



## 2. TOY SOLDIERS





*I knew someday  
you'd find my work.*

*My secret lifetime--  
kept hidden for all  
too long.*



CHRIS KRISTOPHER, JR.

*I only ever wished it'd someday  
bring you understanding.*

*A fuller idea of why I was rarely  
with you, even though I desired  
nothing more.*



THE LEOPARD

*How in the end, everywhere I ever  
traveled, every adventure ever taken,  
every battle ever fought...*

*...it was all for you,  
my dear children.*

*Because you deserved  
something more.*



KALLIYAN PHY



*You deserved a better world  
than the one we built.*



*You deserved a life all your  
own, with a destiny only you  
could write.*

*But truth be told,  
as your father, I  
know I failed.*



*Just please understand  
my intent.*

*As while it kept me at a distance, it  
was rooted in what I hold most dear.  
That more than anything...*

*...I love you.*







WILL THIS BE ALL, SIR?



CHRISTOPHER?



ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL?