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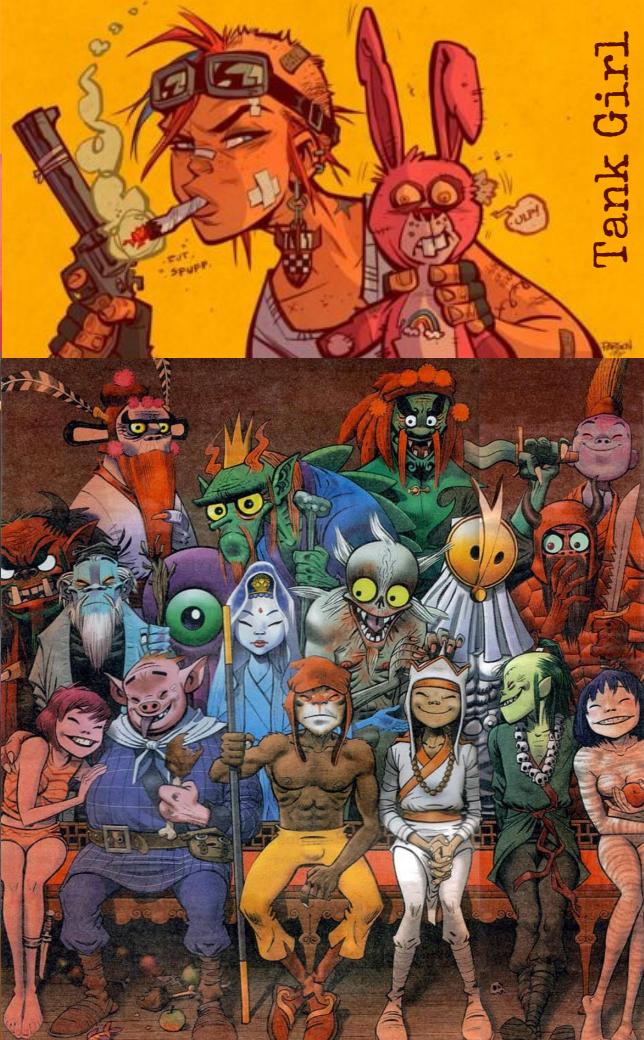
Damon Albarn

- English musician, singer, songwriter, and record producer
- Lead singer and keyboardist of Brit. Rock band Blur
- Cofounder, lead vocalist, and principal songwriter of The Gorillaz
- Voice of 2-D



~JAMIE HEWLETT~

- English comic creator, animator, designer, and artist
- Cofounder of *Tank Girl* and *The Gorillaz*
- Illustrator of the original *Tank Girl* comic
- Head illustrator and animator for *The Gorillaz*
 - Designed the characters



Tank Girl

Intro to: Murdoc Niccals

Murdoc starts as a satanist, promising if he became a famous rock star, he would offer Satan his soul. When the deal is finalized, Murdoc acquires Satan's bass guitar "El Diablo".

He starts a few bands that never get anywhere. He joins a gang and drives a car through a building and directly into Stuart Pot's face, putting the man in a coma and giving him an 8-ball fracture leaving one eye black. Murdoc was given community service and forced to take care of Stuart for 10 hours every week.



Born June 6, 1966 in
Stoke-on-Trent,
Staffordshire, England

- ❖ 34 during Phase One
- ❖ 53 as of current

Intro to: Stuart “2-D” Pot

“One day while skidding his car around a car park in Nottingham, Murdoc accidentally sent Stuart flying through the windshield into a curb, giving Stuart a fracture on his right eye, yet waking him up from his coma.

Impressed by Stuart's appearance, describing him as "a blue-haired, black-eyed god", Murdoc recruited him as the lead singer and keyboardist for his band and gave him the nickname 2-D for the two dents in his head.”

