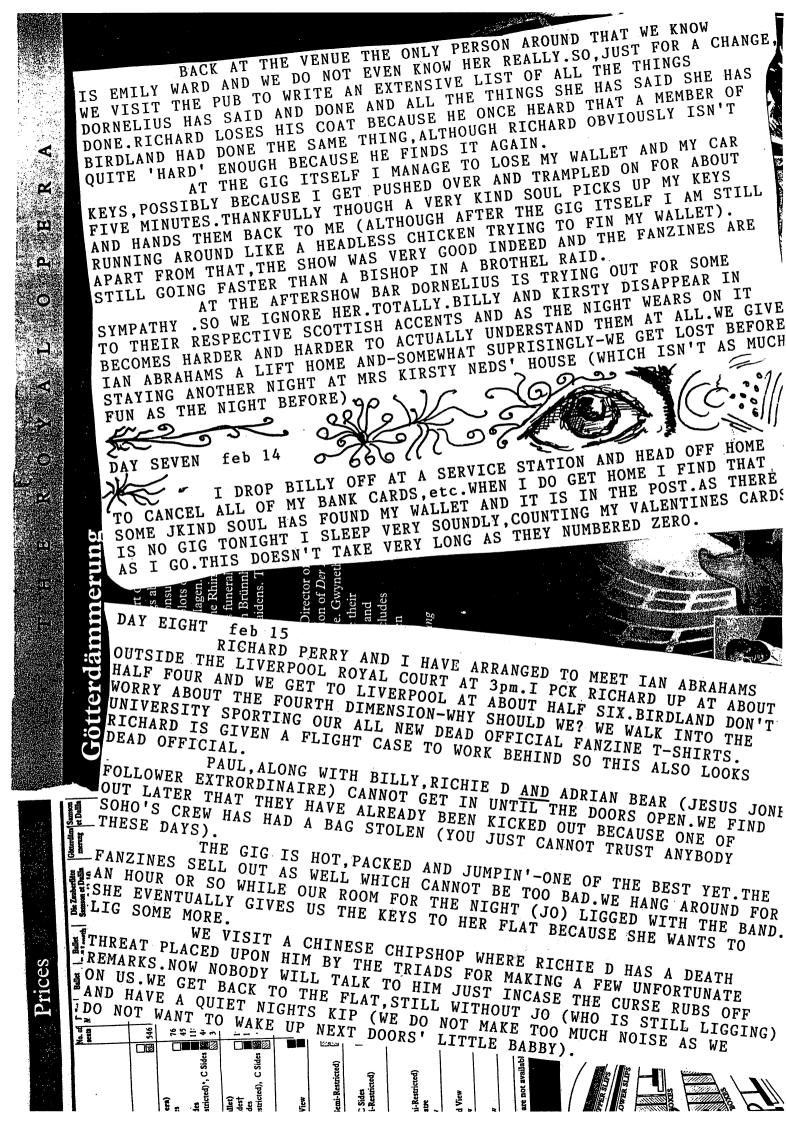


THE FAB FRUITY FUN TOUR DAY ONE by PLANK the BRAVE Whoom -- SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO? TWO INCHES OF SNOW AND THE COUNTRY COMES TO A COMPLETE STANDSTILL.SOD IT I'LL GO.I DRIVE UP TO MACHESTER TO MEET UP WITH PAUL(WHO IS ANOTHER FOLLOWER) AND SO IT'S OFF TO DUBLIN VIA HOLYHEAD, THE FERRY AND RICHARD PERRY'S HOUSE (WHO IS THE AFFLUENT OWNER OF THIS ILLUSTRIOUS MAGAZINE). BY THE WAY, WE DO NOT SEE ANY SNOW AT ALL. THE FERRY IS NICE AND WARM AND THREE HOURS LATER WE DO NOT WANT TO GET OFF. THIS IS MAINLY BECAUSE IT IS 7 IN THE MORNING AND WE HAVE HAD ABOUT AN HOURS SLEEP. WE NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTICALLY JUMP ON A TRAIN INTO DUBLIN WHERE THE SEARCH FOR FOOD BEGINS. AN HOUR LATER AND WE ARE SCOFFING A NICE FRIED BREAKFAST AND DECIDING TO STAY AWHILE LONGER AS IT IS SO COLD OUTSIDE. EVENTUALLY WE GO AND LOOK FOR THE VENUE. NOW, DUBLIN IS A SUPRISINGLY SMALL CITY BUT IT STILL TAKES AN HOUR TO FIND THE PLACE WHICH TURNS OUT TO BE A FREEZING COLD BARN. WE ARE THERE EARLY ENOUGH TO FIND THE ROADCREW STILL SOUNDLY ASLEEP IN THEIR NICE WARM TOUR BUS. WE, ON THE OTHER HAND, ARE COLD AND BORED AND SO TO TRY AND COUNTER BOTH OF THESEE EFFECTS WE OPEN A BOTTLE OF SOUTHERN COMFORT. THE ROADIES WAKE UP AND SEEM FAIRLY SUPRISED TO SEE US.GIMPO, THE TOUR MANAGER, IS SPORTING A VERY NICE BALACLAVA INDEED AND WE MANAGE TO SCROUNGE A CUP OF TEA EACH. WE THEN SIT IN A CORNER, OUT OF HARMS WAY, TO TRY AND RELAX WHILE ALL AROUND US IS A HIVE OF ACTIVITY RICHARD, BY THIS TIME, IS DRUNK ENOUGH TO TRY AND APOLOGISE TO GIMPO FOR PAST MISDEMEANORS. PAUL AND I REALISE THAT THIS IS NOT SUCH A GOOD IDEA AND SO WE LEAVE HIM TO IT. WE