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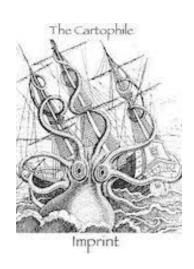
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Skullcrushing Hummingbird

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fig.2

First Exposure / Carl Lillvik

In November 1953, I was a just turned 14-year-old farm boy in my first year in high school when Bill Haley and the Comets appeared a year or two before they became famous. Sitting in the high school auditorium listening to them play "Rock Around the Clock" was a confusing experience. I had never heard music like that. My experience with live band music was an accordion, trumpet, and sometimes drums that were played at the Nordic dances our family attended.

While everyone was clapping, screaming and some of the girls danced in the aisles, I sat trying to catch and understand the words over the rhythm. I was used to listening to Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and late at night Country and Western music on WWVA from Wheeling West Virginia on AM radio. It took most of the performance to adjust to the words but the rhythm had me moving in my seat. Later, when the movie Blackboard Jungle came out, I knew I had heard the theme song before but didn't connect it to Bill Haley and that day in the auditorium until years later.

That connection also brought back a memory that after Bill Haley's concert a boy in the senior class was allowed to have his band play some sort of version of "Rock and Roll" to the same crowded auditorium. The only thing I remember of that appearance is the name of the band "Marijuana Ed and the Five Dopes". I didn't know about marijuana then. For that band to be allowed to play – I don't think the faculty in that small South Jersey town knew what it was either.



fig.3

A Brief Rebuttal to the Absurd Contention That Rock and Roll is Dead / Kerr Mahnke

if at any time you find yourself wondering if you are alive or dead

is rock and roll alive or dead and you find yourself

listening to something that makes you wish it would never end

and that it could end right now you may be listening to rock and roll

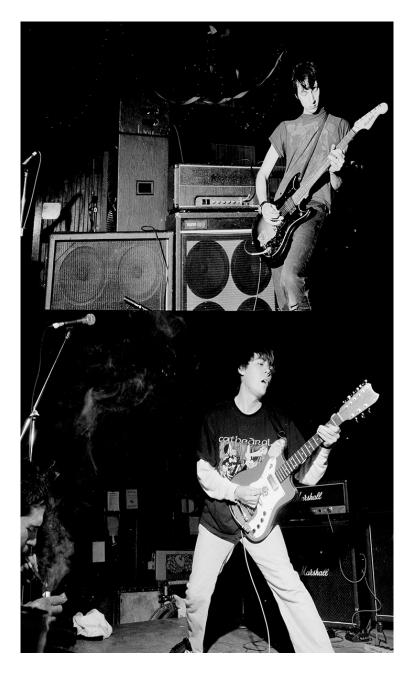


fig.4 - The Champs. Reed College. 1997.

Shake. Hip. Memphis. / Kevin Stack

This drives her nuts, this calling him "Oldvis".

And she loves him, my aunt, loves Elvis.

As they do, when they are of a certain age

and from Nashville, as she is.

I say Fat Elvis / Skinny Elvis, which is Big Boys.

I say Memphis, which is Byrne in this usage.

(See "Cities", Fear of Music, Talking Heads, Sire Records, 1979).

I Elvis one more time [here].

I tell you about my aunt, but with like a life thing [here],

so you know I'm poeming.

I say Hip.

Then again one more time I Elvis [here].

but with like a lyric to show I know the rules.

I dox my aunt again [here] but with the view from my duration, not hers, which is Bergson.

I say Shake.

[Here] I refrain "Oldvis", to get it to the top of your inbox,

which is for lightness, which is Calvino,

which, for those of you about to rock, is a salute, from we to you,

which is Young, Young and Johnston.

Shake, Memphis.

Hip, Memphis.

Shake. Hip. Memphis.

Shake. Shake. Shake.

Memphis, Hip, Shake,

[Here] I exhale The Cult Electric.

Which is Astbury/Duffy.

A Brief Introduction to The Cramps / Gentleman Bandit

The Godparents of American Goth are famous all over again thanks to Wednesday — do you know the score?

