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The new album *Unit of Resistance* by **Raz Mesinai's Badawi** is welcome not only because it is Mesinai's first new collection since he started branching into film (*Sorry, Haters*; *Romántico*; the forthcoming *Burning the Future: Coal in America*), but also because the album's guest line-up is the clearest delineator of the how so-called, once-upon "illbient" begat today's so-called "dubstep." In addition to Mesinai himself (also known to record his heavily dub-influenced music as Badawi), there's a mix by DJ Spooky, a key illbient figure. More recent dub-drenched electronic contributors include Kode 9 and DJ/rupture. Up for free download, courtesy of releasing label ROIR, are two very different *Resistance* tracks. "Market Place" is from **Badawi Quintet**; it's a raging piece of

acoustic trance, all roiling drums and searing woodwind ([MP3](#)). Then there's the potent "Knife the Etherics," a gurling mix of industrial mood music by **Filastine**; it's truly expert digital dub, never prone to triggered loops, instead morphing as it moves along, from martial drums to rubbery slithers to dire feedback ([MP3](#)). More info at razmesinai.com.

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