PAY A VISIT TO THE PUB AND A BURGER BAR AND ARE BACK IN TIME FOR THE SOUNDCHECK. PRETTY SOON IT IS TIME TO SELL SOME FANZINES AND SEE OUR FIRST GIG OF THE TOUR. THE HALL IS ABOUT HALF FULL AND WE NOTICE THAT ONLY TWO PEOPLE ARE DANCING TO THE SUPPORT BAND-SOHO-NAMELY RICHARD AND MYSELF. THE JONES GO DOWN QUITE WELL CONSIDERING THAT THEY HAVEN'T PLAYED IN EIRE BEFORE AND THAT NOT TOO MANY HAVE HEARD ALOT OF THEIR STUFF. I MANAGE TO FIND AN OLD FRIEND, CHRISTINA, WHO, AFTER A LITTLE BEGGING FROM US, OFFERS TO PUT US UP FOR THE NIGHT. HOWEVER, WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR US TO GO WE REALISE THAT WE CANNOT ALL FIT IN HER CAR, SO WE DECIDE TO LOOK FOR SOMEWHERE ELSE TO STAY. THE BAND ARE UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO PUT US UP AND NO-ONE ELSE SEEMS TO BE TOO WILLING EITHER (PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY ARE ALL 14 YEARS OLD). JUST AS WE ARE DECIDING THAT IT IS GOING TO BE COLD OUTSIDE AND THAT WE COULD WELL DIE OF EXPOSURE CHRISTINA SHOWS UP AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH ROOM IN HER CAR. SO THEN IT'S OFF TO HER HOUSE TO HAVE A VERY NICE SLEEP, A VERY NICE BREAKFAST AND A VERY NICE LIFT TO THE FERRY. WHICH WE MISSED. SO IT'S ONCE AGAIN BACK TO THE HOUSE, THIS TIME TO READ THE SUNDAY PAPERS, WATCH THE SUNDAY TELEVISION AND BE TREATED TO A VERY NICE SUNDAY LUNCH WITH LASHINGS OF ALCOHOL. WE THE & DO ALL THE USUAL ROCK'N'ROLL THINGS-PAUL WATCHES THE FOOTBALL WHILE WE WHERE BASICALLY VERY ROCK'N'ROLL INDEED. WE ARE NOT QUITE ROCK'N'ROLL ENOUGH TO MISS THE FERRY THIS TIME THOUGH BUT I BET BIRDLAND WOULD BE IMPRESSED. WE FINALLY MAKE IT BACK HOME IN THE SMALL HOURS OF THE NIGHT TO CONTENTEDLY FALL FAST ASIERD

