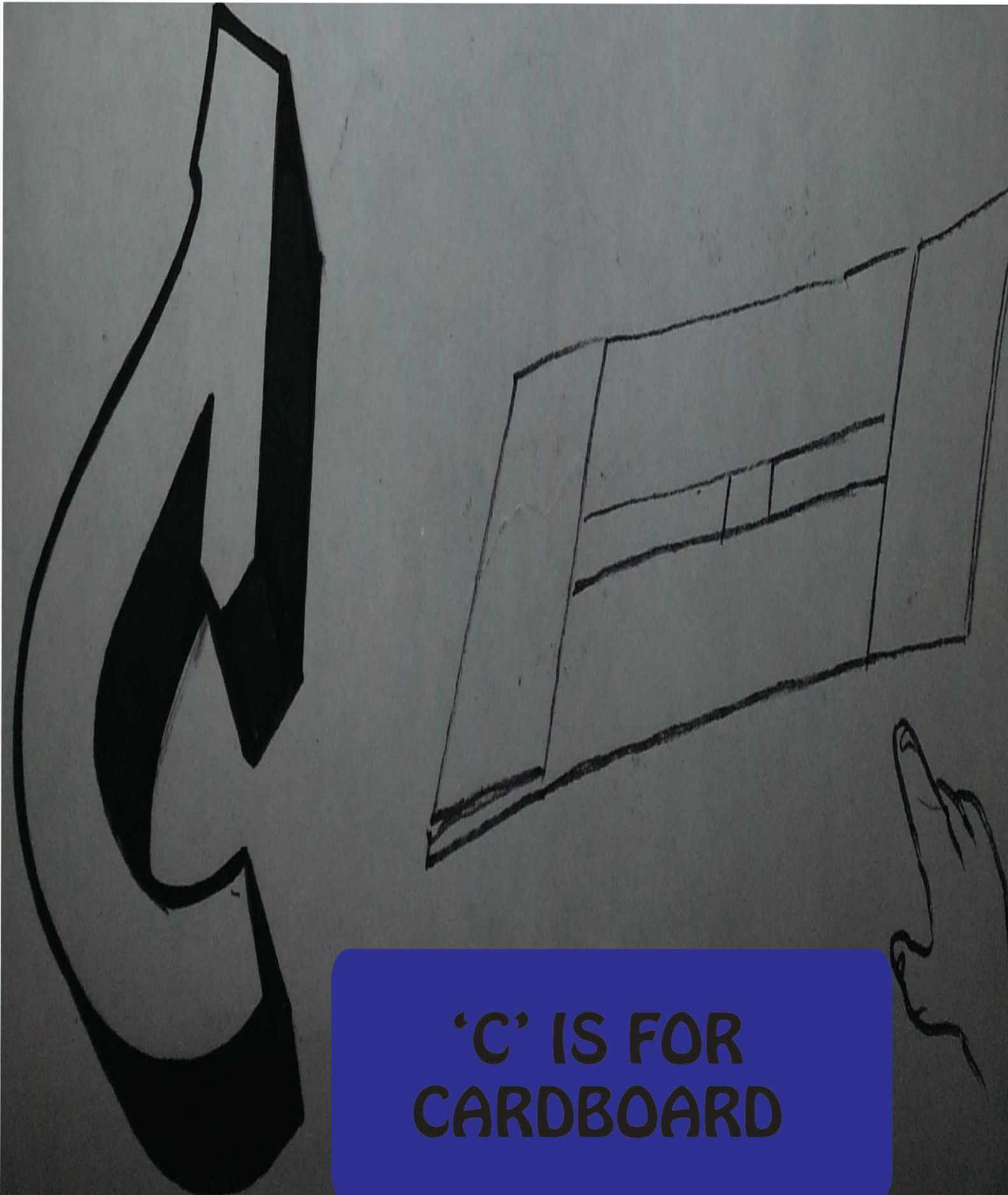
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