

(Step by step, heart to heart, left right left)

(We all fall down...)

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We all fall down... like toy soldiers

Bit by bit, torn apart, we never win

But the battle wages on for toy soldiers...

I'm supposed to be the soldier

Who never blows his composure

Even though I hold the weight of

The whole world on my shoulders

I am never supposed to show it

My crew ain't supposed to (1)\_\_\_\_\_ it

Even if it means goin' toe to toe

With a Benzino it don't matter

I'd never drag them in battles that

I can handle unless I absolutely have to

I'm supposed to set an example

I need to be the leader

My crew looks for me to guide 'em

If some shit ever just pop off

I'm supposed to be beside 'em

Now Ja said "I tried to squash it,

It was too late to stop it"

There's a certain line

You just don't (2)\_\_\_\_\_ and he crossed it

I heard him say Hailie's name

On a song and I just lost it

It was crazy

This (shit) be way beyond some Jay-z and Nas (shit)



## Fill in the gaps

I feel like we lost it

I spent too (3)\_\_\_\_\_ (4)\_\_\_\_ on it

Honestly I'm exhausted

And I'm so caught in it I almost feel

I'm the one who (5)\_\_\_\_\_ it

This ain't what I'm in hip-hop for

It's not why I got in it

That was never my object for someone to get killed

Why would I wanna destroy something I help build

It wasn't my intentions

My intentions was good

I went through my whole career

Without ever mentionin'...

Now it's just out of respect

For not runnin' my mouth

And talkin' about something

That I knew nothing about

Plus Dre told me stay out

This just wasn't my beef

So I did, I just fell back

## Watched and gritted my teeth

While he's all over TV down talkin' a man

## Who literally saved my life

Like (fuck) it I (6)\_\_\_\_\_ this is business

And this (shit) (7)\_\_\_\_\_ isn't none of my business

But still knowin' (8)\_\_\_\_\_ (shit) (9)\_\_\_\_\_ pop off at any minute cuz

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There used to be a time

When you could just say a rhyme

And wouldn't have to worry about

One of your people dyin'

But now it's elevated

Cuz (11)\_\_\_\_\_ you put someone's kids in it

The (shit) gets escalated

It ain't just words no more is it?

It's a different ball game

Callin' names and you ain't just rappin'

We (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (13)\_\_\_\_ to stop the 50

And Ja beef from happenin'

Me and Dre had sat with him

Kicked it and had a chat

With him and asked him not to start

It he wasn't gonna go after him

Until Ja started yappin' in magazines how we stabbed him

(Fuck) it 50 smash 'em

Mash 'em and let him (14)\_\_\_\_\_ it

Meanwhile my attention is pullin' in other directions

Some receptionist at The Source

Who answers phones at his desk

Has an erection for me

And thinks that I'll be his ressurection

Tries to (15)\_\_\_\_\_ the dust off his mic and make a new record

But now he's (fucked) the game up

Cuz one of the ways I came up

Was through that publication the same one

That made me famous



Now the owner of it has got a grudge against me for nothin' Well (fuck) it, that (motherfucker) can get it too (Fuck) him then But I'm so busy being pissed off I don't stop to think That we just inherited 50's beef with Murder Inc. And he's inherited mine Which is fine ain't like either of us mind We still (16)\_\_\_\_\_ soldiers that's on the front line That's willing to die for us as soon as we give the orders Never to extort us, strictly to show they support us We'll maybe shout 'em out in a rap or up in a chorus To show them we love 'em back And let 'em (17)\_\_\_\_\_ how important it is To have Runyan Avenue, soldiers up in our corners Their loyalty to us is worth (18)\_\_\_\_\_ than any award is But I ain't tryna (19)\_\_\_\_\_ (20)\_\_\_\_\_ of my (21)\_\_\_\_\_ hurt and murdered It ain't (22)\_\_\_\_\_ it I can't (23)\_\_\_\_\_ of a (24)\_\_\_\_\_ way to word it Then to (25)\_\_\_\_\_ say that I love ya'll too much To see the verdict I'll walk away from it all (26)\_\_\_\_\_ I let it go any further But don't get it twisted, it's not a plea that I'm coppin' I'm just willin' to be the (27)\_\_\_\_\_ man If ya'll can quit poppin' off at your jaws with the knockin' Cuz frankly I'm sick of talkin' I'm not gonna let (28) \_\_\_\_\_ else's coffin Rest on my conscience cuz Step by step, heart to heart, left right left We all fall down... like toy soldiers



Fill in the gaps

But the battle wages on for toy soldiers



- 1. know
- 2. cross
- 3. much
- 4. energy
- 5. caused
- 6. understand
- 7. just
- 8. this
- 9. could
- 10. never
- 11. once
- 12. actually
- 13. tried
- 14. have
- 15. blow
- 16. have
- 17. know
- 18. more
- 19. have
- 20. none
- 21. people
- 22. worth
- 23. think
- 24. perfecter
- 25. just
- 26. before
- 27. bigger
- 28. someone
- 29. never

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