WEVER, NOT EXACTLY RAVE CITY SO AFTER AN ATTEMPT ECK OUT CONGLETON WHICH IS RICHARD PARTICULARLY VIOLENT KEBAB WE SET OFF FOR LEEDS POLYTECHNIC. WE RRIVE JUST IN TIME FOR THE SOUNDCHECK NO OTHER FOLLOWERS ARE AROUND APART FROM ME AND RICHARD) BUT THE BAR IS OPEN AND SO AFTER INVEST-GATING THAT WE ATTEMPT TO FIND MY COUSIN'S AND HOPEFULLY GET A GATING THAT WE ATTEMPT TO FIND MY COUSIN S AND HOTEFULLI GET M. ARIOUS TO STAY FOR THE NIGHT. WE GET A LITTLE BIT OF HELP FROM VARIOUS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CALLY CHILDREN, FOREIGNERS AND AN OLD OLD GIT (WHO HAS LIVED THERE FOR SIXTY YEARS BUT STILL GETS THE DIRECTIONS WRONG) AND EVENTUALLY WE FIND HER PLACE. AS SHE IS SO PLEASED TO SEE US SHE INVITES US IN A LITTLE WHILE LATER AND I AM STANDING OUTSIDE THE VENUE TRYING TO SELL A FEW FANZINES WHEN A TIRED LOOKING PAUL TURNS UP WITH SOME OLD FRIENDS IN TOW WHO WE HAVEN'T SEEN SINCE LAST OCTOBER FOR A BIT OF CRUMPET. OR EVEN MAY RICHIE DALY, DORNELIUS, PAUL'S FRIEND PAUL ARE HERE, THEN DARTH "BILLY" MILKSHAKE, KATE AND ANDY TURN UP AND SO IT IS RATHER LIKE A FAMILY REUNION. THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME TO CHAT HOWEVER AS THE JONES COME ON STAGE TO A PACKED GIG AND PERFORM A JOLLY GOOD SHOW. AFTER SELLING QUITE AFEW FANZINES WE SAY OUR GOODBYES-PAUL, RICHIE D, DORNELIUS AND PAUL GO HOME, BILLY STAYS THE NIGHT WITH KATE AND ANDY WHILE RICHARD AND I TRUNDLE OFF TO MY COUSIN'S. WE HEAD OFF TO THE CENTRE OF LEEDS TO PICK UP BILLY.WE MANAGE TO FIND HIM AT APPROXIMATLEY 12.13pm AND SO WE HEAD OFF TO DAY FIVE 1 feb 12 owel BIRMINGHAM VIA CONGLETON WHERE WE SPEND A COUPLE OF HOURS PUTTING SOME MORE FANZINES TOGETHER BECAUSE THE ARE SELLING LIKE HOTCAKES. WE ARRIVE AT THE INSTITUTE LATE (AFTER THE SOUNDCHECK AT ANY RATE) AND WE SPEND THE NEXT FIFTEEN MINUTES TRYING TO GET IN ONCE WE MANAGE THAT WE FIND LOU ALL BY HERSELF (AHH!) PRETTY SOON IN WALKS NIKKI (THE GREEN BEAN SEX GODDESS) AND MRS KIRSTY NED. WE SIT AROUND TALKING ABOUT OLD TIMES, PASSING AROUND THE SOUTHERN COMFORT UNTIL IT IS TIME TO DO OUR HAIR WHILE THE GIRLS GO TO THE Schwa Serra ne Tearc PAUL TURNS UP LATE AGAIN AND IT IS TIME TO GROOVE TO THE JONES ON AN INCREDIBLY SMALL DANCEFLOOR WHEREUPON ALAN BASS-THANG, BECOMES A ROCK LEGEND BY LEAPING ONTO THE P.A. TO STRUT HIS STUFF A THOUSAND LITTLE GIRLIES WET THEMSELVES OVER SUCH AN ORGASMIC aproni A VERY SHORT DRIVE LATER (OR SO IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN HAD I NOT MISSED THE CORRECT JUNCTION. THREE TIMES.) AND WE ARE IN WOLVERHAMPTON, HOME OF MRS KIRSTY NED. IT IS THEN THAT WE DISCOVER AN UNKNOWN PERSON HAS JOINED OUR COMPANY HE IS, OF COURSE, MR TRAINEE PRETENTIOUS ROCK JOURNO!!AND WE ARE ALL STUNNED BY HIS IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF MUSIC, HIS SENSE OF HUMOUR AND HIS SENSITIVITY. THE NEXT THREE HOURS PASS BY VERY QUICKLY, ALL THANX TO DORNELIUS (WHO WASN'T ACTUALLY THERE IN PERSON BUT IN SPIRIT) DAYASIX feb 13 WE WAKE UP EARLY-ISH AND HAVE THE STAPLE BREAKFAST OF TEA-AND TOAST. WE SAY GOODBYE TO THE TRAINEE PRETENTIOUS ROCK JOURNO, SLAG OFF DORNELIUS SOME MORE AND WATCH SESAME STREET AND NEIGHBOURS ALL THE KIDS HAD A WHIP ROUND FOR MIKE AND BOUGHT HIM A MOTORCYCLE COVER). WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR THE DAY BILLY, RICHARD AND I DECIDE O VISIT STOURBRIDGE TO TRY AND SPOT ANYBODY REMOTELY FAMOUS. THERE SN'T.SO WE HEAD BACK TO THE INSTITUTE