I haven't watched Wednesday, because I haven't flown much this year, and it's the sort of show I might watch on a long plane ride. I hear that cute camera girl from X did a dance to "Goo Goo Muck" and the youngsters have thereby discovered The Cramps. This is excellent news. The Cramps are just what the world needs right now.

Lux Interior (vocals and best name in Punk) and Poison Ivy (guitar) are the two defining figures of The Cramps. Feast your eyes upon them:

They met when Lux picked Ivy up hitchhiking on a California highway. They rapidly got married, moved to Akron, and started playing together in 1972. They played around locally without achieving any kind of success, eventually moving to New York City in 1975 and forming The Cramps just as the music called Punk was coming together in venues like CBGB and Max's Kansas City. It was them, The Ramones, Blondie, Talking Heads, Television, The Dead Boys, and so on — The Cramps were veterans compared to most of those kids, but they fit right in.



fig.5. Lux and Ivy

Early Punks were about equally inspired by their immediate predecessors in the avant garde (Velvet Underground, Stooges, David Bowie, Suzy Quatro) and the roots of rock and roll from the 1950s. Lux and Ivy, hardcore record collectors, were obsessed with the darker turn that Rockabilly took around the end of that decade — underground figures like Hasil Adkins and Link Wray who donned the leather jackets and greasy pompadours when the mainstream youth culture was moving on to new things, and garage bands like The Trashmen and The Groupies who took that outlaw sound further into the realms of distortion and chaos. This music had its heyday a mere 10 years prior to The Cramps formation, but that decade saw the simple three-chord grooves of the 1950s give way to Sqt Pepper's. The Mamas and the Papas, Pink Floyd, and Hippiedom as a whole. The Cramps didn't go for all that. They liked it tough, crazy, sexy, and evil — "Psychobilly," as they and their legion of imitators called themselves.

"Goo Goo Muck," for example, was first written and performed by a nearly-unknown band called Ronnie Cook and The Gaylads. The Cramps strip out the saxophone lead, leaving Ivy to pick it in her signature overdriven and reverb-drenched style over the backing chords of Kid Congo Powers and the tight danceable drums of Mr. Nick Knox. Up front, Lux Interior (often seen in beat up old suits, bondage gear, or naked save for a pair of women's panties and a biker jacket) conveys a sense of menace and degeneracy that was (by all accounts) authentic. You could tell me Lux Interior did anything — rape, murder, cannibalism — and I wouldn't be the least bit shocked. Still, he was a sweetheart by all accounts.

"We really are different from most folks," Lux told Yahoo News in 1997. "We've had a hard life... I've been in jail for selling dangerous drugs. I've taken every drug in the book. I've been in all kinds of trouble. My best friends in school are all in jail or dead now. One of my best friends was one of the guys who shot those people at Kent State. He would've shot anybody for any reason. He also dropped a cement block off of an expressway onto a car one time and almost killed someone. His best friend, who I hung around sometimes, blinded a guy — he took his thumbs and pushed this guy's eyeballs in. These were the hoodlums that I knew."

Despite their impeccable proto-punk pedigree in New York, The Cramps are mostly associated with Los Angeles (where they relocated in 1980 for the release of their first LP, Songs the Lord Taught Us and stayed for good). I hit that Hollywood rock scene right around '91 ("The Year Punk Broke," they called it), and Ivy and Lux were subterranean royalty who haunted the clubs alongside Billy Idol and Rozz Williams, not rich enough to remain aloof yet too famous to make friends. They both looked fabulous at all times. We worshipped them in their demonic junkie glamor, and they drank it up. They were The Cramps.

