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PORCHTALK

Heard they were watching deals go down without a piece
Of the action that's rightly theirs on deals downtown
Sure enough minority contractors are more than decent

Right, they need attorneys and techs to get some relief
Elected leaders need to reach out with programs
Yeah, they were watching deals go down without a piece

Gentlemen, Katrina tore what they built for sale and lease
Oil company derricks were flying through the rain
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Ladies, the storm of architects also didn't please us
Urbanists pushed porches and postmodernists wouldn't
When emotions subside will they deal these guys a piece?

Unless like before they can't get the public to believe
They're entitled to help without lawyers and techs
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Pray to God Katrina will stimulate a new outreach
To get some small entrepreneurs-based programs
You know they watched deals go down without a piece
Sure enough minority contractors work more than decent

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