I DROP BILLY OFF AT ANOTHER SERVICE STATION AND I, WITH ADRIAN FOR COMPANY, BOMB IT UP TO BONNIE SCOTLAND. WE CATCH UP WITH PAUL, RICHARD AND RICHIE D AT SOUTHWAITE SERVICE STATION WHERE WE ALL PAY AN EXTORTIONATE AMOUNT FOR AN ABYSMAL PORTION OF CHIPS, ALL THAT IS, EXCEPT FOR ADRIAN WHO HAS MORE SENSE. I QUICKLY WRITE A THANK-YOU LETTER TO THE GIRL WHO FOUND MY WALLET BEFORE HEADING OFF TO GLASGOW TO FIND THE GIG. PAUL IS IN THE LEAD CAR WHILE THE MILKFLOAT FOLLOWS PAUL GETS US TOTALLY LOST FOR AN HOUR OR SO-HE EVEN TRIES GOING AROUND IN A CICLE FASTER AND FASTER TRYING TO BUILD UP ENOUGH SPEED TO FLY OFF AT A TANGENT IN THE HOPE OF PSSIBLY GOING THE RIGHT WAY.NOT KNOWING WHAT THE VENUE IS CALLED DOESN'T HELP A LOT EITHER. HOWEVER ADRIAN AND MYSELF SAVE THE DAY AND GET US THERE NIMER MIDHARD.

ONCE AGAIN WE WALK IN ACTING LIKE WE OWN THE PLACE AND NO-ONE KICKS US OUT, ALTHOUGH THE GIG COME DADE TROOPICAL TUROAT TO NU-UNE KICKS US OUT, ALTHOUGH THE GIG COMES QUITE CLOSE TO BEING PULLED BECAUSE MIKE EDWARDS CATCHES SOME RARE TROPICAL THROAT DISEASE PULLED BECAUSE MIKE EDWARDS CATCHES SOME RISE SEEMS TO MAKE HP FOR AS I AM DRIVING I STAY SOBER BUT EVERYONE ELSE SEEMS TO MAKE UP FOR THAT RICHIE D, NOT CONTENT WITH UPSETTING THE CHINESE MAFIA, TRIES TO PICK A FIGHT WITH THE WHOLE SCOTTISH POPULATION ("FANZINES A WE DRIVE FOR MILES TOO A HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY WHICH IS POOOND"-RD) BUT THEY WERE OBVIOUSLY TOO SCARED. TO BE OUR ROOM FOR THE NIGHT AND ARE TOLD TO HELP OURSELVES TO TEA, TOAST, CORNFLAKES, TELEVISION, CARPETS, etc. SO WE DON'T. DAY TEN feb 17 WE LAVE VERY EARLY FOR MIDDLESBOROUGH AND THE GIG IN THE TOWN HALL AND BECAUSE IT IS A LOT NEARER THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED WE ARRIVE VERY EARLY INDDED. TRAVELLING ON THE A66 WE NOTICE THAT LINDISFARNE OWN A REMOVAL COMPANY AMONGST THEIR ASSETS.WE ARE PRETTY SURE THAT GAZZA WAS DRIVING AND THAT IT WAS CLENED BY STEVIE WONDER. RICHIE D GETS THE PRIVILGE OF TRAVELLING IN THE MILKFLOAT AND HE IS DEFINITELY IMPRESSED. WE WERE GOING TO VISIT MACDONALDS BUT THE TRIADS WERE WAITING FOR RICHIE D SO AFTER AN ATTEMPT AT APOLOGISING (WHICH MADE THINGS WORSE) HE RUNS AWAY DISGUISED AS EMF. DRIVING THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE TRYING TO FIND A PETROL STATION (WE FOUND JUST ONE BUT IT WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND) WE NOTICE THAT WE ARE IN FACT ACTUALLY IN SHELL SUIT CITY-I DON'T RECALL THE GIG WAS, UM, SOMEWHAT RESTRAINED TO SAY THE LEAST, ALTHOUGH THE LITTLE GIRLIES ENJOYED THEMSELVES-I HAD THOUGHT THAT HE SCREAMING AT BEATLES CONCERTS WAS CRAP BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT THE ST. JOHNS AMBULANCE MEMBERS MAKE VERY GOOD SALESPEOLE O THEY DO HAVE A USE AFTER ALL. RICHARD APPEARS TO BE VERY RELAXED ROUGHOUT THE EVENING AND PAUL, APART FROM WANTING TO HIT RICHIE D AYBE HE IS IN WITH THE TRIADS), FALLS IN LOVE. WITH SOHO. WITH ALL OF OHO.ESPECIALLY WITH THE BASS PLAYER WHO USED TO BE IN BOWWOWWOW. DRIVING BACK TO CONGLETON ISN'T MUCH FUN AS WE ARE ALL RY TIRED, MAYBE WE CAN'T HANDLE THE PACE ANYMORE. To be continued = Work this SPACE .0000



