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RAP-ROCK (EPIC)



Rage Against the Machine's recent spate of reunion shows may or may not ever lead to a studio

comeback. For now, fans who miss that band can find a passable substitute in this superduo's debut, featuring funk-metal riffs from Rage guitarist Tom Morello and radical rhymes from rapper Boots Riley (of Bay Area firebrands the Coup). Yet while Morello's and Riley's styles suit each other well, their acclaimed résumés are ultimately just a reminder that both men have done more memorable work elsewhere. If only the music this Social Club made were as revolutionary as its members' politics. **B-** —*Simon Vozick-Levinson*

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