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01. Magnetic Lord
02. Fireworks
03. Hood Legends (feat. cuts by The Architect)
04. Smart Too Late
05. You Are King (feat. Xiomara)
06. I Climb (feat. Marvelous Mag, Xiomara & Hus Kingpin)
07. Shots At Your Highness (feat. Turbin)
08. Pieces Hittin
09. Salute My G's (feat. Marvelous Mag)
10. Black Egypt (feat. TriState)
11. Royal Blood (feat. Killa Kali)
12. Siddhartha
13. Take It Higher (feat. Xiomara)
14. Fast Not Slow (feat. AZ)
15. Fly Writings (CD Bonus Track)

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- A7. Shots At Your Highness (feat. Turbin)
- B1. Pieces Hittin
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- B3. Black Egypt (feat. TriState)
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