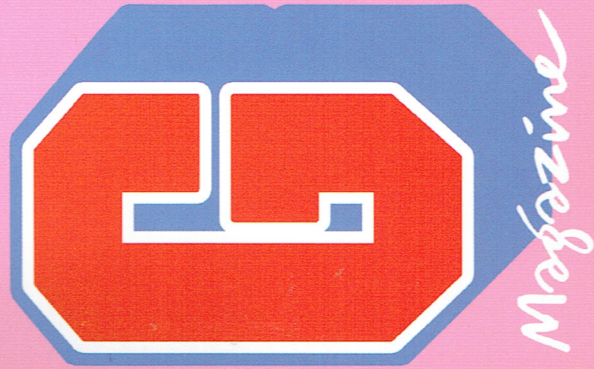


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## Stop the press, Gorillaz fans!

Stop the press, Gorillaz fans! Print is officially no longer dead, 'cos Murdoc Niccals is an editor now, as well as a modern day Mozart and sex idol. Is there any end to this man's talents, you're thinking? (Editor's note: no.) It's great being the editor. If I wanna go full caps I GO FULL CAPS. **BOLD AND UNDERLINED? NO FUCKING PROBLEM.** WINGDINGS? ♣️🔪👁️👁️👁️. (Editor's note: use sparingly) 2D wanted to get involved in editing the mag too, so I've entrusted him with the Tipp-Ex, a vital tool of the print trade. And told him to use it to paint my new conservatory.

Anyway, welcome to my little magazine; equal parts *Melody Maker* and *Reader's Digest*, with a soupçon of *GQ*. Warning: to avoid disappointment before you turn to my nude centrefold poster, I'm afraid management **YET AGAIN** (Editor's note: good use of bold) decided to censor the old crown jewels. They were concerned it would frighten people, and that's despite the fact it was unseasonably cold that day. Anyway, talking of celebrity junk, there's loads more waiting for you inside. Gorillaz goes to the pub with a bloke called Jamie Hewlett, Russel gets possessive about possession, Noodle goes crate-digging, and 2D talks an absolute load of bollocks about synthesisers, 'cos we ran out of time to commission anything better.

So, it just leaves me to quote Stephen King: "To write is human; to edit is divine." My thoughts exactly, Stephen. I'm a fucking god. Laterz, Humanz! Oh, and ✨🔪👁️👁️👁️!

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# GORILLAZ A-Z OF 2017

2D, Murdoc, Noodle, and Russel recount their memories of what seemed like the most fucked up year in human history.

## A - America

If *Humanz* was a movie (and it fucking should be) then the set would be America, 'cos it's well on course to becoming a dystopian sci-fi nightmare under the thumb of that psychotic, mop-headed super-villain. I'd be the hero, naturally, Noodle the face-breaking sidekick, Russel the muscle, and 2D would sweep up after the fight scenes. **Murdoc**

## C - Chicago

*Humanz* - cut that record and it bleeds Chicago, know what I mean? Peven, Tone, Tusha T, Jamie Principle - imagine all those dudes in a warehouse, one night only. End of days, man. That's the album right there. **Russel**

## B - Brexit

I was recently marooned on an island cut off from the rest of the world, and it was really lonely. When you only have yourself to talk to, you start to go mad and eat your socks. I would hate that to happen to the British public. **2D**

## D - Demon Days

Out on the very edge of this world (Margate) we built a portal to a new place, where dark was light and light was dark. There was also candy floss. And a roller coaster. **Noodle**

## G - G Foot

It's not easy being a muse for a clothing line. You can't buy style, but you can buy G FOOT! So buy G Foot. **Noodle**

## H - Humanz

An epoch-shifting record, and a new phase for Gorillaz sonically, as well as for the human race. For better or worse, we're all sleep-walking into the big black hole. Fuck knows how it ends, but we might as well make something beautiful out of it. **Murdoc**

## F - Fucked Up

The whole world feels like this at the moment. Humanity has lost its way, like a drunk man trying to ride a Segway to Margate without Google maps. That's a metaphor, and also what happened to Murdoc on the way to Demon Dayz. **2D**

