

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Blessed & Possessed' by Powerwolf! What genre of music are they? Well, you can tell they aren't a black metal band otherwise they'd be called Necrowolf. It really is that simple, 99% of the time. Ok fair enough, I Googled Necrowolf out of curiosity and turn's out they're a thrash band. Fine. They're the 1%. To my surprise Necropower doesn't seem to be a black metal band or even any band, but Google tells me the meaning of necropower 'is akin to the black death'. That's half way there. So again, what genre are PW? Well, if Power Quest are a power metal band and Dragonforce are also power metal (remember 'force' is another word for power), you can rightly assume PW are power metal too. Interestingly, Wolf are a plain heavy metal band. That does make sense, in that Wolf is a plain word, isn't it? Powerwolf is a more detailed word. It's all very theoretical however, and if this were a review for serious site Metal Rules, I would already get a very stern talking to. Or even worse, a polite talking to along the lines of 'well, we're grateful for all you've done for us, but...' etc. A snappier way of putting that phrase is 'get lost', I know it very well, it does stick with you.

The singer of PW really does rip off Sabaton's singer quite a lot. Or maybe it's the other way around. Let's see who formed first. The former formed in 2003, the latter formed in 1999. Just as I thought. Would you believe PW are from Germany and Sab are from Sweden? You'd think the singers would have very different accents. Sabaton pretty much ALWAYS sing about war, it seems in this case PW have 'invaded' Sabaton and stolen their style. In fact B & P was recorded in Sweden, so they've invaded their territory, too. At very least, things seemed to have stopped there. If they didn't, there's no reason the band wouldn't invade you too. Who do they think they are? What do they sing about? Werewolves, (I guess you could call a werewolf a powerwolf), dark myths, horror, and humour. Now that's variety. So much better than singing about WW1 battles, WW2 battles, ancient battles, etc. over and over again. Now let's check out the track listing of the album being reviewed... You do get 'Army of the Night' and 'Christ & Combat', so that's only two songs about battles. And did I feel upset about that when listening to the music? I did not. Take note Sabaton, please.

There's a special edition of the PW CD where you get extra track 'Amen & Attack' and as I haven't heard it I don't know if it's truly special, but I'll tell you what Sabaton would be thinking: 'A song about a battle? That's genius.' The album is sung in both the English language and Latin. I can't speak Latin, but I can guess some words. In the special edition, you get song 'Lupus Daemonis'. I'm fairly sure the second word means 'demon' or whatever, but lupus? Is that rabbit? Rabbit demon? Let's use an online translator and find out... Ah, it means 'wolf'. God knows where I got rabbit from. Ahhhh, rabbit is Lepus in Latin, not too bad, I think! Oh, having done some research, there's another track on the regular version of the album called 'Armata Strigoi'. I had absolutely no clue what that meant, maybe it's a type of pasta, actually it's Latin for 'The Undead Army'. But still, not THAT many songs about war, and other songs like 'Let There Be Night'? Yeah! I think there should be night, too. Sab, take note.

There is one member of PW who calls himself Matthew Greywolf, and another who calls himself Charles Greywolf. The former's real name is Benjamin Buss, the latter's is David Vogt. I get how the edited surnames are more 'metal' but why did they change their forenames? Is Matthew more metal than Ben? Is Charles more metal

than David? If anything Charles is a posh name, he's made himself less metal! If he wants to have a badass last name so much, he should have called his first name 'Chainsaw' or something. Chainsaw Greywolf. No, why not go the whole way and have a middle name: Power. Can you imagine Chainsaw Power Greywolf playing golf, listening to classical music and eating caviar? No? So bin Charles. Anyway, is the album good? Yes! I feel blessed to have it. Not exactly possessed thank God, so maybe the album should just be called 'Blessed'. Or 'Blessed &'. Strange, but yeah it sticks in your mind and weirder things have happened. 9/10!