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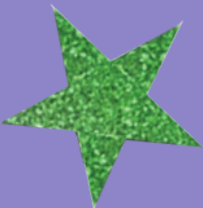
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prologue

i am a firm believer that no story is right or wrong and no feeling is black or white. there are two sides to every coin, and every situation is on both sides to some extent.

is anything truly evil, is anything truly pure? when you're at your darkest there's always a silver lining. when you have a glass half full you can see it as a glass half empty. the way we go about our lives is bittersweet.

a word which is so conflicting and acts as an oxymoron of sorts. i used this word to title my album because the way i live and feel is so much more complex than i will ever be able to verbalise. i can be happy and sad at the same time. that's what this is all about.

on this record, i analyse the break-downs and aftermaths of my relationships. i hope you love it as much as i do.

1. freak out

commentary

i love this song because it is so unapologetically angsty. the lyrics are so witty and aggressive in a way where it feels just like a natural rant, but at the same time they come together effectively to create a song i really love.

this one is obviously about my ex-friends. at the time i wrote this, i was still friends with these people. however, it is clear that it was never going to resolve itself if i was writing something this scathing about them.

P.S. they did indeed get together!

lyrics

i want you guys, to like, not
i'm so fucking pissed i think that i'll write your names in death note
and when you don't reply to me
i'll make sure that you both, like, choke
cause you guys don't make a dream, you don't even make a couple
and i'll be so alone and stranded cause our trio will be disbanded
and i'm so sick of this small group, where's the girl i really like?
if i hold back one more time or tell them that it's fucking fine
i think i'll really fucking burst and punch someone where it will hurt
and i wish i'd left this before and i wish people considered me more
all i did was be a friend, they're the kinda ones i liked
now they're falling right in love
they say they'll all break up in time but i don't even want to wait
if they get together soon
god, i'll fucking freak out
i feel like i'm being shoved aside, like i don't even get their texts
i hate that they found each other, cause maybe i can't do the same
or maybe i'm just fucking nice, i won't ruin another's night
and they're not cool, and they're not hot
they're just alone and desperate
all i did was be a friend, it's a job i took serious
now i'm pushed down off the ground
i hope that they break up now, when they do i'll find out, wow
i promise that i'm not a cow
god, i'll fucking freak out
got a broken friendship, broken heart
and god, i don't even know why i should start

2. boyfriend

commentary

this song i relate to immensely, and unfortunately i think i will relate to for the foreseeable future. i just need to learn to be okay with that.

lyrics

i kinda wanna get a man inside my room
lock the door and live a life of our own
but that shit won't happen
cause there's no attraction with no one but you
i know i've got a life to live and i've got time to find someone
but i want what i want
i've got no one to love, it's killing me quickly
i think i hate too much, the fact that i'm lonely
i'm so sick of those people getting anyone they like
cause all i want, all i need is a boyfriend
to be with me, to be with me
and i know i've liked you for like way too long
but i know that's cause there's no other option
there's very few gays around my age
i can't stand it oh god i sound crazy but they are not my type
i know that's fine and i should wait for someone new but i can't
i've got no one to love, it's killing me quickly
i think i hate too much, the fact that i'm lonely
i'm so sick of those people getting anyone they like
cause all i want, all i need is a boyfriend
oh you guys are so cool, you go out all the time
with your mates ex girl who you picked up in five
it's always some cheap date or a party with booze
i want to be you so bad and i don't even like you
all i see is that i am a loner, a loser, a pathetic no lifer
all i see is what i should have. a boyfriend, a guy who i can love
got no one to love, i'm dying right beside you
i think i hate too much the fact that i'm lonely
i'm so sick of just me, need someone right by my side
literally anyone else can be the man for me
i'm so sick of my pillow, need someone real to hug
i need a good boyfriend to be with me, be with me
what is the key

3. kinda bored

commentary

the lead single of this album, a track which i think i nailed when it came to my vision - the lyrics hit the marks that i wanted them to. i would just like to preface that nothing said about these girls in this song is negative, there was just a distinctive type i could describe!

lyrics

lame walks to the mall, you'll buy some fast food and catch her fall
give her attention, laugh at jokes that hurt people you hate
(hahahahahaha)
her face plastered in makeup with her brown hair and stuck on eyelashes
everyone sees that she's the same girl as the ones before
so soon you're gonna break up and she'll be so hurt
but for you, she's just another checkbox
you say you're sad, so sad you're done
it's for the best, but know you won, cause she's the same
do you get kinda bored with the same girls?
do you get kinda bored, huh?
do you get kinda bored, huh
do you see her and almost look away because you loved her with 10
different names
and you'll still stay friends knowing that you like a common breed
and then she'll find out she's replaced before she can whisper
"she looks the same as i do and why does she even know you"
now you're laughing with your arm slung right round her small waist
and soon they're gonna break up, i've seen it happen too much
guess i could be jealous even though it won't last
oh she's the girl he's dating now
no, never mind, she won't read vows, at least with him
he must get bored with the same girls. you must get kinda bored, huh?
do you get kinda bored?
it's a shit cycle that i always hated but i still wanted to be one that
you dated
we used to be something just not how i wanted
every girl is just the same
even though i knew it's cause i'm a guy i questioned why it was early
that we died
i was expected to be more than just fine
i know you get kinda bored, i know you get kinda bored, i know you get
kinda bored

4. 3 steps forward, 1 step back

commentary

this song is ridiculously important to me, and feels so real, honest and authentic. this was the first song i wrote for the album, after my first day of school this year. i remember the entirety of summer i imagined what seeing this person again would make me feel. i thought i would combust. the way i ended up feeling was confusing to me. i went home that night and when it was very late, i listened to the instrumental of this track. it was so powerful and moving, and it absorbed me. that was the moment i decided to write this entire album.