## I - IT the Clown

I've been involved in a drive by shooting, possessed by demons, harpooned off the Japanese coast, and once I walked in on Murdoc having a shower, but let me tell you... That film *IT*? That's the scariest shit I've ever seen. **Russel**

## J - Japan

I FINALLY agreed to come home this year. It was okay. Beheaded a demon, meditated in Aokigahara AND headlined Fuji Rock. **Noodle**

## K - Krumping

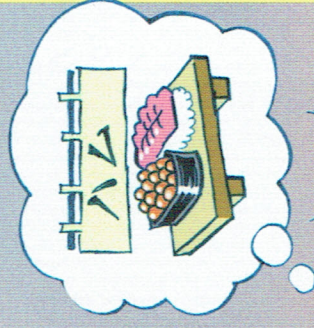
Big year for the Krump (yeah, that's a K, not a T). Where I grew up we had a saying: "Don't run before you can krump." In my hood we start krumping in diapers. There's a nice image for y'all, lil' Russ shaking his powdered baby booty. **Aww.Russel**

## L - Liz Dawn

RIP Liz Dawn, better known as Vera Duckworth in *Coronation Street*. She was on telly for 34 years. That's even longer than *Bagpuss*. **2D**

## M - Maazu

Like a demogorgon, but before they were cool. Maazu was a shapeshifting hell demon whose head I removed. We now use his skull in the living room as an ashtray. **Noodle**



## N NottingHill Carnival

I love how you can just be your true self at Carnival. Even if your true self is a seven-foot angel made of peacock feathers and papier mache.<sup>2D</sup>

## O Occult

I strongly believe in the power of the waning crescent moon. A good time to meditate or simply perform a new hex.<sup>Noodle</sup>

## P Pickle

Do you lick a pickle a day?<sup>Murdoc</sup>

## Q – Queues

At every stop on the Humanz World Tour, so many Humanz!<sup>Noodle</sup>

## R Revolution

It's in the air. We all smell it. That mix of hope and despair, and I don't just mean Murdoc's aftershave. Things gotta change, gotta shake themselves up. We got the power!<sup>Russel</sup>

## S Spirits House

Murdoc made us crash a house party in Detroit. He said it was the party to end all parties, but I disagree as there weren't even any balloon animals. Just unfriendly demons and interplanetary wormholes. At least there was free Popcaan.<sup>2D</sup>

## W – Worlds

Let's face it, this one is doomed. So, I'm planning on moving to Kepler-452b, earth's big old cousin.<sup>Noodle</sup>

## T – Twats

I believe 2017 was The Year Of The Twat. Too many to name here, but you know who they are.<sup>Murdoc</sup>

## U – Uber

I've been doing Uber driving at nights since Murdoc cut my allowance. Unfortunately, I haven't had any customers yet. Apparently there's an app that makes the whole process a lot easier, but I prefer the old school way.<sup>2D</sup>

## X – X Rated

The original video for 'Saturnz Barz'. It first came out with my dragon swinging freely, but management feared it might break the internet and spark a global economic meltdown, like in **Mr Robot**. So, the cowards pixelated it.<sup>Murdoc</sup>

