

RUSSIAN MEATSQUATS

Frank (FOE) spoke with the Russian Meat Squats one fine Saturday in mid October. It took place in Scott's basement which at the time looked like the result of a combination post office/record store bombing. Paper, flyers, records etc.. scattered about, he has since cleaned it up. Several garbage bags of food wrappers and junk mail were disposed of. Those present at the interview were Scott Squat (S), Paul Meat-squat(P), and Kevin (K) who isn't a current member but "hangs out" with the 'Squats.

FOE Band History...

Scott Let's make this quick, I gotta date to-nite. That XXXX (Name censored cuz I'm not as foul as Scott) don't know about, and she'll know about it by the time this comes out in print and if she don't tuff sh#t.

P That's FOUL!!!

S So what I'm ditching her soon anyway.

K Remember this is all on tape!

FOE Introduce yourselves.

P I'm Paul FOE Paul who? P Paul Alphabet.

FOE How old are you? P 18

FOE Scott who are you?

S I'm the singer, and the world's greatest promoter.

FOE What significance do you have here?

K Why, I'm the toothfairy, I'm here to ensure the safety of all parties involved. I'm also the Twinkie guy. Scott's Dad Scott!

S Huh, oh did we kick out a breaker?

Scott's Dad No I did.

P See I told you. I heard something go BOOM!

S They're all on!

Scott's Dad No they aren't, that ones off.

S How do you reset it? K Flip it the otherway.

S OK, OK Its on

P History of the band. It started 6 years ago. I don't know if it really started 6 years ago. Oh my God I'm so nervous, but it all started when I enrolled in, it started a long time ago. Chunk was taking bass lessons, and he was really young, about 5. He was really young, he couldn't even talk right, and I was in 8th grade, in art class and I was thinking of the Russian Squats and I was into the Meatmen, so I figured I had to get meat in there somehow, so Russian Meatsquats. Then my cousins came over, Ted and Tom Antonuk from Akron Ohio and they knew Devo and then we were just skrewing around once and we taped "Society Sucks" and George...

S (Scott rudely interrupts)... and you know what Bill Toxic Shock said about that 2 days ago .. "That song should be on the You'll hate this record, record. It was terrible!

P ...and George Smith, I called him up and we were talking about HC and he said, send a tape and he put it on "Annoy Your Neighbor" chainsaw tape and we made more tapes "Unpleasant" tape and we were on that I think but I don't have a copy of that. Then came the summer and Ted and Tom



came back and Tom made the music to "PPPPPS" and I had to make up the words real quick, and told Chunk to get down here and sing it. He sounded like a girl. We used to skrew around, Chad on bass, Gash used to sing, dino on guit, he was from Allentown, every week we'd just jam My Dad used to play keyboards, "Meatmen Stomp". FOE Your dad played "Meatmen Stomp"?

P Yeah S Heh, heh, heh...

P Then we got serious, well not really serious but then me and Al, Scott's twin brother, Al' said I know someone who'll play bass, Adam. At first it was Adam on bass, no, guitar, Chad bass me drums, Al singing. We were just skrewing around and breaking our stuff. Like we used to get really into it, we broke a couple of mikes. We played at G's. Then we got Chunk into the picture. We kinda broke off for a while, Scott set up that show at the bandshell and I made up these songs and taught em to Chunk and Adam Then there was this one cool practise.

S Wait... (Lots of confusion about the order of this history, arguments galore!)

P I don't even know this Fuggin order! (pause) Hey, where's the mike on this box, frank?

FOE Right there... P Those are the tweeters... yeah those are the mikes... Then we taped Tarzan's Jane and Al, Kev, Gash were there and we taped our theme, and Kev wrote the words to Tarzan's Jane. Now thats the history.

S The recent history is in contention... We were in Rolling Stones R'n'R review '84 under the most bizarre names.

FOE Who else was in it?

S Septic Death, Gang Green, Jerry's Kids, Jesus and Mary Chain, Butthole Surfers, So are Naked Raygun but 7 seconds aren't but that's ok. Ask us like our favorite stuff, like bands..

P Ask us absene questions..

P "Northampton crabs" I was sitting in study hall one day, I don't know!
S Its about Sue m. P No its not S Yes it is!
FOE Paul how come he says one thing and you the other? P I don't know? (More arguments)
P This ain't an interview its an argument on tape!

FOE Who writes the songs?
S Paul, except "Preppy Sh#t" I wrote that, I was bored in English class one day and I thought how much I hated a certain girl in that class, I can't remember her name but she was preppy. (Scott began talking about "Sheepish" and I refuse to print such slime)

FOE Who wrote the theme?

P We just made up the music, like "PFFFFS", real quick words like RU SHEN MEAT SQUATS

S Adam wrote the music to "Adam Keyboard song"

P That's a good song, thats one of my favs.

Chunk wrote "Jazz up me now" And like we do covers of movies "Halloween" and "Fantasm" "Cucumber Queen" is supposed to be serious, but...

S It was until I started throwing cucumbers and bacon at the crowd.

P Its about how people pick on gay people.

There was this article in the paper of how these guys threw someone off a bridge becuz he was gay. "Sh#t" is a classic song, I wrote that about, I was talking on the phone to Dave, and he kept me on the phone, talking..

(Use your imagination, too foul to print)... She wouldn't wash'em and I had to do em.

FOE Paul how come you always talk about personal stuff?

P Lets talk about zits now!

FOE What about your zits Paul.