### **Barry D Interview**

#### Do you see yourself more visual than musical?

Oh yeah, I mean musically I'm not very good really, I'm not a brilliant pianist, I'm not a brilliant keyboard player, I haven't got a very good sense of timing, but I'm not really on stage to be a brilliant keyboardist, I'm on stage to be a fan really, I'm like a fan that's on stage, enjoying the music, nice position to be in.

#### Where do your samples originate?

All over the place, any thing can be good for sampling, you have to know where to look, but after a while you begin to know how to spot things that will be good to sample. There will be a little bit in the middle of a song where everything else will drop down, and there will suddenly be a little noise, very, very briefly, and you think, 'that's good' and you can grab that because there's nothing around it, I mean it's obviously difficult to get a sound out of a song when it's completely full of music, so little bits at the beginnings and ends of songs, and in the middle when nothing is happening, that's where they normally come from. That's how to get them, but actually where they come from. Sampling is an ideas thing, if you were writing poems, somebody wouldn't say 'where do you get your ideas for your poems?' expecting them to say, you know, well I get my ideas for poems when I'm reading the newspaper. It doesn't come from just one source, it comes from anything.

#### If you could be a woman, who would you be?

I think I'd like to be Kylie, actually, because she's going all around the world, does what she wants to do and enjoys herself, stays in posh hotels and she doesn't have



to sing live, she mimes. So half the effort as well, but apart from that there must be somebody else interesting to be.

#### Have you ever had a beard?

No, after about four days my stubble gets so ridiculously itchy, it literally gets so bad after about four days, if I don't bother it's like this all day long. This I'm scratching at the moment has only been for a day. So no, I could never ever do it, that's a guarantee. So if there are any fans out there that will say as soon as they grow beards, you know, we're out of it. Don't worry about me, I'll never grow a beard.

#### What's your favourite sample to date?

I like the screechy Hendrix guitar at the beginning of 'Move me,' I think that's really good, I like that a lot. Apart from that, there are so many others. I think the siren noise in 'Barry D' is quite a good one, the one that goes we-we-we, that's really good, because that's actually a clarinet from the beginning of 'West side story,' we sampled the beginning of it and looped it and it turns into a clarinet, so I thought that was a good deal. Beyond that, too many to list.

#### Do you know what a Merkin is?

How do you spell it? Let's have a look, maybe it means 'Merlin'. Question six, I'm afraid my answer is going to have to be, sorry mate, can't read your writing.

#### What musical equipment do you use?

I'm part of the computerised section of a band, and basically it is as follows: there is a Akai ASQ10 sequencer connected to an Akai S900 sampler and that is connected to

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a Roland D10 synthesiser and a Juno 60 synthesiser, and that whole arrangement is operated by Gen, so when he starts the drum sequencer running, it plays. Like little things in 'Bring it on down,' like that sort of di-di-di-di-di-di-di-di, that's not going to come out now, how are you gonna write that down? It's very difficult to explain, little things like synthesised bass lines, there would be no point for me trying to play those live on a keyboard, so we get the sequencer to play them, once you hook it up to the sampler, and then connect it to the keyboard, it will actually play the keyboard for you. Apart from that I've got a Yamaha DS55 which is connected to the other sampler, which is a S950, and that's all keyboard triggered sounds.

