

# Throwback: Redman-Pick It Up & Freestyle On Shade 45

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Reginald Reggie “Funk Doctor Spot” Noble aka Redman has been rocking the mic since '92's *Whut The Album*. The man who loves to rep his hometown of “Brick City” (New Jersey) has maintained his solid flow through a career that has seen many collaborations with Method Man, movies and TV. EPMD featured Redman on their third album *Business As Usual* in '90 which was Red's introduction and also the first time the Hit Squad was mentioned. After EPMD broke-up in '93 Erick Sermon regrouped with Redman and Keith Murray as Def Squad and they released *El Nino* in '98. “Pick It Up” comes from his '96 tour de force *Muddy Waters*. Some fans felt that *Muddy Waters* was a reaction to the “too abstract to understand” or “growth stunted” second album *Dare Iz A Darkside* which paid tribute to Funkadelic, knocked harder than *Whut* and went gold anyway. The mainstream got a taste of his mojo in '02 when Christina Aguilera used him for her song “Dirrty.” Red and Meth will release *Blackout2* on May 19th.