P How they looking? K Pretty zitty! Ha Ha

FOE How come you never play out of the LV?

S OK! This is a good argument! We were gonna back in April...

P OK Scott tell both sides

I trust you to tell the truth..

S I booked the show. It was with Al, we were gonna play with CPA. Paul didn't want to do it cuz he wanted to have a movie nite, thats when he rents movies and everyone comes over to his house and we didn't practise very much before so Paul said we're gonna suck so we're not playing.

P No I didn't, YOU'RE A FUGGIN LIAR! You know the reasonwhy, Adam couldn't make it!

S THATS B.S.! P AND THEN...

S Paul was against it all the time, he kept

looking for an excuse! (MORE ARGUMENTS!)

P I don't like this interview erase it!!! You're Foul Scott!!!

S We're playing out on the 26th (Kev leaves to play Scott's Ted Nugent pinball machine)

P When you play out, for one you have to be ready and for 2 everyone has to make it, and Adam could not make it for CPA! You know that Scott!!!

S Thats Bull!

FOE You just like to argue don't you

S I just want to argue, I live to argue. Thats why I stayed with XXXX for so long.

FOE Are you ever gonna record?

S No. Unless someone sends us a lot of money, cuz we're musicians before we're punks so that every-

thing has to be great quality. I used to play trumpet (seems to be a fad in the LV among band members. see PFM interview last ish.) Pauls dad is a music teacher, and owns a music store, Paul and Chunk take all kinds of lessons for their instru-

ments and Adam used to take guitar lessons. We'd want to sound like a great production album, like Iron Maiden "Piece of Mind". The production not the music. But we don't have the money for that kind of studio time.

SCOTT



RUSSIAN MEAT SQUATS current lineup

SCOTT (vocals)

PAUL (DRUMS)

CHUNK (GUITAR)

AND the 4.0 bass Player

ADAM

FOE OK this is Scotts favorite part. I got to ask all the stupid questions. Whats your fav.movie?

S Repo Man, Dawn of the Dead

P Dawn of the Dead, 5,000 fingers of Dr. T

FOE What's that?

P Its a baby movie. Dr Suesa.

S I bet I'd like "Another State OF Mind" if I ever saw it.

FOE Fav food?

P Pizza and spagetti S Sugar pops! and fruit.

Scotts Mom You know it a quarter to seven!

S Yeah I know

FOE Fav bands...

S Minor Threat, DOA, SNFU, and Naked Raygun are probably the coolest band I ever met! And I like a lot of metal. I hate Slayer, they're over rated. I like Anthrax, S.O.D. and Tears for Fears, and U2 are good live and not too bad on record either. Descendents. Oh and I'm a record collector.

P My 3 fav classic bands are-Ism, the Freeze, and Bad Brains. And I like Raw Power, DRI...

Adam likes MIA,GBH, Youth Brigade, and Chunk likes Freeze, Suicidal Tendencies, Raw Power

S Christ on Parade, Gang Green, YYY. We hate top 40 bands.

FOE But you said you like Tears For Fears?

S Well, I like T F F before they were top 40.

FOE Ohhhh surrrre you do!

S I like 60's stuff to Troggs, Steppenwolf, Neil Young, John Denvers real good. Iron Maiden are good too.

P Frank Zappa, Alice Cooper..

FOE Well, are the squats just going to play in the LV or what?

S No, we're playing in Quakertown, if it goes good(PS It did) then Philly and Jersey cuz Paul Pleased Youth owes me about a zillion shows cuz I book them here all the time and Jeff phrom philly said he'd book us.

FOE What do you do outside of the band?

S I go to college, and work at Weis.

FOE What do you do other than clean your face?

P I clean my face pretty much but it doesn't work to well. I go to the 12th grade, hang out, mow lawns, in the summer I work at the burrough, with Louie the infamous new waver. Thats how Buck a bout" was written. Chunk hangs out, rides his motorcycle, buga Daisy, prays for snow in the winter BOOM Ahh your dad blew another fuse! Scott fix the fuse.

S Damn parents, ah a new one this time.

FOE The only other question I can think of is about your views but I don't think you guys have any.

S A lot of people are going to think we're a holes because we're not serious or anything but in reality we really are serious. We've been into HC for a long time, and I set up shows in the valley (Scott procedes to list off every band he's ever booked) K We don't want to hear about that.

E So we book all these shows and we're not wholes
 We're just blowin off steam with this interview.
 We're just kids havin fun. Who said punk has to

be serious. The Dickies aren't serious are they.
K Sure they are.

E I really like the Dickies. Oh yeah we have
 shirts for sale \$8 ppd to Paul ; 2131 Lincoln
 Ave./Northampton PA. 18067 And if anyone wants to
 trade me Dickies 7"s or set up a show write
 SCOTT 705 E. 18th ST./ Northampton PA 18067

FOE How many shirts did you have printed?

P I don't know. I don't even own one!
K 72. 4 colors on a Kelly green shirt. Its a
 drawing of a russian soldier and pictures of
 Paul, Adam, Chunk, and Scott. Scott has the meat
 coat on and Paul has his neck on around his head
 They were drawn by this cool chick Sue Coyle.

FOE Paul tell us about your love ball.

P Dave gave it to me, I had it on for about a
 year (Scott argues over the length of time)
 I painted it at work once, and then on my 18th
 birthday my mom said "You got a nice rash
 around your neck why don't you take off your
 love ball" Its rope , and I never took it off
 til then.....

