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Episode 2: Attack of the Clowns [sic]

by Dr. Gonzo

There have been some recent sightings of one of the most notorious booty hunters in the galaxy, Boudja Fett. Reports from far off star systems, most recently the White Bear Lake system, have been increasing in number. They describe Boudja Fett in his starship, Rav 4, circling many interplanetary hot spots. Often, he has been spotted with his on and off again partner and recently shaved Wookie, Dillbacca. Rumors of a falling out between Boudja Fett and his boss, Chuckles the Hutt have prompted Fett to maintain his cover, mainly sticking to the outskirts of the smaller planets where none of the female population has been subjected to his infamous one liners. Also, recently spotted in the vicinity is Qui-Gon Jim, the ever popular 11 level Jedi Master and arch enemy of Boudja Fett. These two have often butted heads at some famous cantinas in the galaxy.

The Bruise: Back and Forth

by Dr. Gonzo

A man has set a new world record for the number of frequent flyer miles in one year. Pete Theirl hit an all time high of 5, 678,000 miles traveled in a single year. The majority of these miles were acquired between the cities of San Francisco and Minneapolis. He became so popular with the flight crew he occasionally got to sit in the cockpit and drink beers with the pilots while en route. Mr. Theirl was unphased by this honor and was quoted saying, "It's nothing compared to my MOY (Man of the Year) award back in the early nineties". However the MOY award is currently under investigation by a team of specialists due to some infractions that have recently occurred.

Artificial Khaos needs to set some limits

by Dr. Gonzo

New changes are happening at the AK website and will continue to occur throughout the summer. The newly designed web site should come into production within the next three months just in time for the start of a fall tour for Duct Tape Todd and future label mates The Lids. It seems as though the differences the two camps have found common ground and the hard feelings have been forgotten (at least for now). Some have accused us of exploiting the rivalry to sell some records. I can assure you at this point there were minimal increases in record sales as of this printing. There is also rumor of a new mp3 to hit the web site soon. Look for it, wait for it, now.

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Summer of Stu

by Stu

Music sounds better in the summer. No, let me qualify that with an “almost all.” “The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald” is much better in mid-November than late August. But sea chantey’s are an exception, and I’m not going to argue this. My point is, if you like the Rock and all its permutations, there is no disputing this basic fact. “867-5309 (Jenny)” no doubt gets you humming in the car on the way to the mall for some last minute Xmas shopping. However, it becomes an anthem for all that is good and decent in this crummy, religious conservative-plagued, warming globe when you hear it with the windows down on a shit-hot day in that same vehicle. That’s just how it works, and I wouldn’t want it any other way. In honor of this universal truth, and the genius of Tommy Tutone, here’s a mix CD you can burn at home (or, for the technologically-deprived like me, mix on a Maxell C-90 with your crappy old boombox), guaranteed to make you feel like a freedom rock slimeball, talking in code.

“Music for Boys”---the Suburbs

“Beercan”---Beck

“Fait Accompli”---Curve

“Screenwriter’s Blues”---Soul Coughing

“Baker Street”---Foo Fighters

“20th Century Boy”---T. Rex or the Replacements, either version will do (note: the T. Rex original is featured way too prominently in some Nissan ads, so you may wanna go with the ‘Mats).

“Lines in the Suit”---Spoon

“No Sugar Tonight (New Mother Nature)”---the Guess Who

“Castanets”---Alejandro Escovedo

“Divorce Song”---Liz Phair

“Little Babies”---Sleater-Kinney

“Superman”---R.E.M.

“Mockingbird Girl”---the Magnificent Bastards

“New Orleans is Sinking”---the Hip

“Helpless”---Sugar

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- “Now Mary”---the White Stripes
- “The Good in Everyone”---Sloan
- “Working Girls”---the Pernice Brothers
- “Give Back the Key to My Heart”---Uncle Tupelo
- “Fortunate Son”---CCR or Sleater-Kinney, but not Kid Rock. His version sucks.
- “See No Evil”---Television
- “23 Minutes in Brussels”---Luna

Of course, this is just one man’s mix, and there are so many songs left out (note: if one of these songs just doesn’t do it for you, plug in the Stones’ “Under My Thumb” or Pulp’s “Common People” and thank me later). All I can do is vouch for how good these all sound in a ’98 Metro with shoddy AC as it snakes its way through rural Minnesota. Try ‘em on for size, or make your own. Either way, it’s better than what’s on the radio. Except for the Hives. They rock sick.

by Stu

The New Style

New t-shirt designs have been added to the Apparel page of the AK website. Feel free to check them out and be sure to tell your friends. New designs will be continually added so visit the site regularly. Also, these here newsletters are now archived on the site by clicking the Newsletters link.

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