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Well today is March 9th, 9 years to the day when the 6'3", 300 lbs hip-hop rap artist from Bedford –Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, NY, Christopher Wallace, AKA, Frank White, Biggie Smalls, Notorious BIG, was shot and killed.

I can remember perfectly clearly where I was that day and when I heard the sad news. NEW YORK RAPPER KILLED!!!!!! I was like what, Biggie is dead????

I was sitting in my living room at my crib when I heard that and was in complete shock. Then the rumors with the whole East Coast verse West Coast sh*t really got outta control.

It was so bad that I personally started dissin Tupac Shakurs (2Pac) people. I was mad at Pac (2Pac) for quite some time although I really shouldn't have been.

Tupac was a legend just as much as BIG was but on opposite sides of the country. Beef sells records, unfortunately.

After reading BIG's book by his lovely mother, I really believe that BIG and PAC (2Pac) were cool with each other, deep down inside. They were two cats that had dreams but yet shattered.

It's a shame, BUT, we hear his music everyday and I am grateful for that. I am not much of a writer as you can see but I just wanted to give the Wallace Family a big ups for all the that The King of New York did for the hip-hop industry. I felt that I had to write something since it has been 9 long years since we heard the real voice. BIG UPS, NOTORIOUS BIG!!!!!!

FACTS ON THE KING OF NEW YORK:

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- Biggie had the ability to write songs in his head and then freestyle them to make tracks right on the spot. Biggie used this ability especially on his debut album "Ready To Die" and was later emulated by successful hip-hop and rap artists such as Jay Z, Talib Kweli, Mos Def, Ja Rule, and Common.

- According to people close to him, Biggie had five songs worth of lyrics in his head around the time he was killed.

- Biggie is also one of the best (yet uncredited) scouters in rap. Among the people who he discovered, or in some way helped further their rap careers, were Jay Z, Cam'ron, Jada Kiss, Styles P, Sheek, Lil Kim, Mase, N.O.R.E, and Charlie Baltimore.

- Biggie attended the same high school in downtown Brooklyn as hip-hop and rap artists Jay-Z and Busta Rhymes.

- His album "Life After Death" is certified Diamond, meaning it sold more than 10 million copies.

- Biggie was one of the first hip-hop MC's ever to successfully bridge the gap between commercial and underground success.

- He first signed with Uptown Records in 1993, his first recording deal.