The Cramps hit their peak early, in my opinion. For whatever combination of reasons, they didn't release their first singles until 1977; and finally got around to a full-length LP in 1980. All my favorite Cramps songs come from the 70s — "Human Fly," "She Said," "TV Set", "I Can't Hardly Stand It" — and by their third studio LP (A Date With Elvis, 1984) the band began a gradual musical diminishment, opposed by a rise into outlaw rock stardom and international touring which continued until Interior's death in 2009. They never stopped touring or releasing good records, and their live shows were legendary all the way to the end.



fig.6 Beti

If you want an introduction to the greatness of The Cramps—the unique and masterful territory they occupied at the peak of their powers—I would direct you toward the 1984 compilation album Bad Music for Bad People. It's like a Greatest Hits album from '77-'81, except they didn't have any hits. I heard it for the first time when I was maybe 13 or 14, discovering Punk all at once in the late 80s just before Alternative Radio Rock blew up. I'm listening to it now, in fact, as I write this article; and I still get all worked up when I hear Ivy and Knox lay down the ominous intro for "Human Fly"—there's nothing like it.

I saw some kid on Twitter, who had never heard of The Cramps until he saw whatever episode of Wednesday that was. He said it was a corny novelty song like "Monster Mash" and he didn't get what the fuss was about. Everyone's entitled to their opinion, of course, but you should appreciate that you're going to sound like an idiot saying some shit like that to anyone who understand who The Cramps were. Starting their career in '75 means they predate Siouxsie, Bauhaus, Joy Division, The Cure, or anyone else you might think of as the first Goth band (though it should be noted that a band called Suicide was already doing their thing in New York, and their influence on The Cramps is unmistakable). Lux Interior (like an expensive car, you know?) is part of a chain of inspiration from Jim Morrison and Iggy Pop to Nick Cave and Trent Reznor, and from there to millions of young art-damaged junkies fronting bands and getting into fistfights in sleazy nightclubs the world over. whole Pulp Fiction soundtrack. There is no end in sight to the profound influence of The Cramps on the long running train of Rock.

Poison Ivy's still out there, but she keeps to herself. There won't be any more of The Cramps. I wish I could be those young Wednesday fans, hearing them for the first time again.

Lizard 92 / HL Milne

Their metal stripping off bones with bristles as she dropped
Her mind bones body bones former bones
Your spinning ancient brittle lengths new soft malliable pushable palates
She lay on the floor lay and lay and laughed and lay they were aghast
He watched hungry with his true self out slapping it across faces
Other bones righted her to vertical
I don't remember anything else



fig.7

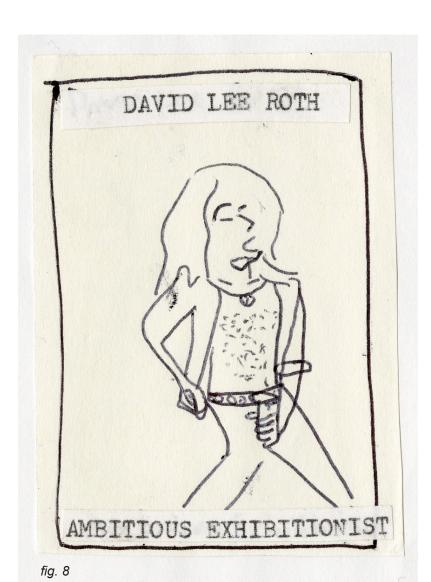




fig.9 The Bugs

On Songwriting

All the sailors sing it in their sleep But the delicate soap bubble of melody Is punctured by linear thought.

fig.10

somewhere a song / Michael Walsh

everyday communique goes into the fireplace half-opened mail crumbled into a future ball of flame

somewhere a song was lost in the hurry-up shuffle to get it down in the transition from almost brilliant back to the ground right here

a blurred future's ballet entwined with another time where what seems to be is not this everyday eternity



fig.11 Toody Cole. 2023

10 Lps I remember the exact moment I first heard them and they blew my mind.

The Who - The Kids Are Alright Soundtrack - Older kids' garage at end of street. The Who became my first favorite band. This includes the Rolling Stones Rock and Roll Circus version of A Quick One (While He's Away) . It took me 20 years before I saw the video of the performance. 1984.

