

Today I'll be reviewing 'Two Angels and a Dream' by Depswa. The band have been on 'hiatus' since 2011? Does 14 years seem like a bit of a long break to you? Seems like they've split up to me. I had to Google what 'hiatus' meant. I knew it at least kind of meant 'break' but I was thinking it could have meant 'holiday', as well. What kind of party animals holiday so intensely? Even the most extreme alcohol binges only last a few hours, what are the musicians getting up to?? Because they are apparently still at it now. I really like go karting, but 14 years of it? I'd go mad. Then of course I found out... hiatus doesn't mean holiday. I thought 6 weeks off in school was pretty cool, if my teachers told me to leave for 14 years, I'd wonder what I did wrong. That's well beyond a suspension, I must have done something VERY bad. That's a life sentence in the UK. :S If it was my decision to take a break from university that long (I didn't say 'school' as that too would be illegal) what would I get up to? Again, all I can think of is go karting. How would you explain THAT to someone?

What does 'Depswa' even mean? It's a spelling mistake according to my computer, i.e. it doesn't mean anything. Here's a similar band name from me: Fobnab. I mean why not? It's catchy, I suppose. Does it mean something in another language? Well let's use an online tool to find out... Apparently it's Afrikaans for... fobnab. So I think we can assume it means nothing anywhere. I think I should patent the word. I've just done some research and 'fob' means 'a chain attached to a watch' and 'nab' means 'catch someone doing something wrong.' Therefore, we have a chain attached to a watch that catches criminals. Tell me that's not a great idea for a band, I think that's another One Screwy Week policeman, right there. Welcome to the force. I guess Depswa could be made into two words as well, this time Dep and Swa. Then we have Dep (short for 'depanneur' meaning 'a small shop') of the Scottish Whisky Association.

Because I'm super conscientious, I've just Googled what Depswa means and it means 'healing'. Ah, that's nice isn't it? Very positive. However... guess what they used to be called... They were called the polar opposite 'Carcinogen.' You couldn't make it up, could you? It's more or less exactly the same as old pop band Livin' Joy once being called 'Dead and Miserable'. Imagine a pop track from them. And pretty much everything on Earth seems to cause cancer, now even listening to music will give you the disease, that's good, isn't it? Death metal band 'Death' have an album called 'Leprosy' which is fair enough, Leprosy isn't really a thing anymore and even if it was you can easily treat it, but naming a band after cancer? It's too soon. When cancer can be treated with antibiotics fine, call a band cancer if you really want to, now you're freaking people out.

After TAaaD, Depswa released 'Distorted American Dream'. How much more can the American dream be distorted than by saying cancer is a good thing to sing about? It should come as no surprise the prior album sold only 39,000 copies in the USA and Wikipedia called that 'impressive'. There were four members of the band so they probably earned a few thousand pounds each, if that. The stress of all the work and the lack of results could have ended up giving them cancer. Is the music good, though? Yeah, not bad! I think a 9/10 is deserved. It has to be pretty good if the music has featured in four video games. The advantage games have is the way players usually don't know what they're listening to. Carcinogen healers? I'd skip the music, at least. I bought the album before I knew anything about the band and again,

good decision! And on that happy note... Bye!