

One fine evening.

After spending a long week-and-a-half between families—after getting back into ‘Cali’<sup>1</sup> (from IA)—I randomly ran into **Jarod**<sup>2</sup> while picking up the new DMX album, *...And Then There Was X*, at the Tower Records just down the way from **my Dad**<sup>3</sup> and step-mother’s place in ‘Pali’<sup>4</sup>. From Tower, ‘muh dawg’<sup>5</sup> and I ‘rolled’<sup>6</sup> around the Palo Alto—Mt. View—Los Altos area to figure out ‘the move’<sup>7</sup> for later on that evening, and possibly ‘score a little’<sup>8</sup> in the process. We rolled up on Andreas’ around 5:30 that pre-Millennial Tuesday, December 28th, afternoon. Andreas had just ‘hooked up’<sup>9</sup> a new shelled Datsun pickup the night before. Ten minutes later, Jarod and I made our move out, I ‘caught him up’<sup>10</sup> a ‘Jackson’<sup>11</sup> for ‘this thing’<sup>12</sup> he was looking into, and we made plans to get back together at 10:00 before he dropped me back at my ‘crib’<sup>13</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup>‘Cali’ is short for ‘California’.

<sup>2</sup>See related story, “‘Jarod: ‘Muh dawg’‘ Intro or ‘‘Budz’ for life’ Intro”.

<sup>3</sup>See related story, “My dad: A complicated relationship”.

<sup>4</sup>‘Pali’, short for ‘Palo Alto’—home to Stanford University and many, many, many Young Urban Professionals...and then there’s my dad and step-mom, total yuppie wanna-be’s, living 1,000 feet just inside the Palo Alto/Mt. View border at 670 San Antonio Rd. #37.

<sup>5</sup>‘Muh’ is ‘ghetto slang’ for ‘my’.

‘Dawg’ is a ‘highly reserved’ term of ‘major significance’ for ‘(a) person(s) with whom you are very, very down’...‘down on a very *real* level’. Your ‘dawg(s)’ is/are equally: a) your ‘best friend(s)’, b) your ‘most trusted advocate(s)’, c) your ‘partnah(s) in crime’ (figuratively, needs be literally), and (above and beyond *all else*) d) the ‘person(s) who has (have) your back, in the good times *and* in the bad’. A dawg *does not* ‘hate on’ you. A dawg *always* ‘has got your back’. A dawg *will never* ‘bitch out’. Taken as ‘a group’, your dawgs are ‘your boys’, ‘your folks’, and ‘your crew’; ‘individually’, your dawg is ‘your man’, ‘your nigga’, and ‘your boy’...all rolled into one. *That*, in sum, is what your ‘dawg’ (or ‘dawgs’) is/are.

‘Muh dawg’ is therefore like saying ‘my very good friend’.

<sup>6</sup>‘Rolled’ means the same thing as ‘drove’ and is most often used when describing ‘driving from point A to point B with a friend’, or ‘amongst friends’.

<sup>7</sup>‘The move’ is same thing as saying an ‘idea’, the ‘way to go’, the ‘way to do a thing’, or the ‘plan’.

<sup>8</sup>‘Score a little’ is a ‘drug-term’ which means the same as ‘get some [SOMETHING]’ where ‘something’ will generally be ‘some sort of shady product’.

<sup>9</sup>‘Hooked up’ means the same as ‘picked-up’

<sup>10</sup>‘Caught up’ means the same as ‘gave’.

<sup>11</sup>A ‘Jackson’ is the same thing as ‘a \$20 bill’. Like calling a \$100 a ‘Benjamin’.

<sup>12</sup>‘This thing’ a ‘drug-term’ used as a covert way to refer to ‘some drug (or other semi-shady to shady) type thing’; the phrase can also be used to simply mean ‘(literally) this thing’ in place of the word ‘something’. In this case, the \$20 I gave Jarod was for a twamp of chronic.

<sup>13</sup>‘Crib’ is ‘old-school’ for ‘house’, or in this case, ‘apartment’.

Jarod and Sergio pulled up at 10:15 that evening along with a familiar old friend named 'Mary Jane'<sup>14</sup>: a 'twamp'<sup>15</sup> of that 'Cali bubonic'<sup>16</sup>. The 'four of us'<sup>17</sup> rolled in Jarod's dad's familiar 5-speed Mustang over to his place to pick up a bottle of Smirnoff. One more stop to a liquor store in somewheresville Mt. View, to pick up some 'blunts'<sup>18</sup>, and we headed to Amy's (a friend of Sergio's) place.

The party started at Amy's with a 'bowl'<sup>19</sup> of 'the Chronic'<sup>20</sup> as the opening credits of *Blade* came on screen and Jarod worked on a 'top-leaf-peeled B'<sup>21</sup>. Two hits later Jarod sparked the B Sergio and I had 'matched on'<sup>22</sup> and entered it into 'circulation'<sup>23</sup>. After our little 'session'<sup>24</sup>, we 'marinated on'<sup>25</sup> Wesley Snipes and his hottie *Blade* co-star, N'Bushe Wright (had to pop in my copy of the flick to get that one), through conclusion. Though

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<sup>14</sup>'Mary Jane' is 'old-school' for 'weed'.