lyrics

i saw you at school today, i didn't ask you how you were
i think I may have spoke boringly, maybe we were always just that
the first look across that room, boy, i romanticised it so much
but today in that dead hall, my lonely heart didn't even dare to drop
and for me, it's always 3 steps forward and 1 step back
i've forgotten who you are for good till you walk in the door
it's always 3 steps forward and 1 step back
i swear i'm so close can you just not show up no more
no, don't show up no more
and maybe in some desperate way
i'll laugh a bit harder in hopes you'll notice
and maybe I wouldn't fake my smile
if you didn't always look at me whenever I did
it's 3 steps forward and 1 step back
i swear i don't care anymore, how come you're in my mind
it's always 3 steps forward and 1 step back
i'm done for good with all these stupid one sided games
yeah, i've cried and tried to get you out my head
i've lied and died on my 50th grave, you know why
i'm leaving you here, now don't follow me there
why was it so easy for you to let go of all these girls?
it's 3 steps forward and 1 step back
and i'll leave you if you promise to never return
yeah its 3 steps forward and 1 step back
all I need is for you just to simply leave my life
simply leave my life

5. fake

commentary

this one is for those who hate fake people, because who doesn't?
this song is about two separate people. i didn't realise how
similar they were until i mixed them together in a song.

lyrics

fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake
oh no, your voice when you lie tells me way more
than i wanted to know
and you need to let go of the desire to be someone you're not
you're the craziest person i know
cause why do you even try me when i'm the realest you've ever met?
it's not even funny
said you got a boyfriend you when you really don't
using others issues for attention, and i don't want you to explain
i'm just saying that it's fake
and when you try to be unique and funny
and looking stupid for pity laughs
i don't want to see your face, all i know is that it's fake
fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake
oh no, i asked people to confirm if you're telling the truth
we all know how that turned out
and i was finally free from that wrath of your friendship
we've spoken once since that night. you say that i'm crazy, bitchy
cause you're trying to preserve your image, that's fucking hilarious
say you love her when hated her, stop exaggerating this story
and i don't want you to explain, i'm just saying that you're fake
you said it's your personality when it's not
it's what you wanna be
and i don't wanna ruin the fun but i'm saying that you're fake
fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, i'm just saying that this is fake
fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake
oh no, guess i was right, you actually lied, why can't i leave now?
when people do this it's so icky, do you think you're tricky?
and i don't want to be your friend cause all you are is fake
you said that it's your personality when it's all that you wanna be
and i don't need to see your face cause all it is is fake
fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake
i'm just saying that you're fake
fake, fake, fake, fake, fake, fake

6. our time

commentary

this one hurts for me. the song kinda just speaks for itself.

lyrics

know that i liked you so bad
can't believe you left like that
was it all some fucked up strange dream
and i felt when you erased me from your life
please believe me
when i say i'll go back if you gave me another shot
the things you said
i felt like i was an unspeakable crime
the way you acted, do your friends even know of our time?
you don't mind being friends with guys
as soon as it's more it's hushing time
and i thought it could be a thrill
and i still would've taken you back
but now i know that it's your knack
to make someone feel special and desert them
all the things you said
can you please open your eyes?
the way you acted
do you even remember our time?
i'm happy that i grew up and realised it was your loss
cause at the end of the day
i was the one who cared the most
but it's really fine cause i'm better off
without your firing glare and your quick flirt
oh, look what i did with change
all the things i said
i wanted to call you mine
all the things i did
i'm the only one who remembers that short time
our short time, our short time
cause baby it was only mine

7. over it

commentary

“over it,” is my favourite song from this album. i can almost feel the emotion in this one. i remember making this song and crying. there is something so heartbreaking but also so beautiful about realising that people are allowed to move on, even when you don’t. i think it is easy to be angry at somebody for moving on with their life while you can’t. however, they are entitled to move on and the strongest thing you can do is let them and try to do the same.

i’m not so sure i was over it while making this one, but that’s me.

lyrics

blue salty eyes and a smile so wide
god i fell hard, and you knew it too
and you liked me back even though i did lack
knowing what we couldn’t become
and ain’t it silly?
how i cared so much about things that you just dropped
and ain’t it funny
how you ended it all and regretted it badly much later
you don’t owe me for getting up and moving on quickly
how could i doubt you at all
i took it hard for a year and a half
couldn’t let go at first
while you’re with all those girls now
it took me too long to follow your footsteps
but i think after so long, i could be over it
sometimes i pull out a text to just show a friend
and get reminded of all those bad moments
and i know we were heaps younger and i chose blunder
and at the end of the day i’m just weak
but ain’t it stupid
that i think you are the only one who could be good for me
and ain’t it stupid
to say we were even good in the first place
you don’t owe me for all the nights i cried myself, lonely
i had no one to talk to, you couldn’t care less
about mid-october when all i could do was replay it over
it took you 5 days to smile and move on and now after so long

i think i'm over it
god i wish that you had thought this through before i went and fell in love
with you
and am i really over it, cause why the fuck am i even writing this song?
you really hurt me but i live with the truth now
that i can't blame you for moving on well
you talked to her and i'm still stuck crying
thought we could have a shot even though we were dying
it took me too long to get up and go home
it took me a lifetime
but i'm really, i'm really fucking over it, yeah i think i'm over it
god, i wish that you had thought this through
before i went and fell in love with you

thank you

thank you for reading & thank you for listening to this record,
i love you just as much as i love this collection of songs :)

