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A CONVERSATION WITH THE CICHLIDS

BY DAF
GYN AND
OTHERS

THIS CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 17TH IN THE MUSICIANS EXCHANGE PARKING LOT. IT WAS HOT AS SHIT AND TWICE AS HUMID, THE CICHLIDS HAD JUST FINISHED AN EXCEPTIONAL DIFFERENT SET BY FLORIDA STANDARDS..... IN THE BACKGROUND WAS ANOTHER BAND DOING ALLMAN BROS. COVERS.... WE TALKED MOSTLY WITH TAK & DEBBIE.

GYN: GOT ANYTHING QUOTABLE YOU WANT TO SPEW ON F-L-A?

TAK: SURE, WHY NOT.

DAFYDD: WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO PLAY THE DRUMS?

TAK: I DIDN'T HAVE THE MELLOW CAPACITY TO PLAY THE GUITAR. LIKE, I STARTED OUT ON PIANO BUT I JUST COULDN'T RELATE BECAUSE IT WASN'T PHYSICAL ENOUGH... THE DRUMS I LOUVE'EM.

DAF: YEAH YOU SEEM TO CARRY THE BAND WELL ENOUGH....

TAK: THIS LADY CARRIES THE BAND

DEBBIE: THAT'S CRASS.

GYN: I'M FALLING DOWN.

DEBBIE: ARE YOU TAKING DRUGS?

DAF: WE DON'T SAVE THEM.

DEBBIE: HOW MANY OF YOU SMOKED POT BEFORE YOU CAME HERE?

GYN: I'VE GOT A LONG HAIR, REMEMBER.

DEBBIE: THAT'S RIGHT. SOME OF IT ALMOST TOUCHES YOUR COLLAR. YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.

GYN: WHAT'S THE DEAL ON THIS F.A.U. THING?

TAK: IT'S OUTDOORS AGAIN. I DON'T REALLY KNOW.

DEBBIE: SOME COVER BAND WILL BE THERE TOO.

GYN: SO IT'S NOT IN THE RATHSKELLER OR THE LIKE.

TAK: I WISH IT WAS IN THE RAT. I LOVE RATS. IT'S ON THE 21ST OF JULY.

DEBBIE: GET THERE EARLY AND WAIT ALL DAY.

GYN: AS LONG AS I DON'T HAVE TO STAY IN THE SUN.

TAK: THIS IS MY NATURAL SKIN COLOR (WHITE) I HATE THE SUN.

DEBBIE: LOOK AT THIS SHIT, I'M TURNING PINK.

TAK: THIS IS ADVISE FOR YOUNGSTERS. DON'T DRIVE TAXI'S AT NITE, OR YOU'LL GET ROBBED BY SCHVARTZAS

GYN: HOW DO YOU SPELL THAT?

TAK: I DON'T KNOW I MADE A MISTAKE AND WENT TO SCHOOL, I KNOW NOTHING.

DAF: DOES YOUR NEW BASS PLAYER BOTHER YOU AT ALL - SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL...

DEBBIE: HELL NO. SHE'S GREAT. SHE MAKES GREAT FACES. SHE CHEWS GUM IN PERFECT TIME. SHE'S A GREAT BASSIST. I'VE WORKED WITH LOTS OF FEMALE MUSICIANS & THEY'RE ALL IN THERE FOR THE WRONG REASONS.

DAF: BEAUTIFUL AS SHE IS IT'S HARD TO TAKE OUR EYES OFF YOU.

DEBBIE: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

GYN: FACE IT YOU'RE A SEX SYMBOL.

DAF: THERE WERE A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE OUT THERE JUST WATCHIN YOU

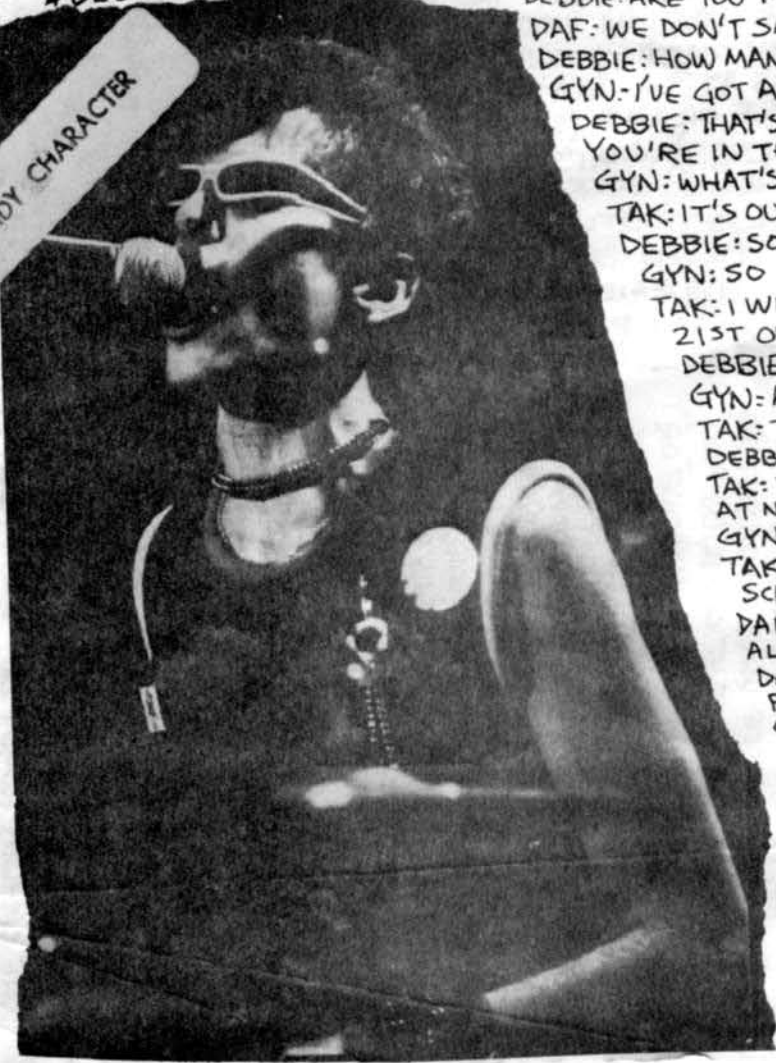
DEBBIE: REALLY?