Butthole Surfers - Rembrandt Pussyhorse - Read about Buttholes in Thrasher magazine and rode my bike to Seaview Square Mall's Record World at which I would later be an employee. It remains a top 5 album and "Whirling Hall of Knives" still makes me levitate. 1986.

Bob Dylan - The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan - Chris S. drove me to school and we'd drive 15 minutes out of the way on backroads across frozen ponds. On certain stoney days the harmonica in Girl From North Country seemed to last forever as it panned back and forth through the side door speakers via the Alpine Tape Deck of his Honda Civic. 1989.

Beastie Boys - Check Your Head - Freshman year at Emerson College bought this on release day at Tower Records around the corner on Mass Ave. This echoed up and down Beacon street for weeks. "This is the first song from our new album!" 1991.

Sebadoh - III - Sammy introduced this classic soon after it was released. "It's the bassist from Dinosaur Jr." This was way more than that. 3 bands in one and encompassing all the moods and more. Pretty, scary, angry, stoney, brilliant. 1992.

Slint - Spiderland - First summer back home in Jersey from College in Boston. Friend in HS threw this on as we were waiting for a party to start. I'm sure I asked a half dozen times who it was. 1992.

Big Star - Third - Spigs busted into a fungal apartment party and threw this on. I was out of sorts in another room and heard the Velvet's "Femme Fatale" sung in French drifting in. Needed it. 1993.

The Modern Lovers - s/t - Sitting at Dot's Cafe with Skoz. Every song blew me away. He's like "how did you go to school in Boston and not know this?" I even used to walk through the Fenway with my heart in my hand. 1996

Devo - Are We Not Men? - I dropped by Kirk's house to say hello, he wasn't there but Coma was. We'd only met once before. He's like "want to listen to the greatest album of all time?" 1997

Guided By Voices - Bee Thousand/Alien Lanes - Tink loaned me a cassette with both albums. It didn't leave the tape deck for a year. Kicker of Elves. 1998

Bonus 7" single: Dead Moon - Dagger Moon - This was on a jukebox at Kirk's that someone won on The Price Is Right. Slayed me. 1997 (see fig. 11)

Paladin's Derringer / Scott Tienken

Treatise: HipHop Solutions to Science's Mysteries

Proof: Paladin's Derringer

Operators: Double Knot, Little Giant, Soft Serv

West Point preppin with the Back East Pineys
Barrens for the Baron, heppin' wit both of the Plineys—
the elder, the younger, copaseptic (1) like medals be shiny
reppin, rappin, rockin Willy Words, Marky Gold, & the raddest cosines, g
stoic, stylin, this dandy's tomes be crazy pilin,
when not lock steppin, Grand Thought plantin splinters in his heinie,
the liblab (2), the con-serv-ah-twa (3), the militaristic spins on deus ex
machiney (4)

COSMIC INTERLUDE:

then transported. . .then transported, . .then transported, our juny (5) bon vivant be oh so uncivilly war deported (SAMPLE: a ballet teacher giving instruction 'and thus. . .and one. . .and two. . .')

THEN BACK IN POCKET WITH ORIGINAL BEAT OF CHOICE or POSSIBLY A FASTER BEAT TO CONVEY HECTIC WAR SCENE)

but kapowww (6) a little big bang logjam, these new digs be the death dock,

bang-bang, the juny dandy sprayin shrapnel like juny trent flailing those legs amok,

four pointer, the west pointer gotta reconnoiter, this american war be a stone age crock,

slam-bam, catchin flak, trenchin with bumpkins, tolerating nonsense like boom chockalock (7)

damn, pone and taters, again, makes a cultured man itchy-triggy-fingy on his new age flintlock,

what a damn sham, dying shame, since self evident logics dont sum for fool dredders (8) of .58s cocked



fig.12 Sir Richard Bishop as Alice Cooper

COSMIC INTERLUDE:

then transported. . .then transported. . .about to be consorted. . .

