

Eminem

"Like Toy Soldiers"

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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 ain't never 'sposed to show it, my crew ain't supposed
to know it
Even if it means goin' toe to toe with the Benzino

It don't matter I'd never drag 'em in battles that I can
handle
'Less 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 does pop off, I'm supposed to be
beside 'em

That Ja shit, I tried to squash it, it was too late to stop it
There's a certain line you just don't cross and he
crossed it
I heard him say Hailie's name on a song and I just lost
it
It was crazy, the shit went way beyond some Jay-Z and
Nas shit

And even though the battle is won I feel like we lost it
I spent so much energy on it, honestly I'm exhausted
And I'm so caught in it, I almost feel I'm the one who
caused 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 want to destroy somethin' I helped build?
It wasn't my intentions, my intentions were good
I went through my whole career without ever mentionin'

And that was just out of respect, for not runnin' my
mouth
And talkin' about somethin' that I knew nothin' 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, now I'm talkin' a man
Who literally saved my life, like fuck it I understand
This is business and this shit just isn't none of my
business
I'm still knowin' this shit could pop off at any minute,
because

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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, 'cause once 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, you call names and you ain't
just rappin'

We actually tried 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 he stabbed
him

Fuck him, 50 smash him, mash him and let him have it
Meanwhile my attention's pulled in another direction
Some receptionist at The Source who answers phones
at his desk
Has an erection for me and thinks that I'll be his
resurrection
Tries to blow the dust off his mic and make a new
record

But now he's fucked the game up, cause 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 could get it too, fuck
him then

But I'm so busy bein' 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 have soldiers that's on the front line

That's willin' to die for us as soon as we give the orders
Never to extort us, strictly to show they support us
And maybe shout 'em out in a rap or up in the chorus
To show them we love 'em back and let 'em know how
important it is
To have Runyon Avenue soldiers up in our corners

Their loyalty to us is worth more than any award is
But I ain't tryin' to have none of people hurt or
murdered
It ain't worth it, I can't think of a perfecter way to word it
Than to just say that I love y'all too much to see the
verdict

I'll walk away from it all, 'fore 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 bigger man if y'all can quit
poppin'
Off at your jaws well then I can, 'cause frankly I'm sick
of talkin'
I'm not gonna let someone else's coffin rest on my
conscience 'cause

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