

# Throwback: Mobb Deep-Shook Ones Part II



Mobb Deep's "Shook Ones Part II" was the second part to "Shook Ones" which was their first song for Loud Records in 1994. The newer version was the group's moment of newfound commercial viability but more importantly a critical chapter in New York's street-oriented hip-hop. Prodigy and Havoc rapped like unapologetic gangsters over a self-produced beat that made them sound like characters in a surreal Western. The use of a stove's twitching flame to cook crack as the opening meter was creative and reflected the world they were rapping about. The guitar riff, manic horns and the chorus recognizing no such thing as "halfway crooks" became one of the most esteemed sounds in '90s hip-hop. The success of their sophomore album *The Infamous* was largely connected to "Shook Ones Part II" in addition to three other singles. Mobb Deep became one of the biggest rap duos and legends of the East Coast's harder style which also helped to affirm New York's dominance after the rise of the West Coast.

Mobb Deep's eighth album, *The Infamous Mobb Deep*, was released in 2014. Prodigy died in 2017 from an accidental choking while being treated for sickle cell anemia. Havoc is working on music for the last Mobb Deep album and he went on a tour in 2019 to mark the 20th anniversary of their 1999 *Murda Muzik* album.Â

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# Media Questions Of The Week

<https://www.instagram.com/p/BWSWAvalxZd/>

Who defaced Prodigy's mural in Queensbridge just hours after artists Jeff Henriquez and Eli "Elis" Lazare finished it over the course of five days?

[youtube id="RM7lw00vzq0"]

Are Jay-Z's "The Story Of O.J." lyrics anti-semitic?



Will Bill Cosby be found guilty of sexual assault when goes back to trial in November?

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## R.I.P. Prodigy

[youtube id="yoYZf-lBF\_U"] Prodigy of Mobb Deep has died in Las Vegas at the age of 42. He was on The Art Of Rap tour and had to be hospitalized for sickness related to his lifelong

battle with sickle cell anemia. Mobb Deep was one of the premier hip-hop duos of the '90's because of classic albums like *The Infamous* that put more spotlight on the Queensbridge Housing development after Nas. Mobb Deep's street-oriented rap made them instant legends and earned them respect among their peers despite having several feuds with people like Jay-Z. Prodigy was released from prison in 2011 after serving three years for criminal possession of a weapon and his autobiography also came out that year. Last year he released *Commissary Kitchen: My Infamous Prison Cookbook* and earlier this year he released new music with *Hegelian Dialectic: The Book Of Revelation* album.

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## Watch Prodigy Of Mobb Deep Make Prison BBQ Salmon

[youtube id="wKaARdTHaJY"] Prodigy of Mobb Deep's [\*Commissary Kitchen: My Infamous Prison Cookbook\*](#) is the rapper's new book of recipes he learned while being incarcerated. He went to prison for four years on a weapons charge and during that time he picked up cooking techniques designed for the situation. Being born with Sickle cell anemia forced him to pay close attention to his diet in order to avoid pain. In the above video, he makes the BBQ salmon for Vice's Munchie's channel and explains that the recipes can be useful to anyone who has to cook in limited circumstances like college students. The recipes can also be made using fresh ingredients instead of

the canned goods used by prison cooks.