(SAMPLE: 'Ring it Up' (9))

THEN BACK IN POCKET TO ORIGINAL BEAT THAT GETS PROGRES-SIVELY SLOWER)

rink a dink a doo, the marks give the wheel a twirl,

but not Palladin, oh no, the fast gun heavy bar slung, sipping on second rate sasparill(a)

killing time, smugly, in this last chance berg when he'd rather be brandied up and fondlin' the finest of espadrilles,

in frisky frisco, ooo, just look at that craftmanship, hey boy, her girl, he'd snap, a sip or two of that siskiyou whiskey'll do for me and the mademoiselle

lord save me, that organ grinder, the player piano, this bartop aerialist's derring do,

that's right, painfully transported back to the dusty barren, plotting the get got about to go down in this two bit saloon,

the derringer, a juny revolver (10), snug in his derriere pocket, not a .58 but a chrome and lead polished thirty nine plus two

this Boone, not Daniel, this essence enacted by Richard, chuckling bout the sawbuck finder's fee he sported to his stringer back in frisky frisky deux

'you're gonna get me killed one day,' hrumphing to that pigeon de stool, all in all, id rather be quotin archimedes, flirtin up the ladies swashbuck style, not riding four days to a saloon,

still, gimme this west, the lateral to north and south, where the only reconstruction im down with is Emmental into a fondu so, barman, a grain, a scruple, a dram or just ounce'll do, lil sumpin to canoodle with this poodle afore doodling double dipsy mon tres jolly chou.

until later, the last course, debutante on either arm, platonic, pfft, dont be fooled (SAMPLE: Paladin's long, deeply self-satisfied laugh) still intending mucho harm, a flash flood back in his suite, liminy tamma-

still intending mucho harm, a flash flood back in his suite, jiminy tammany, hey you?!

that knockin that knockin transported back to his catnap room above the saloon,

then some cannon, an outer law to his out, bumrushin bushwhackin down paladin's door, boom-boom,

too soon, too soon, quickie tricky fingy too late the derryerringer holstered while his chest starts to drool,

so there the warrior dandy bleedin, wish he was back at West Point, or, better still, back in frisky frisco tuckin in some bourgignon du boeuf (11), pontificating to a poodle, his pocket jingle jangle with mad gold dubloons, showgirl on either arm, intending mucho harm, pluckin those frilly knickers like a banjo out of tune,

but oh no, hey boy, hey girl, thus our farce must end, such be the fate of renaissance lads, this we must conclude

- 1 sic this Operation's term, also punnable with standard 'sick'
- 2 both a library and Madlib shout out
- 3 ampin snooty bad french accent of conservatoire
- 4 deus ex machina pronounced like Deuce X. McChiney
- 5 junior
- 6 a particularly wild and guttural Brian 'Wheels' Wheeler (former longtime voice for the Portland Trailblazers) sample here, aka Wheelerism
- 7 Wheelerism
- 8 Dred Scott reference, unlike Wheelerisms, is not, what is classically considered an anachronism, though given this Treatise's discovery of the Fifth Dimension, anachronism is a moot concept
- 9 Wheelerism
- 10 shorthand for derringer in his derriere pocket
- 11 the french to be mispronounced as 'boof'



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Drums
Space
The collective sigh
After re-birthing

