

Today, I'll be reviewing 'Hello!' by Status Quo! The band name means 'the current state of things' and the band used to be called 'Traffic Jam'. Why are these people so fixated on things staying still? They're clearly very modest guys. Yes, their music isn't exactly groundbreaking, but it IS still good. You could say they're the exact opposite of hip hop artists who boast about things all the time, in particular about committing serious crimes. (Interestingly that in itself is pretty samey, isn't it? Hip hop being the same yet opposite too, wow). Can I see Status Quo bragging about robbing and killing people? Absolutely not. It may not be on the Hello! album, but the band have a cheerful song that goes 'rockin' all over the world!' Only the most demented musicians would sing such a song in such a happy fashion with other lyrics that celebrate shootings. They also used to be called 'The Spectres' and spectres are ghosts. What do you get after you kill someone? You get a ghost, don't you? I could picture such a band bragging about murder in a way I suppose, but still the cheerful nature of the music would be most unsettling.

Rather like Status Quo sticking with the norm, I must confess the thought of happy killers is certainly not mine. There's a Disney version of a Cannibal Corpse song that is very funny, check it out on Youtube! But are such violent lyrics really funny? No. Same goes for Monty Python style killer rabbits, are they funny? Actually I think getting killed by a fluffy animal is worse than a tiger for example, as you'd feel fear AND embarrassment. Getting beaten up by a rabbit COULD be a funny story if you told it properly, but if you get punched by a man and you didn't find that funny, yeah, being attacked by a rabbit is worse, I think anyway. Having said that, why isn't it ok if you attack a rabbit in self defence?? The looks you'd get, right? Same goes with kicking pigeons, it sounds awful, but birds ARE related to dinosaurs. You know that no ideas are truly original, right? Therefore, you could conclude that Monty Python didn't actually make killer rabbits up and they too are related to dinosaurs. Oh so kicking dinosaurs is fine, but not rabbits? That sounds like the reasoning of a madman but I'm NOT mad as I can actually deal with some pretty challenging paradoxical thoughts, proved earlier.

Sticking with the subject of band names, like being in a metaphorical traffic jam myself, in the beginning they were called 'The Paladins' and paladins were legendary knights who fought in the middle ages. Another ill-fitting name, isn't it? Obviously knights are capable of killing people as that's their job. A kind knight that refuses to follow orders as they're too violent is a quaint idea, but I simply can't see it happening. Ever. By that I mean you can't defend a country like that, can you? And SQ aren't killers. So all things considered, I prefer the band where they are more humble, kind and peaceful, so I retract my comment earlier when I suggested Status Quo wasn't the best name for them. Lastly, the band used to be called THE Status Quo. Why drop the 'the'? Personally I like the word, I genuinely don't know where I'd be without it. Take this one sentence omitting 'the': 'Lastly, band used to be called Status Quo. Why drop? Personally I like word, I genuinely don't know where I'd be without it.' It doesn't make sense, does it? Does the omission mean the band see themselves as too good for the word 'the'? If so, how does that make them humble?? I'm sorry, but that is a paradox too big for me to handle.

Maybe because my life too can be compared to somewhat of a traffic jam, I think I get these guys in many ways. A more fitting and descriptive name for a project led by me would be something like 'Nothing New, Whatsoever. (In Traffic).' I'm aware that's

not a name that is 100% clear, but that's art, isn't it? It's supposed to be vague and mysterious. Of course what I really mean is I'm stuck in a pretty boring situation. Would I be bored if I rocked all over the world, though? Surely not, so how can SQ claim to be like a traffic jam?? I have to be honest, they're annoying me now. They've changed, they used to keep they're achievements to themselves, at least I think they did... They've changed? How is THAT the status quo? Goddammit these people are confusing. Even so, good music and I think a solid 8.75/10 is deserved. When it comes to being humble on the other hand? Sure things aren't perfect, but I actually think these people deserve a 9, I really do. Or maybe an 8. When it comes to the appreciation of language things aren't so good, so I'm going to have to give them a 1. And on that complicated note... Bye!