

THE AUSTERITY PROGRAM 2013 BAND BIO

for our friends in the free press.

I'M JUSTIN. I PLAY GUITAR AND SING IN A BAND CALLED *THE AUSTERITY PROGRAM*.



I TOOK THIS PICTURE AT WORK.

THE BAND IS ME, THAD (BASS) AND THE DRUM MACHINE. WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE 1997.



HERE'S US PRACTICING THE RATTY SOUTH BRONX LOFT WHERE I USED TO LIVE. EVEN LESS SWANK THAN IT LOOKS BUT ZERO NEIGHBORS TO COMPLAIN.

IN 2002, WE WERE PICKED UP BY HYDRA HEAD RECORDS. WE ASKED FOR 5 GRAND TO RECORD OUR RECORD AND THEY SAID NO. SO WE SAID SCREW IT AND RECORDED IT OURSELVES IN A CHURCH.

RECORDING LAPTOP RUNNING WINDOWS ME. BIG MISTAKE.



THE DIY APPROACH WOULD BECOME A THEME FOR US. A CURSE? PERHAPS.

WE TOURED A LITTLE BIT ON THAT RECORD. HOUSE SHOWS WHERE WE SLEPT ON THE "STAGE" LATER ON.



I WAS LYING AWAKE WONDERING ... WHAT'S THE SINGULAR OF SCABIES?

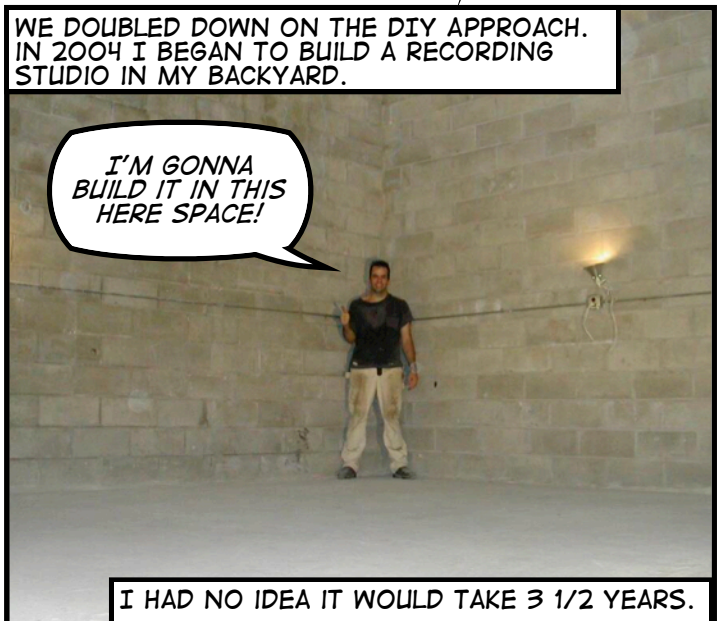
THE FIRST EP WAS CALLED *TERRA NOVA*. NOT EXACTLY HYDRA HEAD'S BIGGEST SELLER.



HEY, I THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD!

WE DOUBLED DOWN ON THE DIY APPROACH. IN 2004 I BEGAN TO BUILD A RECORDING STUDIO IN MY BACKYARD.

I'M GONNA BUILD IT IN THIS HERE SPACE!

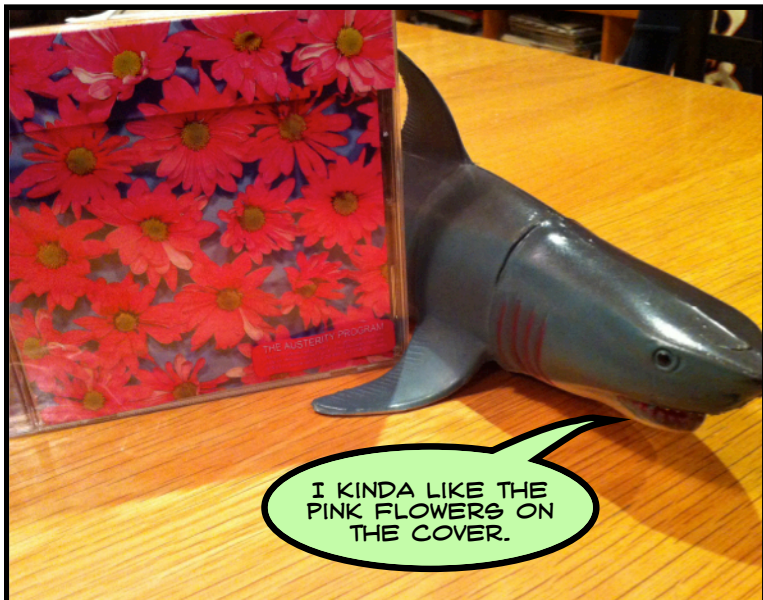


I HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD TAKE 3 1/2 YEARS.

THEN, AFTER SCRIBBLING DOWN ON A BUNCH OF PAPER, BURNING THROUGH 2 DOZEN DEMO CD-RS AND FILLING UP 6 REELS OF TAPE, OUR FIRST LP WAS DONE FINISHED.



SEEMS WEIRD THAT I WOULD TAKE A PICTURE OF ALL THIS...



I KINDA LIKE THE PINK FLOWERS ON THE COVER.

THAT RECORD, *BLACK MADONNA*, CAME OUT IN 2007. WE BEGAN TO DEVELOP AN AUDIENCE.

WE PLAYED SOME SHOWS ON THAT RECORD WITH SOME GREAT BANDS, INCLUDING GENGHIS TRON, YOUNG WIDOWS, RUSSIAN CIRCLES, DAUGHTERS, PELICAN ...



PLAY "POISON EGGS".

THIS IS US IN EUROPE WITH ISIS. FUN. IT'S TOO BAD THEY SPLIT UP.

THREE LONG YEARS LATER AND ANOTHER EP. THIS WAS CALLED *BACKSLIDERS AND APOSTATES WILL BURN*.



10/10 FROM DECIBEL MAGAZINE, EVEN! I WAS QUITE PROUD OF THEM.



THEN, IN 2012 ...

WE'RE BROKE! TIME TO CLOSE UP SHOP.

OUR LABEL HAVING DIED, WE CALLED OUR FRIENDS *NONAGON* AND DECIDED, ONCE AGAIN, THAT DIY WAS THE ANSWER...



SO WE STARTED *CONTROLLED BURN RECORDS* TO PUT OUT OUR OWN MUSIC. OUR NEXT RECORD, AN 8 SONG LP WILL BE OUT EARLY 2014. IT'S TAKING RIDICULOUSLY LONG, JUST LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE WE DO.

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