(Official Gorillaz Wiki)



Born May 23, 1978 in Crawley, West Sussex, England

- ❖ 22 during Phase One
- ❖ 41 as of current

Intro to: Russel Hobbs

Russel constantly gets possessed by different entities, notably his friends that got killed in a drive by shooting, the most prominent being his best friend Del the Ghost Rapper. He moves to the UK for his own safety and gets kidnapped by Murdoc at while working at a record shop. Murdoc takes him back to Kong Studios and Russel decides to stay because he's into the music. He becomes the drummer for the Gorillaz.

Russel is based on Hewlett's love for Hip-Hop



Born June 3, 1975 in Brooklyn, New York

- ❖ 25 during Phase One
- ❖ 44 as of current

Intro to: Noodle

At 8 years old, Noodle arrives in a FedEx crate at the door of Kong Studios (The Gorillaz residence) in 1998.

Once the box is taken inside, Noodle comes out and performs a sick guitar solo followed by a 20-foot high karate kick.

She says something in Japanese before bowing and saying the word "Noodle".

Noodle becomes her only known name and she becomes the band's lead guitarist.

She provides vocals for some of the songs, most recognizable in "19-2000" and "Dare".

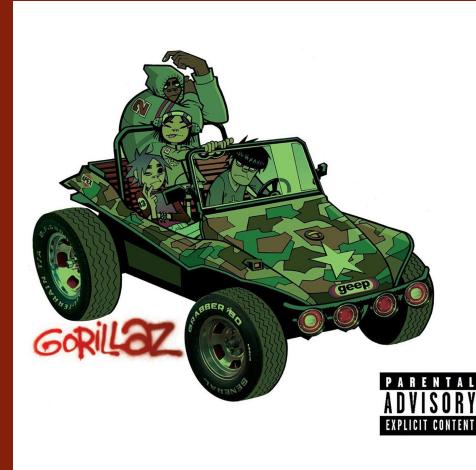
She wrote the entire *Demon Days* album on her own.



Born Oct. 31, 1990 in Osaka, Japan

- ❖ 10 years old during Phase One
- ❖ 29 years old as of current

First Album: *Gorillaz* (2000–03)



First Release:
EP “Tomorrow Comes Today” (2000)

First Single:
"Clint Eastwood" (2001)

Phase One: *Celebrity Take Down* DVD (2002)