#### What did you start off with?

We started off with the S950, the D10 and it was at that time connected to a Linn drum machine via a midi trigger, and that was about it. We were very naive then, we didn't know a lot about how to connect these things up, and what computers could do for you. We're learning more about what they can do, but at the same time I think I should stress that we are not letting the computers take over from us, we're still there using technology, it's definitely not using us.

#### What the f\*\*k are you looking at?

I don't know what I should say for that really, does that mean, what the f\*\*k am I looking at really? It's like my personal philosophy really, isn't it. I tell you, if I want to look at anything this year, I want to look at being a little bit happier personally, which I am hard at work on at the moment, because last year was sort of a weird year. You go from a year in your life when your pretty much like any one else, then 1988 I started in the band, then in 1989 it starts going a bit strange, you start touring,

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meeting people who want your autograph and want to take pictures of you, and it's really, really strange. In a period of one year, you go from your average Joe on the street to someone that people want to look at and examine, I like bits of it, but bits are difficult to adjust to. So this year I'm going to try to adjust to it a little bit better.

#### Can you walk down the street without everyone approaching you?

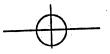
Yes, I'm not so bad as Mike or Alan because of his stupid haircut, because of his one in a million haircut, but it's a weird, strange thing.

#### What's the most expensive thing you have ever bought?

I think that keyboard actually, the keyboard was two hundred and twenty nine quid. Apart from that, my car. I bought a car which I had to sell, because I'm now in a band my insurance went up three times. I'mean your insurance goes up three times if your in a band, it's f\*\*cking crazy, because if your a musician they don't trust you, so I turned round and told them to f\*\*k off and sold my car, because I felt the same way, I wasn't going to drive my car any differently, they think I've now got to drive faster and take more risks and so on, it's just so stupid. Apart from that I think this leather jacket that I'm wearing at the moment, I suppose which is the next thing underneath that, which was one hundred and fifty quid, I remember I paid for it on my Access card, it's the last thing I bought on Access about two years ago and I'm still paying off the bloody interest, I must have paid on this thing a dozen times over in interest rates, that's Access for you, 'credit cards kids!' There we are.

