

other at the beginning about what the Sebutones is about," he continued. "There's strict guidelines restricting where the Sebutones molecules get left."

What exactly does create a Sebutones song?

According to Buck, "Sebutones means something, its like an adjective. We can listen to other hip hop artists and say 'ooh, that's some Sebutones shit right there,' or listen to some weird old jazz musician and say 'ooh, Sebutones.'"

One thing that makes the group so unique is their grounding in old school hip hop.

"We grew up on old school hip hop in general — we both grew up on New York mixed tapes," explained Sixtoo.

"The fact that I'm an old-school bastard, when I came up, the way I was taught how hip hop

was supposed to be, I had all those things engrained into me in the early 80s. It was a really different time, when the politics and rules really meant something, so it was the only way I could make hip hop," said Buck.

"And all that stuff now has fallen by the wayside. The stuff we're doing, carrying the torch, forget about it — its a lost era," said Sixtoo.

Why is this?

According to Buck, "Its because a lot of the kids coming up now probably only got into hip hop with Hieroglyphics, or god knows what. A lot of people making noise today only got into it in the last seven or ten years.

"Its weird, every now and then to this day I meet someone I really look up to, and whenever we get talking about history or old

school I get the sense really quickly that they're not on the same wave length at all," he said.

I then asked the group what the hip hop situation looks like.

As Buck said, "there's something to be said about knowing the history of whatever you're doing. It doesn't even have to be an artistic endeavor, as a human being I think we just have an inherit need to know about our history so we know who we are and create and have our own strong identities..."

Sixtoo jumped in, adding "and to build on it."

Buck continued, saying "And to have a strong sense of self you need to know that stuff. A lot of people don't, and if I had to point out one reason why hip hop sucks right now is because of that.

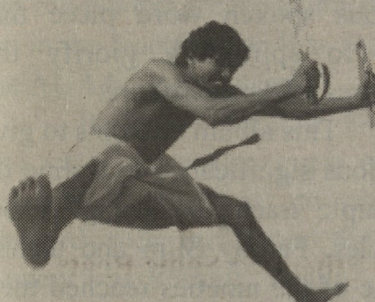
"They don't know where it all came from, so they don't even

know they're breaking rules and messing shit up — they don't know any better!"

What is the future of hip hop, if this be the case?

"Sometimes when I think about it, I think its really bleak," said Buck. "Every now and then I'll get a flash of something that looks really really promising, but then some guy comes along and puts out an incredible records, but it doesn't make any noise and you never hear from the guy again and I say 'shit, that could have been like a doorway into something really good."

Sixtoo added, "at the same time, I think some of the most creative hip hop is being made right now, and I think there's some exciting stuff now. I think in the cocoons there are a lot of big scary butterflies waiting to come out and mess things up!"



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