fig.13

Not a Ba(n)d Name / Michael Walsh

Trichotomy

Α

Bass

Drum

Voice

Thing

Not

A Tracheotomy

Α

Bass

Drum

Whole ecology

Of something

Awesome

Drug

Drum

Broken

Theology

In between

Invisible lines

A period

Again a

Period

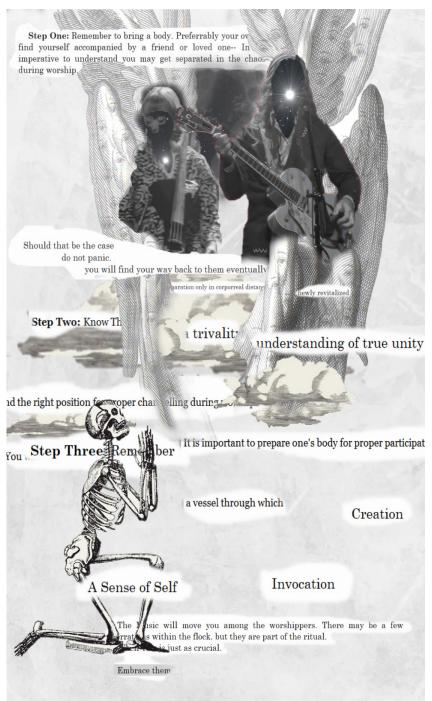


fig.14

Loud Enough / Molly Toth

I was never cool and I always felt like I was trying too hard but I loved hardcore. I would scrape together all the money I had to drive to Pittsburgh or Cleveland for shows in basements, on back porches, in bars. I looked older than I was so at 17 I could get in with no problem, could even buy beer if I wore makeup. I would drive back home on fumes, covered in bruises, booze, sweat, vomit — my own, others'.

Nothing was ever loud enough for me. Nothing was fast enough. Nothing hurt enough. I'd launch all 90 pounds of my body into raging circles of men flailing with their fists clenched and I'd feel positively electric. I'd gleefully submit myself to the churn, the crush of bodies and the vibration of bass. I was never more embodied than in those moments, my body both fully my own and fully beyond my control.

I was the French Club president and the yearbook editor and I could not explain the bruises when I showed up to school on Mondays. I could not possibly make anyone understand what it meant for me to plant my feet and let the tide of bodies break against me, to be subsumed. I could never explain what it meant to let my body feel something, finally. To say, "do your worst" in humid, dark rooms full of swinging limbs and surging bodies, knowing this communion of skin and sweat was the only kindness I could show myself, the tinnitus and dull aches tethering me to the earth.

Trumans Water 2003 Tour Diary Excerpt / Kevin Branstetter

June/Aalborg

The stoniest night of the tour. Hooked up with a lot of folks we partied with last tour. These Danish sure know how to party. For about three hours there was a constant barrage of joints to the point where it was really hard not to have two joints in yr hand. Seriously. I finished by turning green and sitting in a chair for a couple hours. I held off the urge to puke and rode it out. Miraculously I felt pretty good when I woke up the next day. I dunno why...

June Oslo

Willie and Julio are braggin about all the girls they bagged while we sit next to a group of about thirty mentally challenged scandinavians on the ferry from Fredrikshavn to Larvik. It's pretty damn windy out there. I see a tanker in the distance with foam spewing over the deck. We seem to be stable though...

Tiger shirt man is keepin it real, walkin to and fro assuring himself that his sea legs are well attached. The quiet voiced yelling man is quite a kick as well. I tried to bust out my MD recorder to get a good cross section of the gentle loonies but somehow there's no charge left after charging it up last night... Something is rotten in the state of Denmark (and it ain't just the cow dung). It makes me wax nostalgic for the old days in Missouri, farmin, drinkin, losin fingers...

I'm starting to heal up a bit. All my gouges are beginning to itch at the same time. I wish I had an aloe plant handy. I got some chocolate milk....

The shows are getting a bit calmer since we got up north. We're also getting a bit stonier... But, at the same time it's fun to concentrate on playing well. That's something I never do. I always try to play as well as I can while being all over the place. After almost thirty shows I can do pretty much anything I want on the guitar. I just changed my strings last night for the second time this tour. I should done it earlier. I like hearing what I'm doing right now. Sometimes I don't really care. Only three more shows. Then back to Paris.

The swells are getting larger, and some asshole worker just woke up Kirk and Kevin who were sleeping with their heads under a couple chairs. God the swells are big, God the Norwegians are tight asses. Gee, the extra-planar-attentive entities are entertaining. Fuck, this onboard cover band sucks. I guess that's being redundant though using "cover band" and "sucks" in the same sentence. Boy, are we haggard looking. Funny thing is we all took showers and shaved yesterday. Well, I didn't shave yesterday but I did a couple days ago. But I'm a slow-mo face hair grower. The point being that for how clean we are we look like shit. Usually, we're a lot dirtier.



fig.15 Trumans Water



fig.16 Trumans Water and Unknown Dancer

What the hell kind of cruise to geriatric paradise is this? All there are are geezers and mentally challenged folks on this boat... (Scandy-femmes keep well over the decades... Can't say as much for the menfolk.) Not surprising though for how much the fucking crossing costs. They really gouge ya good.