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DEBBIE... TAK

SHADY CHARACTER



CICHLIDS CONTINUED

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DAF: A LOT OF 'EM HADN'T HEARD THIS KIND OF MUSIC BEFORE.
GYN: WHAT WAS THE VIEW STAGE SIDE?
DEBBIE: JUST LOTS OF PEOPLE WITH THEIR MOUTHS OPEN. I DON'T THINK THEY KNEW QUITE WHAT TO EXPECT. I THINK THEY THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA COME OUT AND BARF ALL OVER THE STAGE AND EAT PALMETTO BUGS OR SOMETHING. (AT THIS TIME TAK WENT OFF ON A LONG BIT ON COCK ROACHS WITH SOMEONE BUT THEY WERE OUT OF RANGE OF THE TAPE RECORDER)

GYN: SO YOU GUYS ARE GETTING A SINGLE TOGETHER?

DEB: YEAH, WE'RE WORKING ON GETTING THE RIGHTS TO SOMETHING.

GYN: THEY'RE PLAYING FUCKING JAZZ OVER THERE NOW.

DAF: WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO LATER?

DEB: I'M GONNA HIDE IN MY ROOM FOR A WEEK. I'M PINK! I CAN'T STAND A SUNTAN, IT MAKES ME LOOK TOO HEALTHY. I'LL BE WEARING A CLOWN WHITE FOR WEEKS.

DAF: YOUR MAKE-UP LOOKS GREAT, I LIKE THE WAY IT DRIPPED DOWN OFF OF ONE EYE.

DEB: OH DID IT REALLY?

HIPPY: DON'T THROW AWAY ALCOHOL!!

GYN: LICK ME!

DEB: I COULD USE A BLOW DRYER FOR MY UNDERARMS PROBABLY.

DAF: YOU PLANNING ON HEADING NORTH. NY?

DEB: NO, I THINK IT'S MUCH MORE OF CHALLENGE TO TURN PEOPLE AROUND DOWN HERE. THAN IT IS TO FIT IN UP THERE.

HIPPY: HEY GIVE ME ONE OF THOSE BUTTONS!

ROBT (CICHLIDS MANAGER): HEY DILDO, GET YOUR HAIRCUT I'LL GIVE YOU A BUTTON. WHAT A PERSON HAS TO DO TO BE IMPORTANT

DAF: FLORIDA REALLY NEEDS SOMETHING DIFFERENT. EVERYWHERE ELSE HAS IT'S REGIONAL SUBJECT MATTER & PROBLEMS. RAMONES ETC.

DEB: YEAH HANGIN OUT ON STREET CORNERS BUT THERE AREN'T ANY GOOD STREET CORNERS DOWN HERE.

GYN: OH GODD! I'M GONNA GET DOWN ANY MINUTE IF I DON'T FALL DOWN.

PAX: YOU ALREADY DID THAT.

DEB: I'M GONNA GO CHECK OUT THIS OTHER BAND. THEY'VE BEEN PRACTISING NEXT TO US FOR A MONTH. I GOTTA SEE THIS. HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES.

GYN: I'M STUCK HERE TILL JANUARY.

TAK: THEN WHERE WILL YOU GO?

GYN: HELL PROBABLY.

TAK: I LIVED IN BOSTON FOR 3 YEARS AND LOVED IT. GOT HERE 3 MONTHS AGO AND WENT CRAZY TILL I MET THE CICHLIDS. ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE I WAS GONNA LEAVE, I FOUND 'EM. IT BEATS HOLIDAY INN. I DID THAT FOR 2 YEARS.

AT ABOUT THIS POINT EVERYTHING FADES INTO OBLIVION. SOUTHERN ROCK PREVAILED THROUGH THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON BUT WE ARE LEFT KNOWING THAT SOMETHING SPECIAL HAS FINALLY HAPPENED IN SO. FLA. THE NEXT FEW WEEKS HELD A FEW MORE CICHLIDS GIGS AND WE ~~NEARLY~~ KNOW THE TIDE IS CHANGING. THANK YOU CICHLIDS. WE HOPE TO TALK WITH ALLAN AND SUSAN NEXTISH.

SUSAN