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Abortion

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Plan B Records
Never to be Released

JOHN DAVIDSTON
The ol' switcheroo

I took a look at the latest Abortion last night, and I must say, it's an improvement over their previous attempts at greatness. Their opener, "Falling Down Stairs All Over Again," is a decent effort, though it ends with a bit of a whimper. That's the real problem with this sucker: Abortion starts out with the greatest of intentions, but by the time we get to the end of the process, it's nothing but

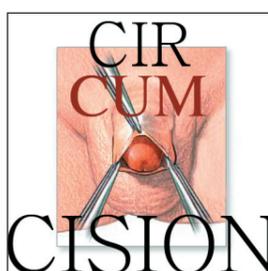
a bloody mess. There are even some instances where the creators should be ashamed for the sheer pointlessness of it all.

One of the biggest problems with Abortion is the stir it's causing. You've got your rabid fans and your rabid anti-fans, and it seems like neither can accept the other. Abortion will find a lot more popularity in the US than here; the niche doesn't seem quite as

carved out.

Now, don't get me wrong, there are plenty of good things about Abortion. By far, the best is "Rusty Coat Hanger": with the backup wailing and screeching, this is a sound that grabs you deep in your gut and doesn't let go until it damn well feels like it. It's a shame nothing else from this collection works so quickly and smoothly, but maybe it's a good thing. If everything Abortion has is going to be compressed into a single moment, then at least the moment is viable, to say the least.

Abortion ultimately feels like it could've gone on longer, but if it did, no one would've wanted anything to do with it by the time they got to the end. It's probably a good thing they cut it off when they did.



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Circumcision

Snippity Snap
Traditions!

CRAWL BLOWIN
Always on his knees

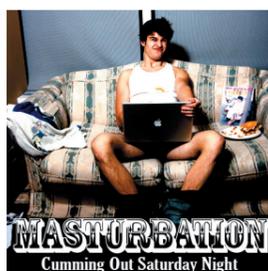
Circumcision brings a new face and some personality to an otherwise stagnant, ugly, and overly-sensitive genre. Filled with quick snips of transcendent guitar riffs and a few wails of sorrow and pain, Circumcision will make you

feel true anguish as it rigidly adheres to the philosophy of "less is more."

Circumcision deserves praise for its clean delivery, which feels as though it could prevent disease, and has already amassed a large following with ethnic

groups on the world scene. However, some will feel as though dealing with Circumcision—particularly subjecting infants to it—is simply cruel and useless to anyone but desert-travelling sand-people.

Still, when it comes to preventing the spread of HIV and cancer, Circumcision stands out a cut above the other potential candidates, and should be erected as a shining example of class. Also, apparently chicks really dig it. And you'd fit in better in Hollywood. Or New York. But you'd probably feel the need to shave more often—just so it would match, y'know?



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Masturbation

Cumming out Saturday Night
Right Hand Records

HAIRY-A TWITCH-A-TWICH
Say whaaaaaat?

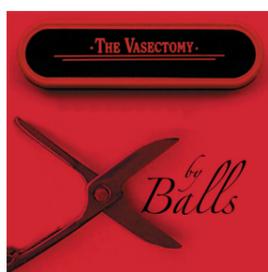
After a harsh break up, sometimes those involved embark on solo careers. Hell, sometimes flying solo stems from boredom, or simply from waking up half an hour before you need to.

The results can be hit or miss: sometimes practitioners find themselves sad and unfulfilled in a motel room. But as a whole, it's undeniable that Masturbation is brilliant, recognized

by millions as the greatest solo work of our time.

It serves multiple purposes: a tribute to ex-girlfriends, supermodels, the dark alleyways of the Internet. This slow but eager escape into a fantasy world full of erotic visual imagery is a fitting way to begin Masturbation. Next, things get increasingly faster and more vigorous, building right up to its triumphant climax.

Experience with performing with others definitely gives Masturbation a well-oiled feel. If you only have time for one thing this week, make time for Masturbation.



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Vasectomy

By Balls
Two Cuts Below

SANDY HEAD
The lights are out, and everybody's home

Vasectomy is the thrifty person's best bet to achieving happiness through infertility this season. Tubal ligation, or "tube tying," can cost five times as much the Big V, so just say 'fuck it' and bite down on something. Everybody's going to want a vasectomy this Christmas, so every ho, ho, and ho becomes a sexy target, without having to deal with the responsibilities or emotions of regular sexually active adults. Woo to skirting responsibility!

The increasing popularity of Vasectomy comes as no surprise; it went gold last year, with over 500 000 parents making the choice for their vulnerable, innocent children. In the last ten years, Vasectomy has gone platinum ten times—15 million total procedures and rising. High fives all around!

Vasectomy had humble beginnings: originally just two uncomfortable scrotal incisions, it's since matured to become minimally invasive—and

in some cases, it's performed entirely by lasers, without a scalpel or stitch coming anywhere near your family jewels. But that little setback is more than worth it to prevent the ultimate STI: pregnancy.

By now, you should have your pants around your ankles and your dick in hand as you book it to your doctor, but wait—there is a downside. Even a vasectomy without complications often means swelling, bruising, and a minimum of three days of no sex or masturbation. But fear not: three days is still superior to the current fad in achieving sterility—contracting Mumps—which can cause major testicular swelling and put you out of commission for up to ten days.

Overall, Vasectomy puts forth a solid effort earning four out of five boners and three nights on the couch with an ice pack.

YOU CHOSE: STREET

For a woman of her age, Agnus makes Sonic look like the slowest creature in the land. You can just barely keep up to her as she heads into the "Sobieski's Viennese Restaurant."

As your nostrils are overwhelmed by the smell of Tartar burgers and Turkish Delights, you scan Agnus sitting pleasantly at a table, flanked by your old nemesis Bingo, marker of death, and the infamous Californian Cougar.

The exit is blocked off by Elvis the Impersonator, and Buggy is still watching *Armageddon*. It seems your trapped.

"I hope you can learn something about respecting your elders," Agnus said, "in the five minutes you have left to live."

"I have learned something," you retort. "Like uploading a virus into the senior citizen's mother computer."

Thankfully, the senior citizens

never learned anything about computers, so you tell them your elaborate story of how you and Agent Neo have hacked their firewall and have set them up the bomb. For a moment it seems to be working, but then Agnus catches on.

"How foolish of us to even consider that a Cat Macro Nuke could even exist. Your creativity will be missed in the world," Agnus said.

It's game over man. Game Over.

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