Headed to the land of forbidden expenditure. We can't spend shit in Norway it's so damn expensive. Time to tighten our belts and put on our super sniffers for free grub and booze. Every drop counts up here...

I'm bored. I just wanna spend some moola on some overpriced snack foods. Damn my life of consumerist brainwashing. Maybe I'll just sit back and think about products I'd like to purchase... AHH!!! No. outer body experience, outer body experience. The one other time I did it sober it was from extreme boredom and not a little fatigue... I flew around a mall in El Cajon for about five minutes till my girlfriend at the time pulled me back in by shoving a skirt in front of my empty shell for approval. She shook me a little and my joyous endeavor was cut short. Maybe it was for the best. I don't think I would have ever come back at that point in my life if I didn't have anyone to pull me back. Although if I pulled it off now, I could see not bothering to come back. Who needs this bunk mortal coil. It makes me think back to the mentally challenged folks around me. Doesn't anybody realize that they are the only sane ones around. They're doing what comes naturally while the rest of us are milling around fretting and complaining and stressing about what will happen next; what we're supposed to do. Fucking trained seals, are we. Sure, I'm glossing over the concept but, Jesus, the only reason mentally challenged people have problems is because all of us idiots are trying to pull them into our reality and make them react the way we do. See the world as we do, it's the only way to see it. This reality is becoming very tedious....

Talked with Kenneth. He was pretty funny. We smoked a bunch of joints and drank a fifth of Johnny Walker along with his brother and his buddy Stylar. Stylar was the most interesting. He's a philosopher. He had real thoughts of his own. We saw the Stacy Branstetter look alike again (our long dead cousin, R.I.P.). It was unsettling. It took about four pints of beer before I was able to talk to her at all. We just kept smiling at each other.



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The Song I Etched into My Ankle / Sam Mallery

I think it was 1990. One of my friends had heard that to make "jail-house" tattoos, you just needed a sewing needle, and something called India Ink. We all had access to sewing needles, then one of us acquired India Ink, and soon we all had tattoos. Shaky, misshapen, dot-based tattoos.

Joe's "Sonic Life" tattoo on his left arm was first. While it was obviously crooked, it truly did resemble the ballpoint-pen doodle art from his Sonic Youth shirt. This early success provided an illogical air of confidence among the rest of us. After some moments of consideration, my friend Tom—who later in life would complete medical school, become a doctor, decide he hated it, quit, enroll in classes to become an auto mechanic, bail on that, and then finally land a full-time job in the pro shop of a bowling alley—decided to write FUGAZI down his right calf.

The F and U were big, bold letters, but the G, A, Z, and I got progressively smaller and smaller. This was not intentional typographical flair, but rather decided upon in the moment because sticking yourself with a sewing needle hundreds of times fucking Hurts.

I also wanted a music tattoo but decided to take a symbolic route. One of the only things I could reliably draw was crescent moons with faces. Instead of putting my art in public view like Joe's arm or Tom's leg, I would hide it on my ankle below the sock line. I sat on my mother's living-room floor and slowly pecked a tattoo onto my body.

There was meaning behind my moon. A song by 7 Seconds had the following lyrics, and I liked them: "...let the moon be your guide." So that was it. In life, I would choose to always follow my heart, by following the moon. There's an implied corollary there, right? Three decades later I asked myself, "Hey, what's the name of the song you symbolically tattooed to your foot?" I didn't know. Suddenly I had a mission.

I knew the song was from the late 80's when the band transitioned from being one of the most anthemic hardcore acts of all time to being something that sounded like U2. I started listening to their albums from that era.

