

Issue 17: The Viennagram

The Viennagram is an ever evolving, astrology-obsessed group of young men hailing from Providence, RI. Their live shows include idol worship, devil worship, lots of fake blood and their own personal troop of Burlesque dancers who call themselves "The Danger Danger Birds." I caught up with them after their show at the Knitting Factory to find out what the fuck the deal really is with this group of enigmatic circus freaks.

Chief Magazine: Hey Folks. Tell us who you are.

Danger Dan: Hi I'm dangerdan of the viennagram and

Pietrasiek: this is Mr. ziptrasiek

Joe baby: Joe baby

Abe: Abraham honest Abe

So what the fuck is a viennagram anyway?

Dangerdan: it's kind of like the Ennagram, which is the 9-pointed personality except it's got a V in front, just like the band. We've got a V in front, that's the A-V.

Tell me the dirtiest joke you know.

JB: What's the worst thing about eating bald pussy?

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JB: Puttin' the diaper back on

DD: I'm just in it for the... jokes. What's brown and rhymes with poop?

(Laughing) What's brown and rhymes with poop?

DD: I told that joke wrong hold on. What's brown and rhymes with snoop?

(Laughing) What's brown and rhymes with snoop? I dunno what's brown and rhymes with snoop?

DD: what's brown and rhymes with snoop?

Is it poop?

DD: Dr. Dre

Tell me about the first time you ever masturbated.

DD: dark... all right all right I gotta, I gotta be alone with the recorder for a second. (walks away to a corner with the tape recorder) Alright so listen, the first time I ever masturbated it was a total accident. I was hitting puberty, age 11, and I would get hard ons before I went to sleep, and I like to sleep on my side, and the hard on would touch against the bed and keep me up, so I would slide the hard on, I would slide my hard on between my thighs to hold it and fall asleep. And then one time my hard on became more firm than usual and it popped out and it felt really wonderful so I put it back in-between my thighs and I had an orgasm, my first orgasm and I didn't know what it was. I was like "Is this masturbating? I've heard of it but I don't know for sure." After that I developed a style of masturbating called "the cricket style" just using my thighs, no hands. It really helps a lot with like, reading porno magazines. I use my hands to turn the pages, while masturbating with my thighs. It was great.

What about you Abe?

Abe: (long pause) we did this question

Oh we did?

Abe: yeah

Did you answer?

Abe: I did.

Hey, hey Abe are those glasses real?

Abe: yes

And what sort of eye correction do they perform?

Abe: uh, all of the above. All eye corrections

Scott: well as my father, Friedrich Nietzsche said BEHOLD THE MAN

Abe: hold the mayonnaise

Scott: hold the mayonnaise

AV: I am the number 8 AV Vienna Capricorn Aquarius my moon's in Sagittarius I got a Piceces risings and my Venus and mars are both in Pisces

So you and Scotty are the co-founders of the Viennagram ay?

AV: That's right and I remember one time he had a mental breakdown and he wouldn't leave his apartment so I had to go and I recorded him through his intercom

Wow how was that?

AV: it was boring cause I had to wait like 2 hours for him to open the door

Um, ok ok, so you guys have a secret band too, right?

AV: CZECH IS YOUR MASTER. CONTROLLL CONTRIVVEE CONTRACT CONSTRICT CZECH IS YOOOURR MASSTTAA CZECH IS YOUR MASTTTAA

And uh, who's in um, Czech is your master?

AV: the assemblance of all the archetypes of the iron son spaceship captain of resurrected from the dead by black magic TO WORK FOR THE CZECH REPUBLIC to promote purple dance oppression and RC colaaa

Where you motherfuckers from?

AV: the depths of the ocean

(at this point in time av is dressed in a dark green suit with some fake seaweed stuff stuck to him)

(laughs) I thought you were from the all seeing eye of Providence?

AV:... YES. From the bottom of the ocean in the all seeing eye of Providence.

(laughing) so how does providence compare to New York?

AV: A smaller black blank canvas

And um, (still laughing) tell me about the first time you masturbated.

AV: it was by accident (laughter) I HAVE A LOT OF ACCIDENTS!

(everyone laughs)

Yeah that's a popular answer. Oh and um, not to offend your girlfriend (who is seated on his lap) if you could fuck any celebrity...

AV: (long pause) daffy duck!

(More laughter)

AV: Jury duty.

Shit I just forgot what I was gonna ask you.

AV: The Wu-tang clan

What about Wu-tang?

They remind me of jury duty because sometimes on lunch breaks from jury duty I would go outside and I would smoke weed with the wu-tang clan and say I don't wanna go back to jury duty

Um, what's that shit all over your face?

AV: green slime from the bottom of the ocean

Say something that will sound good to conclude an interview.

AV: the end is near; the future is now LONG LIVE THE KING

Tell me about the time you threw a tambourine at that chicks head.

AV: She had it comin!

Interview: Lara Goetzl