

= Fragile (Tech N9ne song) =

" Fragile " is a song by American hip hop recording artist Tech N9ne , taken from his thirteenth studio album Something Else (2013) . " Fragile " was released on July 17 , 2013 as the album 's second single . It was produced by j Mayday ! , Daniel " Keys " Perez and Ralfy " FAFA " Valencia . The song features a guest verse from fellow American rapper Kendrick Lamar , and the chorus is sung by j Mayday ! and Kendall Morgan .

" Fragile " details each rappers disdain for music journalists and their criticism of their music . Ironically , the song was met with generally positive reviews from music critics . A music video was released on February 9 , 2014 featuring the artists rapping and singing in an abandoned warehouse . The song peaked at numbers 23 and 38 on the US Billboard Hot Rap Songs and Hot R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs charts .

= = Background = =

On July 17 , 2013 , " Fragile " featuring Kendrick Lamar , j Mayday ! and Kendall Morgan was premiered via Complex . Following its premiere the song was made available for purchase with the iTunes pre @-@ order for Something Else , also being released to Amazon.com as the album 's second official single .

The song was inspired by Max Bell , a writer for LA Weekly who referred to Tech N9ne 's Paid Dues performance as " gimmicky and redundant " . He would later thank the writer during an interview , for giving him the inspiration to make the song . The song details each rapper 's disdain for media criticism , as they address the critics and journalists that write about their music . Both artists rap with rapid @-@ fire , aggressive verses , while Wrekonize and Bernz of j Mayday ! and Kendall Morgan both sing the song 's chorus .

= = Writing and production = =

The song 's composition begun after Strange Music label @-@ mate j Mayday ! sent Tech N9ne the song with their and Kendall Morgan 's vocals on it . He said the introspective chorus made him take a moment to reflect on his own rhymes . He detailed himself creating his verse saying ,

" After I wrote my verse , it was my second show in Seattle . We did two shows , because I sold out both shows . There was like 2 @,@ 000 the first night , and another 2 @,@ 000 on the second night . So it was like , ' Whoa , we sold out both shows ! ' I was already tired from the night before , and we already had booked the studio time in Seattle . I went there , and I finished the last four bars of the verse I wrote . I wrote most of the verse ? the first eight bars ? on bus . It was getting closer to the show , and I wrote the last four bars at the studio because , our meet and greets aren ? t an hour anymore . There ? s like 300 people or 400 people , so you ? re there until 6 pm now instead of 3 or 4 . Now we got to go the studio , and I gotta be on stage at 9 pm , so it ? s coming down to the wire I still have to eat and whatnot . But I did it , and after I did it , I ? m like , ' Ooh , the verse is elite . ' "

Following him writing his own verse , Tech N9ne decided he wanted another major rapper on the song after him . He stated , " It was already elite , so I needed somebody who could come after me , and there aren ? t too many who can do it . " After contemplating over which rapper would be featured on the song , even sending the song to Eminem with hopes he would get on the song , Tech N9ne decided to feature American rapper Kendrick Lamar on the song . This song would be Tech N9ne and Lamar 's second collaboration .

The song 's production was created by j Mayday ! , Ralfy " FAFA " Valencia , and Danny " Keys " Perez . The instrumental is based around a brokenhearted guitar and piano @-@ based beat , along with a simple drum pattern for the verses , before escalating with keys and guitar riffs for the hook .

= = Critical reception = =

" Fragile " was met with generally positive reviews from music critics . Arasia Graham of HipHopDX said , " " Fragile " finds Tech N9ne and Kendrick Lamar annihilating a clear @-@ cut beat through their bars with a concise delivery , while expressing disdain for critics . And Kendall Morgan ? s emotive vocals entice the track making it a contender for best on the album . " Steve Jones of USA Today also named it one of the album 's best songs .

Sha Be Allah of The Source called the song " a slow tempo , rimshot driven track blessed with lyrics from arguably the best of the underground and mainstream . " David Jeffries of AllMusic stated , " " Fragile " ups the album artistically with jazz club ambience and the great Kendrick Lamar as guest star . " Jonathan Sawyer of Hypetrak said , the song " is impressive all the way around . From the instrumentation to the hook provided by Morgan and j Mayday ! to the spitfire verses from Tech N9ne and Kendrick , this is easily one of the standouts from N9ne 's forthcoming Something Else album . "

= = Music video = =

On December 3 , 2013 , Tech N9ne shot the music video for " Fragile " with director Anthony Devera . Kendrick Lamar , Bernz and Wrekonize of j Mayday ! and Kendall Morgan were all present in their respective roles . On February 9 , 2014 , the music video was released for " Fragile " . The video features the artists rapping and singing in an abandoned warehouse .

= = Charts = =