## Y – Year of the Fire Rooster

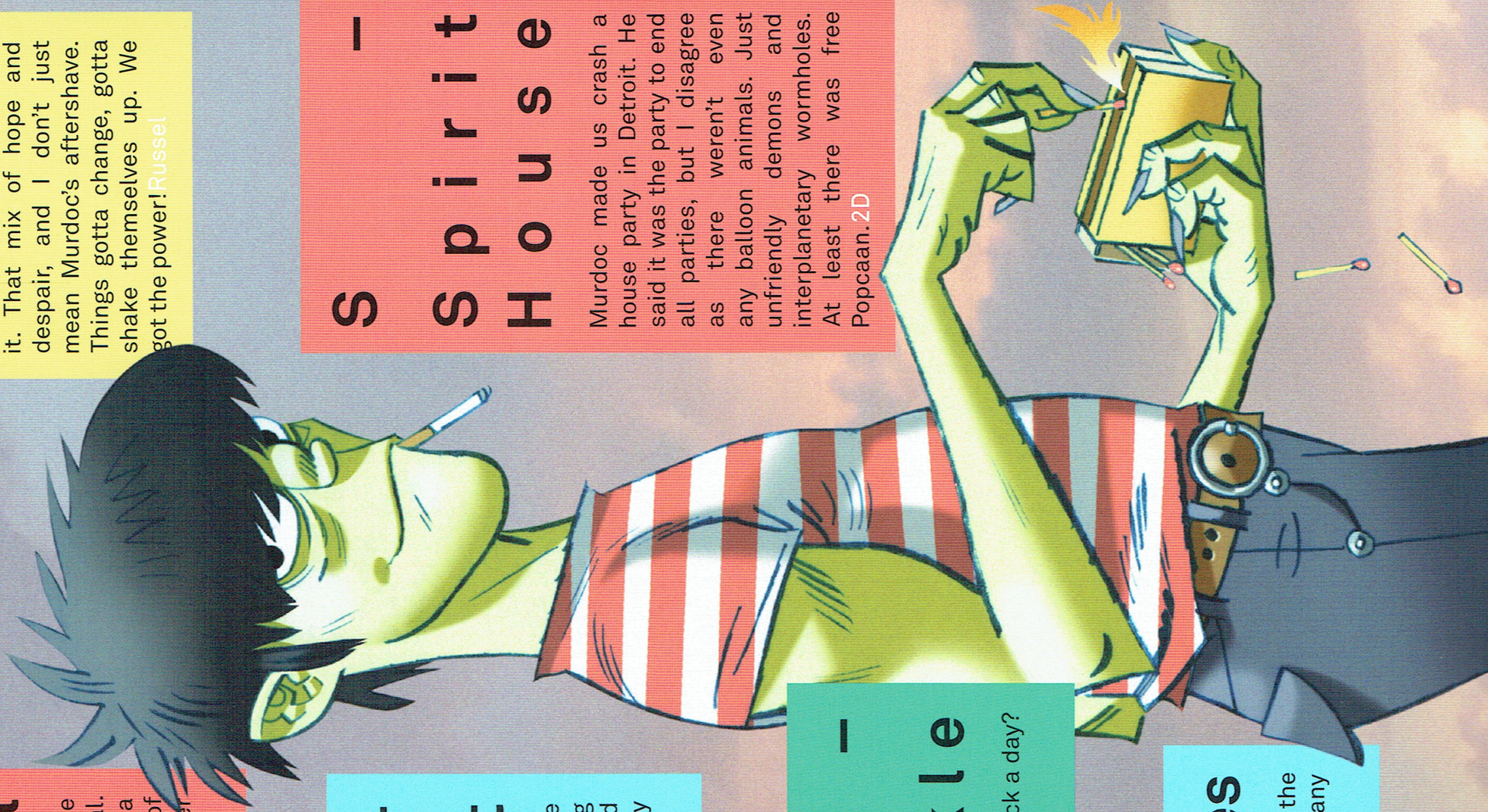
Babies born in 2017 are roosters, which means they will be attention-seeking, natural leaders, and courageous. It also means they will wake you up really early in the morning by crowing, and that if you eat them, they taste best in a South-ern-fried coating.<sup>Noodle</sup>

## Z Zombies

They're everywhere, man. The living dead, mindless ghouls stumbling around without a freakin' shred of autonomy left. Put your smartphones down and smell the roses, people. 'Cos they ain't fresh!<sup>Russel</sup>

## V Vince Staples

"Sky's falling baby drop that ass 'fore it crash" – that's the mantra for 2017 right there, folks, courtesy of my man, Vince Staples. Believe.<sup>Russel</sup>



# SPOTTED!

The best looks from the pathways and pedestrianised areas of Greater London.



**Eric**  
28, Fisherman

**What are you listening to?**  
I love the new Gorillaz album, *Humanz*. It's a total masterpiece.

**What are you wearing?**  
My jacket is from G Foot, a wonderful new clothing line from Gorillaz. My bottoms are just weather resistant slacks I wear to work. I'm a fisherman, you see.

