

= Talk That Talk ( Rihanna song ) =

" Talk That Talk " is a song recorded by Barbadian singer Rihanna for her 2011 studio album of the same name . It features a rap verse by American rapper Jay @-@ Z , who had previously collaborated with Rihanna on her song " Umbrella " in 2007 and " Run This Town " in 2009 . The song was written by Jay @-@ Z , Ester Dean , Christopher Wallace , Anthony Best , Sean Combs , and Chucky Thompson together with the Norwegian production duo StarGate . Def Jam Recordings serviced the track to urban radio in the United States on January 17 , 2012 , as the third single from Talk That Talk . It was released in France as a CD single on March 26 . " Talk That Talk " is a hip hop song with R & B beats , rough drums and unrefined synths , and has a similar style to Rihanna 's 2010 single " Rude Boy " .

The single received generally positive reviews from critics , who praised its sound and Rihanna 's collaboration with Jay Z. It was nominated for a Grammy Award for Best Rap / Sung Collaboration at the 2013 ceremony . The song appeared on several charts worldwide ; it reached number 31 on the US Billboard Hot 100 , number 25 on the UK Singles Chart , and the top ten in Israel , Norway , and South Korea . It was certified platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) , denoting digital downloads of over one million copies in the US . Rihanna performed " Talk That Talk " on television shows such as The Jonathan Ross Show and Saturday Night Live , and included it on the set lists of the 2013 Diamonds and the 2014 The Monster Tour with Eminem .

= = Background = =

Before her sixth studio album Talk That Talk was released in November 2011 , Rihanna announced on her Twitter account that , apart from the song " We Found Love " with Calvin Harris , the album would have only one other featured artist , although she did not mention the artist 's name . Jay Brown , Rihanna 's manager , explained that they preferred to record independently rather than collaborate with other artists . On November 8 , Rihanna confirmed on Twitter that her mentor , American rapper Jay @-@ Z , would appear as a featured artist on the album 's title track . Brown said that the collaboration " happened organically " .

" Talk That Talk " is the third major collaboration between Rihanna and Jay @-@ Z , who had worked together on " Umbrella " in 2007 and " Run This Town " in 2009 . " Umbrella " was the lead single from Rihanna 's 2007 album Good Girl Gone Bad and topped the charts in more than ten countries , including the US Billboard Hot 100 , on which it spent seven consecutive weeks at number one . " Run This Town " , which also featured rapper Kanye West , was released as the second single from Jay @-@ Z 's 2009 album The Blueprint 3 .

= = Production and release = =

" Talk That Talk " was written by Ester Dean , Jay @-@ Z , StarGate , Anthony Best , Sean Combs , and Chucky Thompson , and produced by StarGate . They had produced Rihanna 's 2010 hit singles " Only Girl ( In the World ) " and " What 's My Name ? " for her fifth album Loud . StarGate told Norwegian website 730.no that it was their first collaboration with Jay @-@ Z and said that they were very satisfied with both the song and each artist 's contribution . " Talk That Talk " was recorded at Roc the Mic Studios and The Jungle City Studios in New York City , Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles , and The Hide Out Studios in London . StarGate , Miles Walker , and Mike Anderson served as the song 's recording engineers . Rihanna 's vocals were recorded by Marcos Tovar and Kuk Harrell , who additionally produced them , while Jordan " DJ Swivel " Young recorded Jay @-@ Z 's verses . Additional recording of the song was done in Sofitel Paris Le Faubourg and Savoy London hotels . " Talk That Talk " was mixed by Phil Tan and assistant Daniela Rivera at Ninja Beat Club Studios in Atlanta . Eriksen and Hermansen recorded the song 's instrumentation , and Tim Blacksmith and Danny D. were assigned as its executive producers .

In December 2011 , Rihanna asked her fans on Twitter to recommend a song from Talk That Talk for release as the third single . On January 10 , 2012 , she announced that the title track was

chosen and also debuted the single 's cover ? a black @-@ and @-@ white image in which Rihanna is dressed in " street punk / rockabilly clothes " and crouches against a wall . According to Jazmine Gray of Vibe magazine , the singer 's has an ambiguous facial expression on the cover . On January 17 , Def Jam Recordings serviced " Talk That Talk " to urban contemporary radio stations in the United States . It also impacted US contemporary hit and rhythmic radios on February 14 . On March 26 , " Talk That Talk " was released in France as a CD single , which contained the album version of the song and the Chuckie Extended Remix of " We Found Love " .

= = Composition and lyrical interpretation = =

" Talk That Talk " has a length of three minutes and twenty @-@ nine seconds . Time magazine 's Claire Suddath characterized it as a lively hip hop track with a pop hook . It features R & B beats , " hard drums " , unrefined synths , and a sample of the song " I Got a Story to Tell " by rapper The Notorious B.I.G . .

Adrian Thrills from the Daily Mail described the song as " slow and sultry " . Similarly , Sam Lansky of MTV Buzzworthy found it sensual and confident , and observed that Rihanna counts when she sings the song 's chorus . IGN 's Chad Grischow wrote that a " fuzzy synth melody " interjects Rihanna 's " sexy plea for pillow talk " , which is complemented by " bling @-@ loving rap from Jay @-@ Z . " Digital Spy 's Robert Copsey felt that its riff is similar to Rihanna 's 2010 single " Rude Boy " .

