

# TOO MUCH TOO OLD?

DRAWN IN NEWCASTLE BY PULLIPATUS

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SPECIAL THANKS TO TERRI HALL, STEVE BLACKWELL, SIMON DONALD, DAVID JONES & THE PEOPLE...

THANKS ALWAYS TO TERRY, NEVILLE HORACE, LYNNAL BRAD & RODDY

**NORTHWARDS TO NEWCASTLE**  
THE JOURNEY IS UNEVENTFUL AND EXCESSIVELY CRAMPED... BUT AS I'M SEEING **THE SPECIALS** WHO CARES?

EN ROUTE TO MY HOTEL I RECEIVE SAGE ADVICE FROM A GEORDIE CAB DRIVER

...AND DIVVUNT EAT THERE OR IT'S **FOOD POISONING!**

THE GIG IS A TYPICAL INNER CITY ROCK SPOT... DESPITE IT'S IMPORTANCE TONIGHT, YOU KNOW IT'S SERVED ITS TIME AS A CINEMA, DISCOTHEQUE AND BINGO HALL...

NEED TICKETS? ... **ACADEMY THE SPECIALS** ... SOLD OUT ... SPARES? ... BUY ANY SPARES

ONCE I'M STANDING INSIDE, IN THE EMPTY SPACE, I GET THE FIRST TINGLES OF ANTICIPATION...

WOW!

**SET LIST:** DO THE DO4 // DAWNING OF A NEW ERA // GANGSTERS // ITS UP TO YOU // RAT RACE // MONKEY MAN // BLANK EXPRESSION // TOO HOT // DOESNT MAKE IT ALRIGHT // CONCRETE JUNGLE

TERRI, THE BAND'S TIRELESS PR ACCOMPANIES ME TO A LOCAL HOSTELRY, WHERE THE PRE GIG ATMOSPHERE IS CONVIVIAL AND SLIGHTLY SCARY...

I DON'T GET THIS WITH NICKY WIFE... DO YA MIND HAVIN A PHOTO BONNY LAD?

IT WOULD BE NEGLIGENT IN THE EXTREME IF I DID NOT ASK THE BAND'S ACTUAL MEMBERS HOW THEY FEEL ON THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION!

SO... J.B. HOW DO YOU FEEL?

EXCITED!\*

...RIGHT... AND HOW ABOUT YOU HORACE?

NERVOUS!\*

I SEE... RODDY?

OLD...\*

\*actual band member responses...

FRIDAY NIGHT SATURDAY MORNING // STEREOTYPE // MAN AT CVA // RUDY // DO NOTHING // RICH GIRL // NITE KLUB // WONDERING // GHOST TOWN // 2 MUKH ZYONIA // SKINHEAD MOONSTOMP // ENJOY YOURSELF,....

THE AMAZING NEWCASTLE CROWD ARE LIKE NO OTHER I HAVE EVER SEEN! THE CROWD ISN'T JUST DANCING THEY'RE LIKE ONE LOUD SEETHING ORGANISM... I SPEND NEARLY AS MUCH TIME WATCHING THEM AS THE GIG... THE SECURITY GUARDS PULL A FEMALE FROM THE CROWD WHO IS QUITE OBVIOUSLY A MUM OF 38.... BUT THE AUDIENCE ISNT JUST OLD FANS RE CAPTURING THEIR LOST YOUTH...

THE APPEAL OF THE SPECIALS CROSSES GENERATIONAL BARRIERS... I BUMP INTO A GIRL IN THE FOYER...

EXCUSE ME, HOW OLD ARE YOU...

I'M TWENTY TWO...

GOD GOD WHEN I FIRST SAW THEM YOU WERENT BORN!

REALLY?

AS IF TO EMPHASISE MY AGE, I FIND MYSELF ASKING PAULINE 'PENETRATION' MURRAY FOR AN AUTOGRAPH AT THE AFTERSHOW

AFTER THE SHOW I GO TO DAVID JONES FROM **VIZ COMICS'** PLACE WITH SIMON DONALD FOR TEA AND USE OF A DRAWING BOARD

...AND THEN SHE SAID "YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE STATE OF HIS TROUSERS!"