Every song that came on sounded like the singer, Kevin, was about to belt out my moon lyric, but it never happened. I got eight tracks into the album Soulforce Revolution before remembering the song I liked was from an EP. I hit Stop. The heavily gated snare drum rested for a beat.

Some quick sleuthing allowed me to pinpoint an EP titled Praise as the likely home of my foot song. Looking at the cover art rang more bells. I found it online and listened. Toward the end of the second song Kevin sang something that sounded like "...let the moon be your guide," but wasn't. Did I mishear these words so long ago? Has the symbolic meaning of my tattoo, my one instruction for how to navigate life, my soulforce revolution, has it all been baseless? Was my tattoo not rock 'n' roll at all?

I suffered for a few minutes, but thankfully the next song, called You Live & Die for Freedom/Siren, put my worry to rest. This was the song I have on my foot. In it, Kevin sings, "...the moon can always be your guide." I think.

As I sit here today, often overwhelmed with the feeling that I have yet to earnestly begin my life's true work, I wonder if my old pal Tom, somewhere out there keenly advising others on bowling equipment, has done a better job of following his moon than I. That's okay, though. It's my foot. It's still up to me where to put it.

Walking Around the Edge of Lake Monona with the Ghost of Otis Redding (Madison, Wisconsin - December 1988) / Frank Spignese

You know I tried to do a Dylan song? True story.

Must have been '64 or '65. It was in LA

after a gig and Bobby and his guitar player came backstage.

They were all wired and excited about this new song he'd written.

Bobby gave me Just Like a Woman to make as a record.

I didn't do it. Mind you, I dig his work like mad

and that song was mean and sad

and Cropper was all excited to play on it.

We took it into the studio but it just didn't click.

I couldn't hit the bridge.

All that shit about amphetamines and pearls.

Now what the fuck do I know about amphetamines and pearls?

But I dug that part about little girls breaking.

Looks like the lake might ice over early this year.

I like to watch the kids when they skate and play hockey.

There was a father and son out here ice fishing last early December.

It was almost the anniversary if I remember.

The father and son sang some songs together.

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine.

They sang it again and again waiting for the fish to bite their lines.

They packed up and went home just before the sun went down.

The father said to the son that they couldn't be late for dinner and I watched them walk off into the night wishing I could go with them.



fig.18 Frank Spignese reads from SkullHum Issue One in Tokyo.

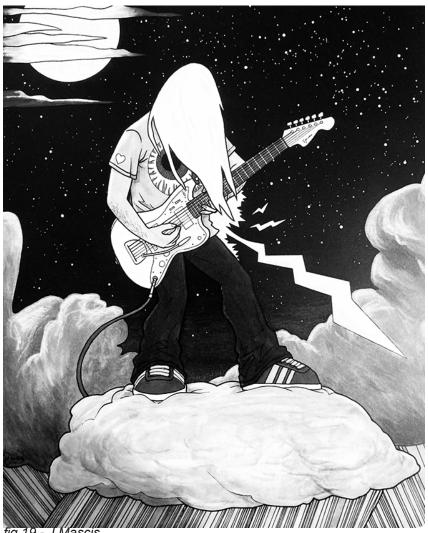


fig.19 - J Mascis

Thanks for checking out Issue Two of **Skullcrushing Hummingbird - The Zine**. I plan on this being the first of many music themed issues.

I turn fifty in a couple of months and I'm a little bummed it took me this long to put together an International Arts and Lit zine featuring the work of friends and acquaintances. Assembling the words and images into something cohesive really scratches a mental itch. I love it.

Thanks to everyone who contributed, both those who were in the first issue (SkullHum family forever) and those who hopped on board with this one (like my dad, whose piece inspired two separate Marijuana Ed and The Five Dopes artworks. This was a story I'd heard growing up but it's nice to get the big picture. I didn't realize Marijuana Ed & co. were students, I always thought it was a touring band and I could never find anything about them on the internet! I think something magical happened when my dad saw those rock shows in 1953 that seeped into my DNA.) - LWL

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