The song begins with a rap verse performed by Jay Z , whose lines include : " I talk big money , I talk big homes / I sell out arenas , I call that getting dome / Million dollar voice , came through phone / We heading to the top , if you coming , come on " . He raps at a slow pace and incorporates both double entendres and humorous remarks , including a sexual reference that Claire Suddath viewed was an indication of Jay Z 's enjoyment on the song : " [ I ] had it by her bladder , she 's like ' Oh I gotta pee ! ' " . Melissa Maerz from Entertainment Weekly remarked that he " even touts their jet @-@ set lifestyle on the title track , bragging that he can fly out to Pisa / Just to get some pizza . "

= = Critical reception = =

" Talk That Talk " was well received by most music critics . Daily Mirror critic Gavin Martin commented that the song has Rihanna " stealing not just Beyoncé 's bootylicious crown but also her husband Jay Z for a frisky exchange against sibilant drum cracks . " Sputnikmusic 's Steve M. felt that it could be a major hit on radio partly because of Jay Z 's guest rap . Reem Buhazza of The National similarly felt that " Talk That Talk " , along with " You da One " and " Roc Me Out " , is part of " the winning combination of made @-@ for @-@ radio pop sensibility " . David Griffiths from 4Music found the song to be compelling and viewed it as another successful collaboration between Rihanna and Jay @-@ Z . Lansky from MTV Buzzworthy was not surprised that another collaboration between the two was a success . MTV News ' Jocelyn Vena called it " big and hard with just enough brightness " and felt that the song discusses sexual intercourse more appropriately than " Cockiness ( Love It ) " ; in the latter , Rihanna expresses her desire to have sex while singing the lyrics " Suck my cockiness , lick my persuasion " .

Lewis Corner of Digital Spy gave the song four out of five stars and called it an enticing , anthemic club song . In a review of Talk That Talk , Pitchfork Media 's Lindsay Zoladz wrote that it is one of the album 's more lighthearted songs , even though it is not as good as " Umbrella " . Consequence of Sound 's Chris Coplan found Jay Z 's rap unenthusiastic , but said that Rihanna is as emotional and invested in her singing as she was on Saturday Night Live . People magazine 's Chuck Arnold called the song " another moment in the sun . " Julianne Escobedo Shepherd of Spin thought that it is a collaboration that " does not go unnoticed " . On the critical side , Priya Elan of NME wrote that the song is a " gamble that doesn ? t pay off " . The single was nominated for Best Rap / Sung Collaboration at the 2013 Grammy Awards , but lost to " No Church in the Wild " ( 2012 ) by Jay @-@ Z and Kanye West featuring Frank Ocean and The @-@ Dream .

= = Chart performance = =

After the release of the album , the song charted in many countries owing to strong digital sales . It debuted and peaked at number 31 on the US Billboard Hot 100 and sold 73 @, @ 000 digital copies , which was the highest debut on the chart for that week . In the week of February 4 , 2012 , " Talk That Talk " re @-@ entered the chart at number 100 . It reached number 36 in the week of March 24 . The song also appeared on the R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart at number 63 in the issue dated January 28 . It peaked of number 12 and stayed on the chart for 21 weeks . It was ranked number 73 on the Billboard 's year @-@ end R & B / Hip @-@ Hop Songs chart . On the Pop Songs chart , the single debuted and peaked at number 26 in the week of April 7 . It was certified gold by the Recording Industry Association of America ( RIAA ) , denoting digital downloads of 500 @, @ 000 copies in the United States . " Talk That Talk " debuted and peaked at number 30 on the Canadian Hot 100 chart .

In Europe , after the release of the album , the song appeared on ten national charts . In the United Kingdom , it debuted at number 25 on the Singles Chart , and reached number seven on the R & B Chart . The song made a top @-@ ten debut on the Norwegian Singles Chart and charted at number 11 on the Swiss Singles Chart . It also made top @-@ forty appearances in the Republic of Ireland , New Zealand , and Spain , and also entered the top thirty in Scotland , France , and Denmark . After its release as a single , " Talk That Talk " entered the Australian Singles Chart at number 42 and peaked at number 28 on February 19 . It was certified platinum by the Australian Recording Industry Association ( ARIA ) for selling 70 @, @ 000 digital copies . Following the release of the album , the song debuted in South Korea on the Gaon International Chart at number 22 with sales of 14 @, @ 207 digital copies . The following week , it sold 27 @, @ 169 more copies and peaked at number 9 on the chart .

= = Live performances = =

Rihanna first performed " Talk That Talk " on the British talk show The Jonathan Ross Show , which aired on March 3 , 2012 . She performed without Jay Z and was also interviewed . On May 5 , Rihanna performed the song on the American comedy show Saturday Night Live as part of a medley that included the original interlude version of " Birthday Cake " . In her performance , she wore an all @-@ black outfit with a giant spider web as her backdrop . She sung a short section of " Birthday Cake " , which transitioned into " Talk That Talk " , of which the latter was performed in its entirety . Rihanna and Jay Z performed " Talk That Talk " together at the 2012 BBC Radio 1 's Hackney Weekend in London . The performance also featured their previous collaborations " Run This Town " and " Umbrella " . In November , she performed the song on the set list of her 777 Tour , a seven @-@ day long promotional tour that supported the release of her 2012 album Unapologetic . " Talk That Talk " was also included on the set list of her 2013 Diamonds World Tour . Rihanna performed the song on her joint tour with rapper Eminem , titled The Monster Tour in 2014 .

= = Track listing = =

CD single

" Talk That Talk " ( feat . Jay @-@ Z )

" We Found Love " ( Chuckie Extended Remix )

= = Credits and personnel = =

Credits are adapted from the liner notes of Talk That Talk .

Locations

Recorded at Roc the Mic Studios and The Jungle City Studios , New York City , New York ; Westlake Recording Studios , Los Angeles , California ; The Hide Out Studios , London , UK  
Mixed at Ninja Club Studios , Atlanta , Georgia .

Personnel

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