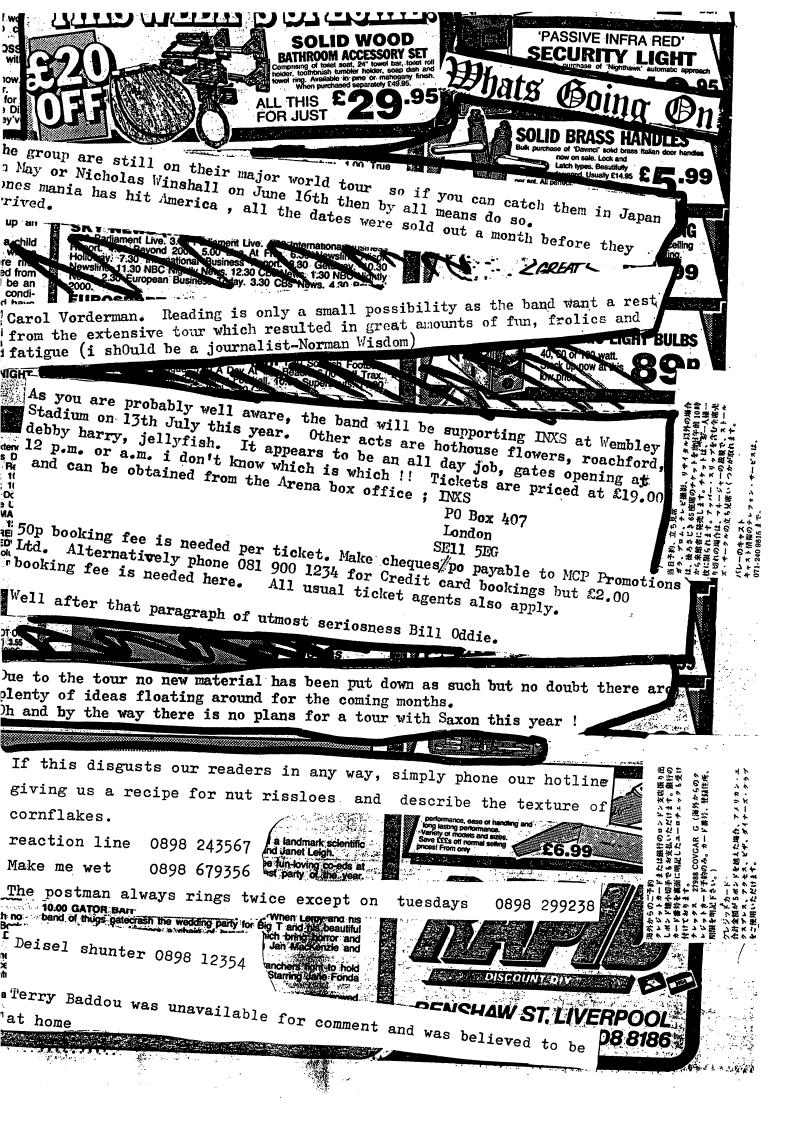
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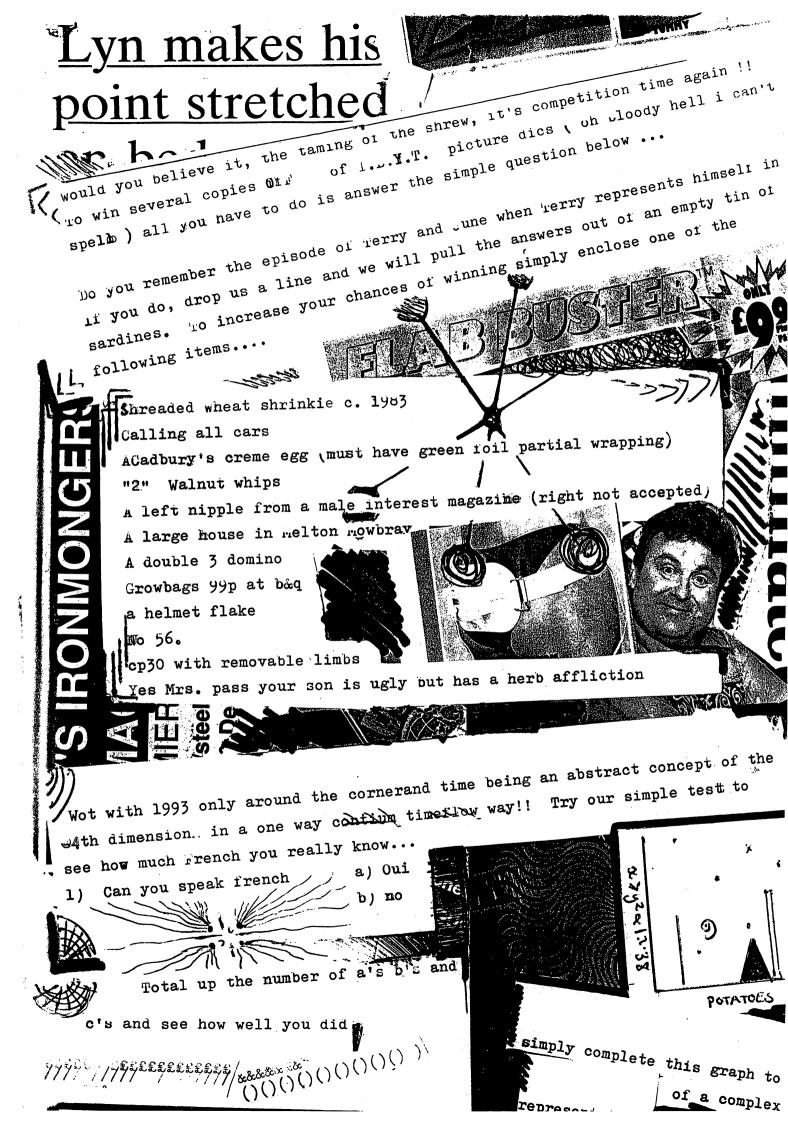
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We can now uncover thinley disguised songtitles, actually a release for Edwards pent up sexual appetite.

Welcome back victoria is actually called welcome back akai: s950 Bring it on down was originally titled bring it on akai s950 and so it goes on with titles too disurbing for this publication wireless

in a shower of confessions Edwards admitted his secret love. He said

"I don't care what the world thinks, I've got Akai and she's got me!"

"WE talk for hours about the repurcissions of the socio-ecnomic class c uprising and she brings me little presents. Oh and 1'll never forget the time we got lost in BIrmingham . It was soooo romantic



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