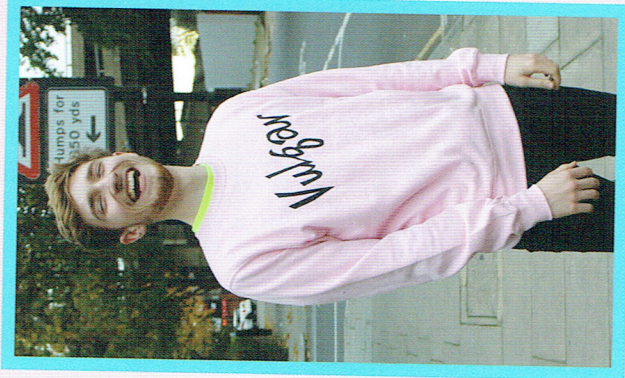
**What's good about your life?**  
I fish for pleasure, not for money, so every day feels like a blessing.

**Lisa**  
23, Bucket Maker

**What are you listening to?**  
I can't stop listening to 'Garage Palace' by British band Gorillaz, featuring Little Simz. It's a real toe-tapper.

**What are you wearing?**  
G Foot... If you don't know what that is, you're not trying hard enough.

**What's good about your life?**  
I get a lot of pride and satisfaction from the buckets I make for people, but I think the best thing right now is that song I mentioned, 'Garage Palace'. Honestly, you gotta hear it dude.

