Band Names

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INT: BAND PRACTICE ROOM - DAY

Here is a room with red walls and guitars hanging on them. JUSTIN, 20 and with dreadlocks sits behind a drum kit, holding two sticks. His friend LARRY, 20, with long hair and wearing a guitar plugged into an amp, faces him.

JUSTIN

That was a great jam session, man.

LARRY

Yeah, we rock. I guess the next thing is to finally decide on a band name...

JUSTIN

I've had a few ideas. How about Acid Death? Or maybe Spider Fang?

LARRY rubs his chin.

LARRY

Na. Too cliched.

JUSTIN

You try, then...

LARRY

How about 'The Bo-bations'.

JUSTIN's eyes widen.

JUSTIN

No.

LARRY

You seem certain...

JUSTIN grips his sticks, tight.

JUSTIN

I'm more than certain. I actually hate it. In fact I hate it so much it makes me want to punch someone.

LARRY clicks his fingers with confidence.

LARRY

Dr. Boogaloo's Biscuit Boobaloo.

JUSTIN

No!

LARRY

Peter Peppay's Pied Pango.

JUSTIN hits the snare drum, hard with his stick.

JUSTIN

Shut up!!!

LARRY

Mr. Rabble's Biscuit Babble?

JUSTIN throws one of his sticks at LARRY.

LARRY

Ow! What was that for??

JUSTIN throws his other stick at him.

LARRY

OW!

JUSTIN

Sorry, sorry... All better, now.

LARRY

(nervously)

The Sweeley Bo-Heeleys?...

In a rage, JUSTIN throws his snare drum at LARRY's face. It then crashes to the floor as LARRY rubs himself better.

LARRY

WHAT THE HELL??

JUSTIN

Oh man! I'm so sorry!

LARRY

Uncle Sprinkle's Fantastical Fandango?

JUSTIN rubs his temples.

JUSTIN

(tired)

... Fine... We're calling ourselves, a brutal death metal band, 'Uncle Sprinkle's Fantastical Fandango'. I'll just phone the bassist and tell him.

JUSTIN grabs a phone from his pocket and dials a number.

JUSTIN

Yo John, me and Larry have finally decided on our band name: 'Uncle Sprinkle's Fantastical Fandango'...
Yep, it makes me want to punch someone, too... You think we should change it... I'm sorry, my mobile's going weird... You think it's good? Is that what you said? No? Ok, bye!

JUSTIN pockets his phone.

LARRY

(seriously)

Justin... I know John didn't like that name... Why did you do that for me?

JUSTIN

I just don't care any more. That's all.

LARRY

So... We're playing later as USFF?

JUSTIN

(darkly)

Yes.

INT: MUSIC CONCERT - NIGHT

On a stage lit up by many changing colours and behind a drum kit is JUSTIN. On his left is the axe-wielding LARRY and on his right is bassist, JOHN (20) with long hair. At the front of the stage and holding a mic is punk-haired singer, REGGIE (20). On the floor area are 50 AUDIENCE MEMBERS of all ages, lit up in red.

REGGIE

Hello, London! We are... We are...

JUSTIN

Just say it and move on.

REGGIE

We are... Uncle Sprinkle's Fantastical Fandango.

The AUDIENCE are silence. Then a couple of MEN start hitting each other.

REGGIE

I knew this would happen...

JUSTIN

Ignore them.

REGGIE

There will be no fighting in this venue!... Apart from in the mosh pit..

The two now bloodied MEN stop fighting each other and nod to REGGIE.

REGGIE

Anyway, here's Uncle Sprinkle's Fantastical Fandango's first song, 'Sweeley Bo-Heeley!'

The MEN start beating each other again. Then two more join in. Then two more. Soon enough, a mass brawl breaks out.

JUSTIN

Just play, it's not our problem.

JUSTIN hits his sticks four times, then plays extreme metal along with LARRY and JOHN. Then REGGIE starts screaming.

REGGIE

MR. RABBLE'S BISCUIT BABBLE! MR. RA...

Someone throws a beer bottle at REGGIE, he falls over and the band stop playing. JOHN then walks up to LARRY and kicks him, just the once.

JUSTIN

Ok. Let's change our name.