



**Heavyweight Dub Champion:
Rise of the Champion Nation
(Massive Music)**

San Francisco's Heavyweight Dub Champion collective's second impenetrable barricade of apocalyptic hip-hop dubtronica is largely uneventful. The deafening sequel to *Survival Guide for the End of Time* may feature ill collaborations from the legendary KRS One, Killah Priest, A.P.O.S.T.L.E., MC Azeem, Dr. Israel, and producer Totter Todd, but this ritualistic concept album rumbles without a true heartbeat. The internal struggle of the conceptual protagonist (the "Warrior") may be inventive but mislays its hooks.

(www.championnation.net)

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