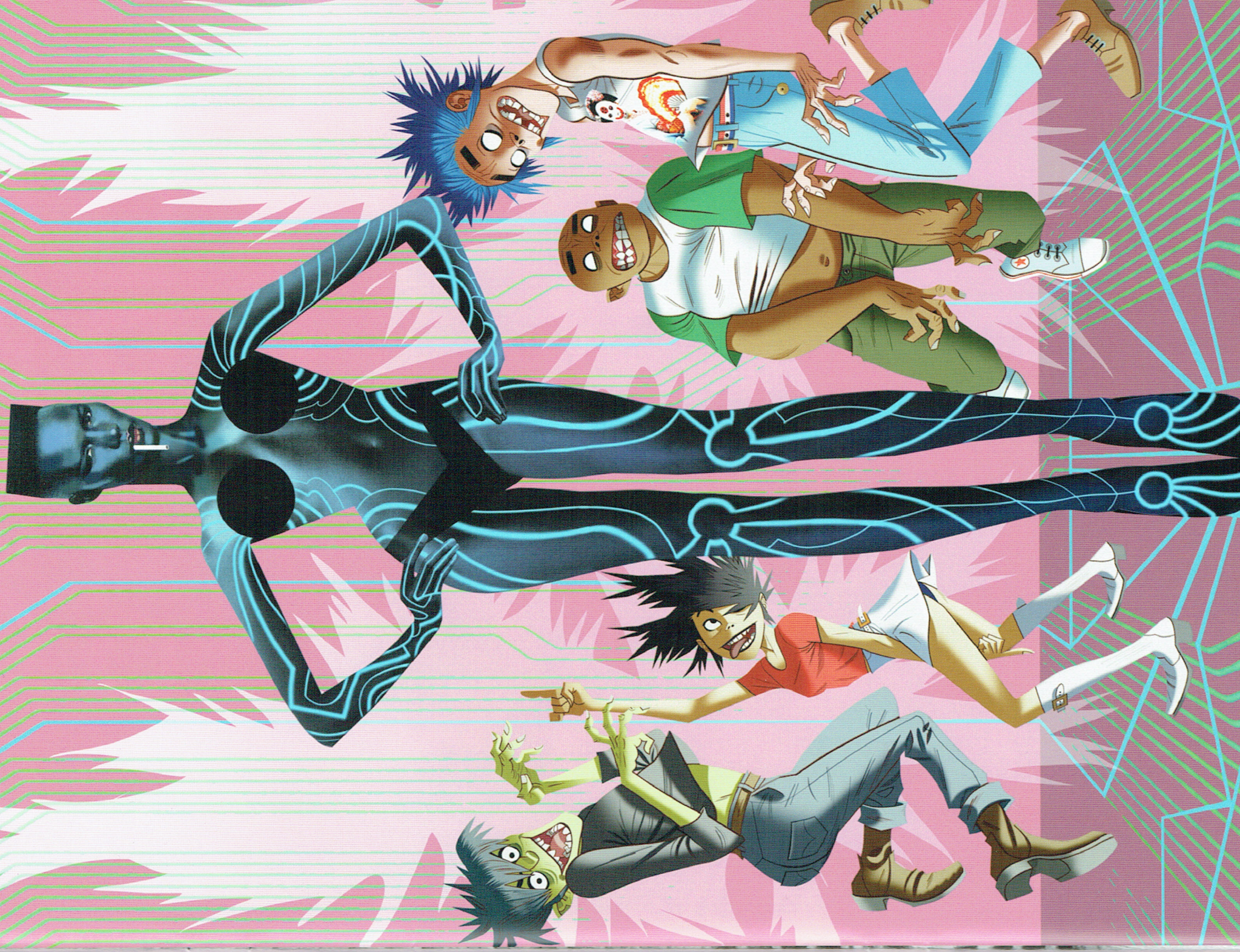


**Derek**  
30, Freelance Funeral Director

**What are you listening to?**  
I spend most of my days listening to requiems and hymns, but in my chill time I like to kick back and stick on *Humanz* by UK band, Gorillaz. Heard of them?

**What are you wearing?**  
This old thing? Oh it's just your classic pink ringspun cotton crew neck sweatshirt from eu.gfoot-store.store/uk.

**What's good about your life?**  
Despite working in the industry of death, I'm a pretty happy guy who's always laughing. Especially today, my mate just got us tickets to see Gorillaz at The O2 in London on December 4th!



# MURDOOC'S GUIDE TO LOVE

The self-titled "sexiest being in the solar system" on dating and relationships.

**Hello Murdoch. Tell us, how would you describe your love life?**

Like primordial soup. Prehistoric and full of bacteria, and yet ready to evolve into something more complex. Yeah, that's right, Murdoch Niccals is changing. Transitioning. Not surgically. Emotionally. Much like the human race right now. The old me sank into the magma like Arnie at the end of *Terminator*. And now, Murdoch 2.0 is rising like *Kindergarten Cop* Arnie. More respectful, more romantic. Still a formidable lover, of course. But now with a massively enlarged heart, too. Partly as a result of coronary artery disease, but mostly due to an increased capacity for love.

**What is the most romantic thing you've ever seen?**

The X-rays of my shattered body after my pummelling from Kelly. I had them framed. They say love hurts — well, I was in traction for twelve weeks, every movement pure agony. What could be more romantic than that?

**Have you ever been dumped?**

How fucking dare you.

**What is the perfect chat up line?**

My top secret blend of coke, Icelandic snuff, and Guatemalan coffee grounds. Hoover up a line of that and you'll chat up anything. I once spent an hour at a party charming the pants off a European bird called ARSTID. Turned out to be one of those IKEA floor lamps. Embarrassing, really. Particularly as she's towards the bottom end of their lighting range. At least if she was a KLABB'd have had something to boast about after.

**Is it hard to date when you're famous?**

Famous? I'm not famous, mate. Chris Packham is famous. I'm a living fucking legend. An immortal. I stand outside time. The rest of humanity are like tiny little birds perching dumbly on the shoulder of my statue. A statue cast in glittering bronze — my chiselled features fixed for all of time — with an epitaph that says, "Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!" Well, that's my Tinder profile, anyway. Then I end it with "I like to love and laugh, let's have an adventure together!" That last bit might be a bit clichéd, as I'm not getting a lot of hits.

**Can you remember your first kiss?**

Kelly O'Driscoll, on a school trip to Tipton silage plant. What a woman, total knockout. Literally. She clocked me square on the sternum with a full haymaker. The kicks to the body then sealed the deal. You never forget the first girl that broke your heart. Nor the first girl that broke your pelvis, and four vertebrae. She went on to compete in Britain's Strongest Women. Still holds the record for the truck pull.

**"Had a fling with this really powerful Russian woman for a while, ex-KGB. She loved to surprise me: trip wires, armed ambushes, LEDs."**

**Where does the perfect date take place?**

For me, a quarry. Had some lovely afternoons with Kelly at the slate pit back in Stoke-on-Trent. Used to take some cherry bakewells and a thermos of cider, and just sit on the edge, watching the JCBs hauling gravel. Quite the aphrodisiac, too, all that dirt and hydraulics. You could say the earth moved. Well, course it did — it's a fucking quarry.