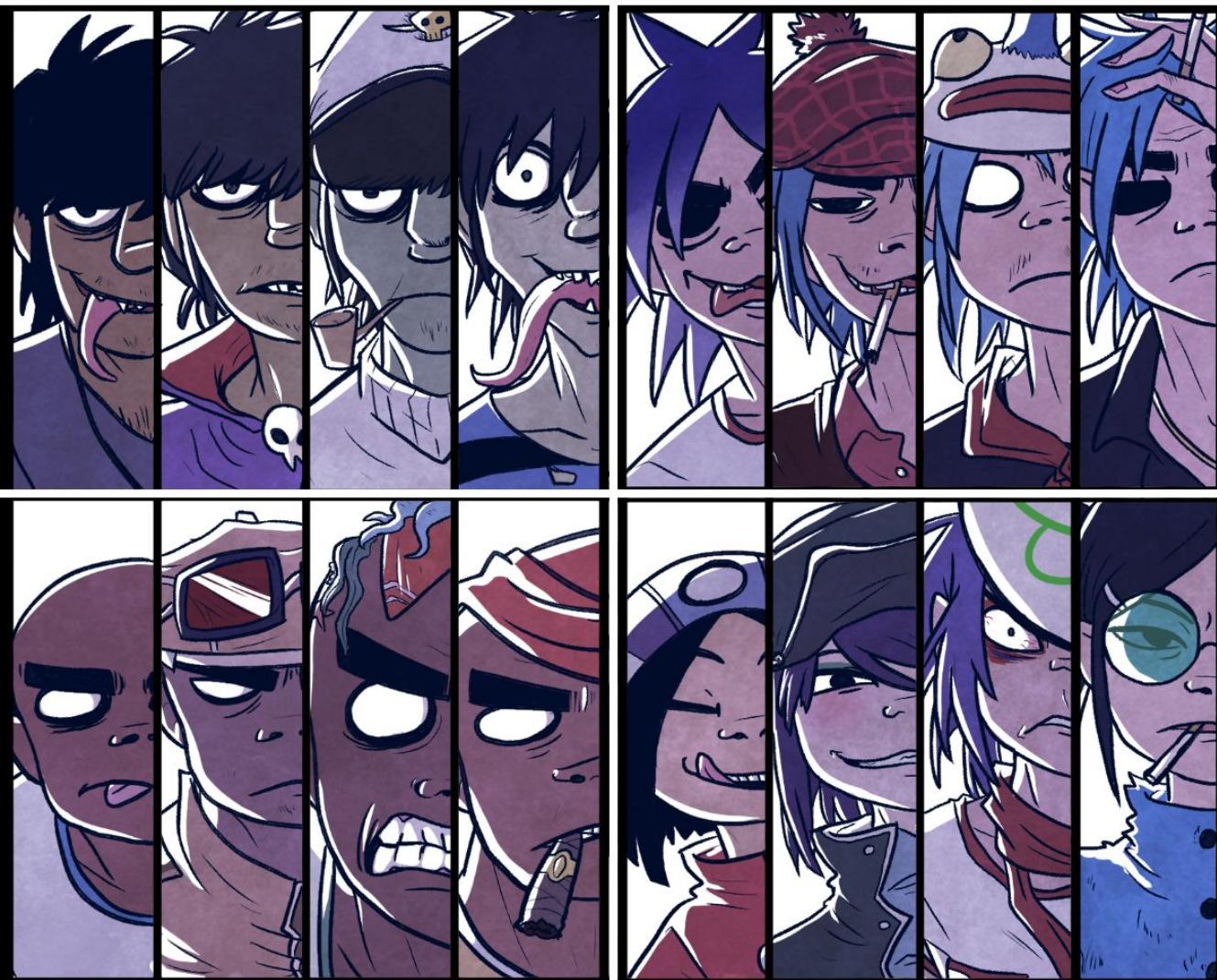
- ❖ A Compilation DVD showing videos and animatics related to the release of the first album, including the singles.
- ❖ Includes Interludes coined as “Gorilla Bites” (G-Bites), in which the characters interact in an animated cartoon short.

This helps establish the character's personalities beyond the music videos.



A “Phase” in The Gorillaz is also a way to identify where on the timeline a music video took place in relation to each character’s story.

The characters develop as each Phase is released and the story’s plot progresses.



The Phases So Far...

1. Phase One: *Celebrity Take Down* (1998–2003)
Album: *Gorillaz*
2. Phase Two: *Slowboat to Hades* (2003–2007) - The only other Phase to have a video album
Album: *Demon Days*
3. Phase Three: *Escape to Plastic Beach* (2008–2013)
Albums: *Plastic Beach* and *The Fall*
4. Phase Four: *We Are Still Humanz* (2013–2018)
Album: *Humanz*
5. Phase Five: *No More Unicorns Anymore* (2018–2019)
Album: *The Now Now*
6. Phase Six: *Wish You Wear Ear* (2019–)





- 1.) Kong Studios (P1)
- 2.) Windmill Island (P2)
- 3.) Plastic Beach (P3)
- 4&5.) Outer Space (P5)
+ Spirit House
(from "Saturnz Barz video")



Gorillaz

Studio albums	6
Compilation albums	3
Video albums	3
Music videos	22
EPs	2
Singles	33

(Above) General Discography

(Right) All Music Videos
(Except Superfast Jellyfish?)



