

# Meteoric rise to fame heavy-metal fantasy

I've always wanted to be in a heavy metal band.

I don't have much musical talent and I'm not real familiar with the nuances of the heavy metal scene, but there is something magical that has always drawn me to the headbanging arts.

Often, I'll sit in bed at night, unable to sleep as visions of metal rock grate in my head. I hear the roar of the



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crowd, the screech of the guitar and the methodical thud of heads pounding on the apron of the stage where I'm tearing through a six-hour, twisted steel guitar solo.

Usually, my fantasies end in tears when I remember that I'm only dreaming and will never get the chance to clang away for a hungry mob of heavy metal fans.

Perhaps, however, you will indulge me in my sordid little dream and allow me to describe just what it would be like if I was the lead singer for my very own, MTV-like, heavy metal band.

My band will be called COXSURE and we'll really rip. I'll do lead vocals because I don't have a shred of musical talent and would be unable to play a heavy metal instrument. For certain tunes, I could play finger cymbals or the triangle but for the most part, I'll be COXSURE's abrasive vocalist.

My stage name will be Tommy Skull.

To insure the gravely whine my voice will need to rock all of my adoring fans, I'll swallow fish hooks and sand regularly.

My drummer will be a skinny, one-armed medical school dropout known only as Slasher. He'll be wound so tight he can't even speak and nobody else in the band will like him. We'll just keep him on because he rocks so hard.

Our bassist (there is a bass guitar in most heavy metal bands, isn't there?) will be Grease McNeese, a graduate of Julliard who brings his comprehensive knowledge of music theory into our little band. He'll be the pretty

boy of the group.

On the other guitar (lead?) will be Shiela B. Satan, who defected from a rival band. In my dream she'll be too wild for the other band and has to come to COXSURE so she can "unleash the demons of musical mayhem that live inside her."

We will tour almost non-stop and when we do stop, it will be to cut another of our platinum albums.

Our first album will be called "COXSURE: The Dokkters of Distruxion" and will begin as an underground hit. After we're the feature band on MTV's Headbanger's Ball, however, we'll start to get more air-play and our sales will soar.

The big hit off our debut LP will be "Singing in the Pain" a growling tribute to the joys of physical discomfort. Here's a snippet of the lyrics:

"I like glass in my tacos, I like nails in my rice, I like barbed wire on my mattress and I like Lysol in my eyes, oh yes, I like singing in the pain!"

"The Dokkters of Distruxion" will become a huge hit and will inspire our first U.S. tour. We will descend on the biggest cities and play to sold out throngs of head-banging connoisseurs.

Soon, we'll be back in the studio recording our follow-up album, "We're Sikk of Being Hix." This will be an attempt to dispell the idea that just because our band was founded by a Nebraskan, we're a bunch of red-necks.

This album will be littered with hits, the biggest of which will be "The Devil Went Down to Lincoln." The song will tell the tale of Beelzebub's trip to Lincoln. Satan has an excellent time and announces that the capital city will now be the headquarters for his head-banging minions on earth. The lyrics:

"They've got more than football, they've got more than corn, they've got more than wheat fields, it's where true metal was born... Lincoln is my home away from hell!"

As you can imagine, our popularity will soar. Before the shrink wrap is even cool around the CDs for "We're Sikk of Being Hix", our next album, "Lokk Your Doors, COXSURE is Koming," will be released. Our third album will be the source of controversy as angry parents charge that our songs encourage suicide. The guilty



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song will be a track entitled "Go Ahead, Kill Yourself."

"Go ahead, kill yourself, we're not kidding, this isn't subliminal, we're out and out saying it, there's no backmasking here, we really mean it, we dare you, we double dare you, go ahead, kill yourself."

We'll be taken to court but will prevail on the merits of the First Amendment. The publicity generated by our trial will only serve to boost our international acclaim.

We'll soon begin our first tour through Europe where we're bigger than even Richard Clayderman. Our Berlin concert will be the biggest music event ever as more than 10 million people crowd into a single stadium to hear our trashing tunes.

London will burn to the ground

after our concert inspires riots of joy that sweep the city. Still, the Royal Family will like us so much that they recommend us for knighthood.

Unfortunately, as our fame reaches its highest point, so will the dissension in the band. Slasher will simply become too insane for the rest of us. When he begins playing drums with the severed arms of our roadies, we'll know it's time to replace him.

Grease McNeese will feel the pangs of pure music that he loved so well at Julliard. He begins making suggestions about incorporating strings and woodwinds into our act and things begin to really go downhill.

Shiela B. Satan will become a crack addict and will eventually quit showing up for recording sessions.

We somehow throw together one

last album and it seals our fate. Entitled "Waxxing Philosophikal," the album will be a jumbled mess of differing styles that never catches on. The only moderate success on the album is a song called "We Suk," a mournful ballad that bemoans our fall from grace.

And that will be it. COXSURE will fall flat as quickly as it rose to fame. The band members will go their separate ways and I'll return to UNL to finish the degree I put on hold for my music career.

This is the point in my story where I begin to weep. I guess I know that I not only will never be a head-banger but that if I do, I'm doomed to fail.

Oh god, I can't believe how much my kruddy life stinx.

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