

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Destroyer' by Kiss! In other words, Kiss and their album 'Destroyer'. And in other words, I'll be reviewing Kiss Destroyer. Why was my writing so weird, just then? I'll explain. A kiss destroyer is a punch to the mouth (you could say) and the album cover of Pantera's 'Vulgar Display of Power' is a picture of some getting punched in the mouth. The Kiss album cover on the other hand features the musicians jumping up with power. A vulgar display of power, you could say. Therefore, the album covers, in theory, could be swapped. See? A funny story. However, my notes I made on my physical notepad were very vague and even nonsensical, but that didn't matter as I knew what I meant. My dad on the other hand, would have absolutely no idea and for that reason, I hope he looked at my writings. Knowing him, he did. Either he'll be seriously confused, or he'll think my internet posts are total rubbish.

There's a lyric in the album that (roughly) goes 'my parents think I'm stupid and lazy, if only they knew that flaming youth will set the world on fire.' I understand you're angry, but that's no excuse for the destruction of our planet. Another lyric in the song goes 'our flag is flying higher, and higher, and higher, and higher'. It never stops? I'm just trying to work out what the goals of the band are. Maybe kill everyone and then launch a special rocket with a flag attached? Maybe for extra clarification, the album name should be called 'Destroyer and Special Rocket Launcher' for example. Sadly I can't think of any albums with such cover art, so the band are stuck. But should we feel sorry for them? Maybe no. Now for fun and intellectual curiosity, I will be listing the album tracks in order and trying to find out how they relate to the concept of blowing up the world and launching flags.

First up is 'Detroit Rock City'. Detroit is a very rough area. You'd expect those living there to want to blow up the world, as they likely think the world deserves it. (Don't worry, I'll make another apology monologue). After that is 'King of the Night Time World'. I guess in Kiss's view, blowing up the world makes them kings. It's a common belief for psychopaths to have. 'God of Thunder' makes sense as the sound of such a huge explosion would surely sound like the God of thunder. 'Great Expectations' suggests they really can't wait to blow the world up, which is pathetic, really. 'Flaming Youth' is self explanatory, as is 'Sweet Pain'. 'Shout It Out Loud' is similar to sweet pain, and the song 'Beth' follows that. I don't know who she is, but I'm guessing she's a lunatic. Final track 'Do You Love Me' should be obvious. Dear God, no. Not at all. I actually think you're an absolutely terrible person.

Oh yes, I've just remembered the album ISN'T about destroying the world and launching a rocket with a flag on it, it's about destroying a kiss, whatever that means. Maybe punching someone in the mouth. Want my advice? Don't write reviews with music in the background, you won't be able to concentrate properly. Unless of course my introductory writing was wrong and the stuff about blowing up the Earth WAS right. In either case, these guys really should try and write more commercial and relatable lyrics, they really are appealing to a very specific audience. They have sold millions of albums, but if they wrote about love for example, I think these guys could have been the biggest band in the world. Having said that, other people say it's good to take risks. Well there is taking risks and then there is being plain odd.

To conclude, good album! Before giving the rating, there is just one more thing I want to say about the mysterious Beth who is mentioned in the LP. The Wikipedia article

for 'Destroyer' says 'Beth Released: August 1976.' So she DID go to jail then? I wonder what for, she clearly had a very light sentence. I think she should spend the rest of her life in a mental home, but as she doesn't seem to have offended for almost 50 years, I guess people should have faith in the justice system and the thought that people can be rehabilitated. The article also says 'Detroit Rock City Released: July 28, 1976.' How can you imprison and then release a whole city? I was always told never to quote from Wikipedia, and now I know why. Anyway, 9.25/10! Bye!