Title	Year	Director(s)	Album	
"Tomorrow Comes Today"	2000	Jamie Hewlett ^[75]	<i>Gorillaz</i>	
"Clint Eastwood"	2001	Jamie Hewlett, Pete Candelan ^[75]		
"19-2000"		Jamie Hewlett ^[75]		
"Rock the House"		Jamie Hewlett, Pete Candelan ^[75]		
"Lil' Dub Chefin"	2002	Jamie Hewlett, Tim U, Mat Watkins ^[75]	<i>Laika Come Home</i>	
"Rockit"	2004	Zombie Flesh Eaters Ltd. ^[76]	<i>D-Sides</i>	
"Feel Good Inc."	2005	Pete Candelan ^[75]	<i>Demon Days</i>	
"Dare"		Jamie Hewlett, Pete Candelan ^[75]		
"Dirty Harry"				
"El Mañana"	2006			
"Stylo"	2010		<i>Plastic Beach</i>	
"On Melancholy Hill"				
"Doncamatic"		Jamie Hewlett ^{[77][78]}		
"Phoner to Arizona"				
"DoYaThing"	2012		N/A	
"Hallelujah Money"	2017	Jamie Hewlett, Giorgio Testi ^[79]	<i>The Fall</i>	
"Saturnz Barz"				
"Sleeping Powder"		Jamie Hewlett		
"Strobelite"		Raoul Skinbeck ^[75]		
"Humility"	2018	Jamie Hewlett, Tim McCourt, Max Taylor, Evan Silver ^[80]	<i>Humanz</i>	
"Humility (Superorganism Remix)"		Robert Strange		
"Tranz"		Jamie Hewlett		

Gorillaz > Albums



Demon Days
2005

Topped charts in the UK,
France, and Switzerland



Humanz
2017

Topped charts in Austria
and Switzerland



The Now Now
2018



Plastic Beach
2010

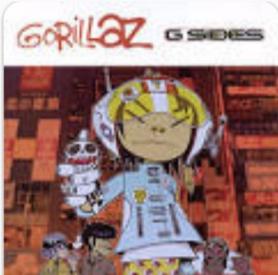
Topped charts in
Australia and Austria



Gorillaz
2001



The Fall
2010



G Sides
2001



D-Sides
2007



The Singles
Collection 2...
2011



Laika Come
Home
2002

(Above) All Official Albums (out of order)

(Left) Compilation and Remix Albums



- "Dare" peaked #1 in The UK
- "19-2000" peaked #1 in New Zealand
- "Clint Eastwood" peaked #1 in Italy

The cool thing about the Gorillaz is not only the fact that they are the first virtual band, but also that they bend genre so much that it is hard to categorize them and fit them into a box.

They have songs of many genres, entire albums that blur the lines, and almost every song is still a masterpiece.

There are so many different artists and styles involved that it would be impossible to not find at least one song that you would like.



Gorillaz

8,741,233

MONTHLY LISTENERS



Popular

- 1 Feel Good Inc.
458,642,809

- 2 On Melancholy Hill
182,107,407

- 3 Clint Eastwood
E 284,069,843

- 4 DARE
141,300,994

- 5 Humility (feat. George Benson)
57,008,560



The concept of Russel having the spirits of rappers inside of him is what inspired the usage of collaborators in all Gorillaz albums.

"That was a key moment." Albarn says, "Once we started thinking like that, the idea of 'We can work with whoever we like' kind of evolved."

Gorillaz Collaborations

(in no particular order)

- Del the Funky Homosapien - "Rock The House" and "Clint Eastwood"
- Paul Simonon and Mick Jones (from The Clash) - "Plastic Beach"
- De La Sol - "Superfast Jellyfish" and "Feel Good Inc."
- Snoop Dogg and Jamie Principle - "Hollywood"
- Pusha T and Mavis Staples - "Let Me Out"
- DRAM - "Andromeda (D.R.A.M. Special)"
- Little Simz - "Garage Palace"
- Vince Staples - "Ascension"
- Popcaan - "Saturnz Barz"



And More...



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