<sup>15</sup>A 'twamp', or 'G', is a gram of 'the Chronic' generally sold in inch-and-a-quarter sized, zip seal, 'G-bag'. The going rate for a twamp in 'Cali' is \$20 dollars, this is from whence the term 'twamp' originates. '1/8ths' (3.5 grams) of the same shit usually run \$60/ea, therefore the reason the stuff is often broken up into smaller, more affordable, gram-sized portions.

<sup>16</sup>'Cali bubonic', or 'Cali bud', is tied with 'Maui Wowie' as 'the third best bud in the world'. 'Amsterdam bud' and 'BC (British Columbia) bud' are numbers one and two, respectively.

<sup>17</sup>That is Jarod, Sergio, myself, *and* the Chronic.

<sup>18</sup>'Blunt', 'tree', or 'B' a 'cigar' which is used to roll 'tweeds' in after 'cracking the wrapper' and 'removing the tobacco'; 'the final, rolled product: a phatty marijuana cigar'.

<sup>19</sup>A 'bowl' can either be 'a generic term for the device (a 'bong', a 'pipe', a 'hooka') in which weed is smoked' or, more specifically, 'the small bowl-shaped weed receptacle on a bong from which weed is smoked'.

<sup>20</sup>'The Chronic' is a 'drug-term' for 'high high-grade bud'; 'really good kind bud'... 'Cali Bud' ('kind buds' from California) are generally 'the Chronic'... 'the Chronic' goes for \$60 in Cali and \$55 to \$70 elsewhere per 1/8.

<sup>21</sup>'B' is short for 'blunt'. As I learned that evening from Sergio, some really 'phat' article in a recent anniversary issue of *High Times* dispensed much useful information about the workings of "the blunt". Among these useful tidbits, which I understand featured a full color illustrated depiction of a blunt 'anatomy style', included that removing the outside leaf of the blunt is a good way to get a bit of that cigar taste from out of the blunt smoking process.

<sup>22</sup>'Matched on' is a term describing when two or more people 'throw down' buds.

<sup>23</sup>'Circulation', or 'rotation', is the 'circle in which the weed is passed'. 'Bud smoking etiquette': "pass to the left *unless* your 'dawg' is on the right." If a person leaves the room (or whatever) where the bud is being smoked, they are 'leaving the rotation'. If the 'bowl' (or whatever) gets passed every which way—in a pattern that in no way resembles a circle—it may be said that the bowl is being passed in 'Jewish star rotation'.

<sup>24</sup>A 'session', 'sesh' (for short), is 'a term [period of time] of weed smoking'. When a session is 'called', its the same things as saying 'buds are just about to be lit'. Usage: I walked into Jarod's room with this 'phatty' bowl of Indo and told both him and Liz "Session...my room...5 minutes."

<sup>25</sup>'Marinated on' is the same thing as 'watched', 'listened to', or 'otherwise paid attention to' in an 'attentive' manor 'while maintaining chillness' often best achieved 'while smoking weed'.

not quite as ‘dope’<sup>26</sup> as my **Cali ‘98 homecoming**<sup>27</sup> session, this session served as my Cali ‘99 homecoming.

After the movie Jarod and I rolled out leaving Sergio there for the evening. Jarod dropped me back at my place and I hit up my Dad and step-mom’s well stocked kitchen cabinets. I threw the new DMX in my laptop, put on my headphones, and pulled a little—well ‘baked’<sup>28</sup>, well fed—late night work session.

This was the first night I had been out with Jarod, in Cali, since **Christmas ‘98**<sup>29</sup>. Perhaps our tough times in Iowa to that point made this night stand out, just a little, for me. Perhaps this being my first break from family affairs since coming home for **Christmas in ‘99**<sup>30</sup> made this a more than welcome break. I had a good time ‘chilling’<sup>31</sup> with my friend Jarod, and Sergio, and Amy on that warm Cali night, one of the last in the 20th Century.

(Maybe it was just the Chronic.)

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<sup>26</sup>‘Dope’ is old school for ‘cool’.

<sup>27</sup>See related story, “Flying the British Colombian Airlines or Cali BC Homecoming, flight home, and Ohio BC Homecoming or BC Bud: ‘Third best in the world’.”

<sup>28</sup>‘Baked’ is same as saying ‘stoned’, a tad bit cooler though.

<sup>29</sup>See related story, “Christmas ‘98: Smoking ‘the chronic’, getting ‘rolled-up’ on by the cops, ‘blowing lines’, and looking for a looking for a ‘hp’ of ‘kind buds’”.

<sup>30</sup>See related story, “Christmas ‘99: Driving to Oregon, hanging with my sister Armetta, flying to So Cal to see my dad and hang with my sister Jocelyn, hanging with my moms and Jarod, and taking in the new millennium...with a bang.”

<sup>31</sup>‘Chilling’, same as ‘hanging’, means ‘relaxing’ and ‘taking a load off’, possibly including a little “recreational weed ‘toking’ (often) amongst friends”.