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In the schemes
And fall apart in the seam
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And it's the fortunate one,
Who dies

New York, we ready!

He move from LAS to SoHo (ho)
A few blocks
For those who don't know (oh)
Down the hall
Punched a hole in the wall
Bounced out, all are in control
Certified son of a gun
Learns life lesson 101
Don't fly too high
On your own supply
Get burnt by the sun

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He was NY's talk of the town
Heard out to the LI sound (okay)
He started dating models
And he figured it out
He used to be a nice guy,
Then he cut that sh!t out
Qualified sex machine
No better than a vowed fiend
She wanted a ride
To the upper east side
But he dropped
Her ass off in queens

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That boy
Would play his guitar
Like he was ready for war
(You ready, K?)
(It's your man Nas here)

And then he'd lift up His voice to the Sky (Take it straight Through New York City)

Yo, okay, my city, my town, my crown Michael Bloomberg, forget what you heard I'm thought of highly, shopping Louie, Gianni Christian LaCrosse shades, what can a boss say? City, bus, the subway, cab, the runway Ski masks and gun play my past at a young age The illest city on the planet Towers came down, Wall Street barely standing We Crook Brothers, opposite of Brook Brothers My footsteps of Scatman Crothers It's just generations of style To get five luminous minutes with me Interviews on how I flip sixty-twos This isn't my style, I spit what I'm living right now I'm out on the town, gold bars shutting it down Bottles stacked from the floor to the ceiling Then it's a loud fool, Fifty-third street, right near the Hilton I'm fighting the feeling I had When I was lighting up buildings Now I'm writing for millions of listeners Critics who just don't get it They try dissing us, New York full of kings and queens, All the rest just mimic us

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