

# purple munkie

## 'FISTY'

[EP REVIEW]

When someone discovers something great, they like to share it with others. Like felching, for instance. A highly under-rated past-time, and something to think about next time you're drinking your Chocolate McShake. I would like to share with everyone the new Purple Munkie EP. It doesn't contain salty goodness and it can't be sucked through a straw, but is satisfying, nevertheless. If 20 people read this review, and one of them goes out and buys the EP, it will have been worth writing this. And if the other 19 think I'm a sick fuck who should grow up, it will also have been worth writing. I can't lose.

The plan is this: I'm gonna listen to 'Fisty' on repeat until this review is finished, and you're gonna guess how many listens that will take. Think your answer now \_\_\_\_\_. Then, at the end of the review, there's a personality test, based on your response. It's a bit like Cosmopolitan, but with less adverts. First though, you've got to wade through this...

Fisty. Now there's a fine title. Who'd have thought Purple Munkie were capable of releasing a concept EP devoted to the art of fist-fucking? It's a risky venture, but one that might just pay off. If you think I'm joking, by the way, check out these song titles:

*Slightly Out Of Reach* - You've got four fingers in but the knuckles are being difficult. We've all been there.

*Never Sit With Your Back To The Cupboard* - Pretty self-explanatory; we all know what mum and dad keep on the top shelf of the medicine cupboard, don't we? That's right, it's KY, your slippery friend!

*Standoffish* - She's just realised what you're doing. First reaction: 'This isn't right, it's so devious.' You've got some persuading to do.

*Ties Undone* - Finally, the breakthrough. Next lesson: both hands!

'Fisty' is worth purchasing for several reasons. Firstly, it's an Alphabetty release that's not on vinyl, thus making it rarer than a hardcore punk band that don't hate America. Buy this - think of it as an investment for your kids. 'Fisty' is also great because it features Purple Munkie's second best song. Good Munkie songs are better than Linkin Park B-sides, and even the A-sides of most *Kerrang!* bands. High praise indeed.

Due to the release date of 'Fisty' having been pushed back more times than Guns 'N' Roses' European tour, the EP is over a year old. The band are probably sick of it by now. And so will I be if I don't get this review finished soon. A brief synopsis then: *Slightly Out Of Reach* is the standout track, it rocks like a beanstalk being shaken by an angry ogre. The best vocal melodies you'll find this side of Jimmy Eat World. And some sexy guitar, too! Nicola informs me that this song sounds like it could be by a 'proper band' (We are watching *Kerrang! TV* with the sound off.) And she's right. A proper, proper band.

The other tracks on the EP are also great, but in a less immediate way. They're more laid-back and not so radio-friendly. Fuck, I'm starting to sound like a Sony A&R guy. 'Look, your music's great guys, but the look just isn't right. Can I book you in for some tattoos next week? I know a great artist, Shifty Shellshock goes there. And do any of you come from broken homes, by any chance? Good, we can use that.'

If there's any justice in this world, Purple Munkie will go a long way. But then if there was any justice, Elgin would have been nuked years ago and thus Purple Munkie would never have existed and I wouldn't be alive to write this review. I would have died for a good cause though, I can assure you. (Not Purple Munkie dying, just all the others.) And on that happy note, we seem to have reached the end. How many plays did you think it would take to get this far?

If you answered:

Mostly 1 - Your ideal sexual partner is short, self-absorbed and ace-tastic: it's Pete Harper!

Mostly 2 - Your ideal sexual partner also thinks of themselves as being a bit of a rock celebrity, but fails dismally - it's Mary Ann Hobbs!

Mostly 3 - Your ideal sexual partner has hairy legs, a tongue that smells of meat-paste and answers to the name 'Bozo' - it's your mum!

Mostly 4 - Your ideal sexual partner is a lesbian that didn't choose the furry cup because she was too ugly to pull boys. Congratulations - you guessed right!

5 or more - Your ideal sexual partner is your right hand. I take it you've met before? Try listening to 'Fisty' and perhaps you'll find a better use for that right hand. I know I did.

Reviewed by Kai Sirius.