

Today, I'll be reviewing 'The EPs' by Lacuna Coil. It will be a thoughtful review. But what IS a lacuna coil? I know what a coil is at least, but lacuna? Hm. Let's Google it: Apparently it's either a gap in general or a cavity, most often in a bone. Those two meanings are quite different, so why don't LC clarify things? It's like me saying to you 'you may have a gap in your clothes. You might want to get some new ones. On the other hand, you may have a hole in your skull. I'm not sure which'. Fittingly one of the songs is in Italian, and the lyrics can basically mean anything. At least to monolingual people like me. It's still good, though. Hopefully it's not about running over people or whatever as many metal songs are, I'd hate to admit liking a song like that, but I'm sure it's not. It would just be out of character as some of the lyrics in this album are about innocently stargazing. That's a relief.

Ah. The song about that subject ('Stars') is a cover song. Maybe LC do write about running people over in the foreign song, maybe I was being naive before. Let's check the English song titles instead: 'The Secret', 'This Is My Dream', 'Falling' and 'Hyperfast' could all be about mowing people down. That's troubling. Let's check them in depth and in order... Right from the start, 'The Secret' goes: 'A silver sky. His blood is in my hand.' Wow. I'm not sure if I can continue reading that, I always thought LC were so nice. No, I'm sure I'm misinterpreting the words, let's check the next song... Yep, TimD is completely harmless. 'Falling' goes 'I bring my body, carry into another world...' Hm, it's almost as if the singer took a corpse with her to... No. I'm being paranoid. The next track will make everything clear, I'm certain. 'Hyperfast' goes 'sadly I'm destroying everything I've done and everything remaining is burning in my fire'. A hit and run then arson. Great.

Ok, bands such as Slipknot sing about killing people ALL the time, and I'm sure they don't mean their lyrics. (Other than the time the guitarist got involved with a knife fight). So why should Lacuna? Let's be mature and review their SONGWRITING. Who cares what the vocalist is going on about? There are some great vocal melodies and harmonies in the Italian song, I have to say. It's actually my favourite. A bit of a risky thing to say, I know. Let's translate its title to see if I've allied myself with crazy people. Here goes: 'Un Fantasma Tra Noi' apparently means 'A Ghost Among Us'. Well, that can certainly be about killing people. Oh yeah, I'm supposed to be talking about the instrumentation/vocal MELODIES. It's hard to think clearly when under severe stress.

Oh hang on, my favourite track on this album is 'SENZAFINE', I mixed it up with the one I discussed in the previous paragraph. Turns out Senz' is an Italian song, too. I thought it was a funny looking English word. I'm sorry for confusing you and saying there was one Italian track. I'm hugely relieved there are two foreign tracks as it there was one and it was the one I talked about before, that would mean Senzafine contains many dozens of Brit words I'm completely unfamiliar with. That would mean back to primary school. :( Ok, NOW I'll talk about the instrumentation... The guitars are very melodic but not OTT. One song even has a touch of sweep picking in it. You know the Where's Wally pictures where you have to find the character in huge crowds or whatever, if you're bored you can listen to The EPs and play the game I invented called 'where's shred?' And why not?

The bass playing doesn't really stand out at all, but that doesn't really matter as Lacuna Coil aren't prog or a jazz band. A jazz band about running people over?

Wouldn't make sense, would it? The drummer may not be flashy but he can certainly keeps time. Although if he did speed up in the songs, that could fit the theme of finding victims and speeding towards them. Lastly the singing is great. Now what to talk about? Hm. I guess I can talk about my least favourite song on the album. It's 'Un Fantasma Tra Noi' as it's an instrumental and in need of some of more interest. Yes, that's the song I thought was my favourite, because I didn't do any checking. Now THIS is a weird review isn't it? It's all over the place. And you know what? I'm going to leave things as they are. How about that? (9 out of 10. You may have noticed I give lots of high scores in my reviews, but that's because I tend to review my faves. An explanation for you. BYE!)