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Today, I'll be reviewing 'Afraid of Heights' by Wavves. Interestingly, you can make a story out of the song titles in the same order as they appear on the CD. It's a particularly trippy story, but it does make sense with only a few added words from me in-between. It may surprise you when I say my words are no weirder than the musicians'. The song titles will be shown in capital letters. Brace yourself, because it will be quite a journey...

Let's SAIL TO THE SUN with a DEMON TO LEAN ON. It will be MYSTICal. The best holiday ever, if a bit sinister. But first, LUNGE FORWARD to the evil DOG so it runs away. Well done, you're safe now. Anyway, when I said I was AFRAID OF HEIGHTS to a travel agent I was called PARANOID. Even so, I don't want to go on holiday to Mount Everest. Just the sun. Shortly afterwards, a COP BEAT ME UP. When I asked why, the officer implied that EVERYTHING IS MY FAULT. I guess THAT'S ON ME. Anyway, GIMME A KNIFE before we go. I CAN'T DREAM of other worlds when feeling unsafe. Wait, where are you going?...

That's not a bad story, right? Some people (i.e. me and others who are cool) may even say it's better than the music itself (or at least more adventurous), as Wikipedia says the release has got some pretty mediocre reviews. I on the other hand, really like it. Like in the last review, I'm very tempted to write material based on the foods I've eaten. Yet again, I've eaten both green grapes, red grapes, AND nuts, but this time pistachio nuts rather than typical ones. Does that matter? In the wacky world of Wiedemann Comedy, probably. But for the sake of interest, let's talk about recently consumed foods that are significantly different: Cheesy Wotsits! So... How do the crisps relate to the mystifying story that is the album? Well... too much cheese is bad, and if you try coming up with stories based on the band's ideas, that's bad for other people to read. Why? Because you completely twist the band's vision. Perhaps to the point of causing angry reactions. See the connection between food, music and material in general? My method is logical. You have to think about why it is logical, granted, but I THINK it is. Let's just read that last paragraph again. Yeah, that's fine.

So yeah, the difference between this review and my random stories in the short story section of my site, is the former isn't actually random, technically speaking. Let's do another album from the band and write another tale. Let's do their self-titled debut... Actually, let's skip that one and do their next project 'Wavvves' instead. The prior just keeps going on about different kinds of goths. So does 'Wavvves', but the titles ARE trippier. Let's go!

Hello, friend. We got off to a bad start when I talked about knives. Sorry. To lighten the mood, I'll say 'RAINBOW EVERYWHERE.' That's not grammatically correct, but you know what I mean. What I'm trying to say is I think nice thoughts, too. Me saying 'BEACH DEMON' would be darker, but to be clear, I was talking about rainbows. You think I've gone TO THE DREGS? I disagree. Hey... I'm getting a profound message from the sun... The SUN OPENS MY EYES, metaphorically speaking. It's saying I need to get a gun. Where do I get a gun, sun? The GUN IN THE SUN?... Hey, friend? Why are you looking so scared? You're SO BORED? Bored with what? All the craziness? You think I'm crazy? You should see some GOTH GIRLS. They're really NO HOPE KIDS. I'm sorry, that was offensive, wasn't it?

Have I been smoking something? Sure! I'm a WEED DEMON. Anyway, what's your

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favourite kind of goth? (Here we go - Simon) The CALIFORNIA GOTH, the SUMMER GOTH, or the BEACH GOTH? I don't know what my obsession with goths is about. I'm also intrigued by KILLR PUNX, SCARY DEMONS. I'm so sorry, that wasn't proper grammar, either. Anyway, what do you think of SURF GOTHs? Only joking. Your FRIENDS WERE GONE and that's the only reason you're still speaking to me? You sound even more scared now. HOW ARE YOU? I WANNA SEE YOU (AND GO TO THE MOVIES).

So that's another story that works. It may just be my mind playing tricks on me, but I actually think I said something roughly like that before in real life. Anyway, let's be sensible and talk about the music on the album 'FoH'. It has kind of a punky feel. If punks can't handle my anarchic writing, they're hypocrites quite frankly. Granted, I've made Wavves look like freaks, but they should be grateful I didn't take things further. I could have said their song 'Idiot' was about them and I'd have pretty good evidence, too. I mean what the HELL is their song 'Convertible Balloon' about? Not even the lyrics offer any clues. 'Shinin' in the sun like a convertible balloon'??? Are the band tricking me into making made up things seem real by using legit phrases like 'shinin' in the sun' then speaking nonsense? It's like me going 'Lying on the beach (a great start, right?) and THEN saying 'like a shape-shifting breakfast.' Wow, that's so deep and original. It's not actually, I got that word from a random word generator, and I think Wavves did, too.

Right! NOW it's a proper review. In fact, it's such a strong review I'm going to give it a few more checks (ha, like I need to) and post it right afterwards. Bye! (Oh yes, and 9/10. Maybe the high score will ease the pain of the band. Soz for freaking out a bit).