



Who's that Peeping in My Window? (POW)

THE SPOOKS ■ BY EASY READER ■

Who's that sitting in the corner by the door listening, who you never seen before, like a fly on the wall, a spy, double oh 7, haunting vocals kinda ethereal, Ethera breathing over a beat box; the Spooks, 4 MC's and a single backed by a live band. Hip-Hop is the foundation but stylistically they make a music that's very broad based, a murky multicultural potpourri of sound. This is what they call that 'alternative' rap music—a lil' bit of this, a lil' bit of that, Latin, jazz, soul, etc.. It's a lounge type groove thing like Martini + Rossi Asti Spumante stylee. Chilla chello, y'know? The MC's here, JD, Hypno, Water Water, and Mr. Booka tend to lay back in the cut like a anti-Busta with their rhyme deliveries. They allow the as yet undiscovered singing sensation Ming Xia steal the spotlight with her jazzy offbeat vocalizations floating through the breeze with the greatest of ease. Collectively, they trying to be them cats hanging in the shadows who come outta nowhere and just bang you in the head like, damn, never even saw 'em coming. #1 in France with the single 'Things I've Seen', their second single 'Sweet Revenge' has been featured in that HBO flick with Wesley Snipes, **Disappearing Acts**. Like the spook who sat by the door, they on some very low key isms.

Supposedly, they been around for a minute, lurking in the underground, gathering information on how best to attack the enemy i.e. the record companies. It's on now, though. Often compared to the Fugees and Digable Planets, maybe you can see 'em on tour with the Black Eyed Peas or Macy Gray. Gettin' my drift? Regardless, it's funky. Look at it as another example of the limitlessness of this thing of ours, or as just a vision of what might be coming next. It's coming, too. Don't be scared. This chick Ming Xia ain't no joke. In the future, the QT chanteuse with the delectable vocal presence will be THAT GIRL. She's the adobo to their gumbo of intelligent lyrics, unusual beats and melodic inspiration. Spooks is on some other script. Recommending 'Swindley's Maraca's' as the next single, you heard it hear first from Easy Reader.

