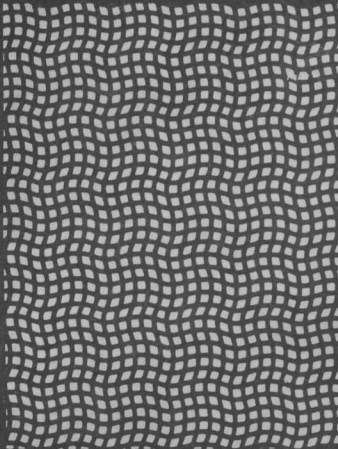
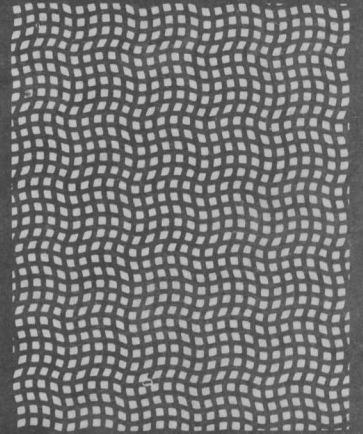


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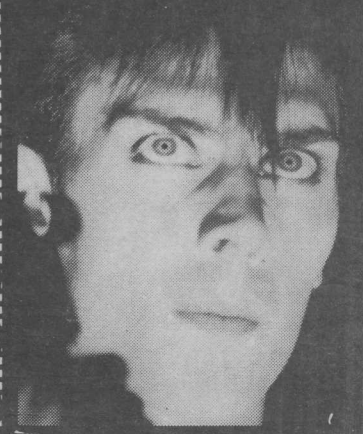
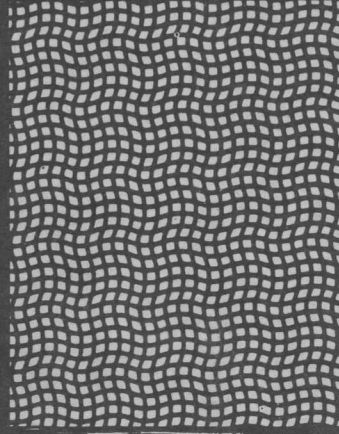
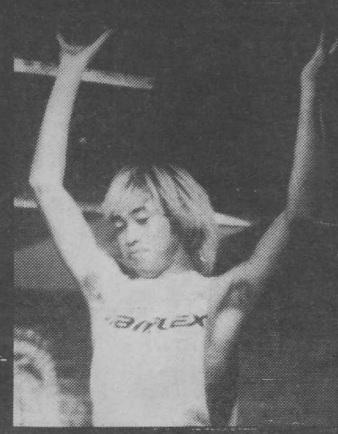
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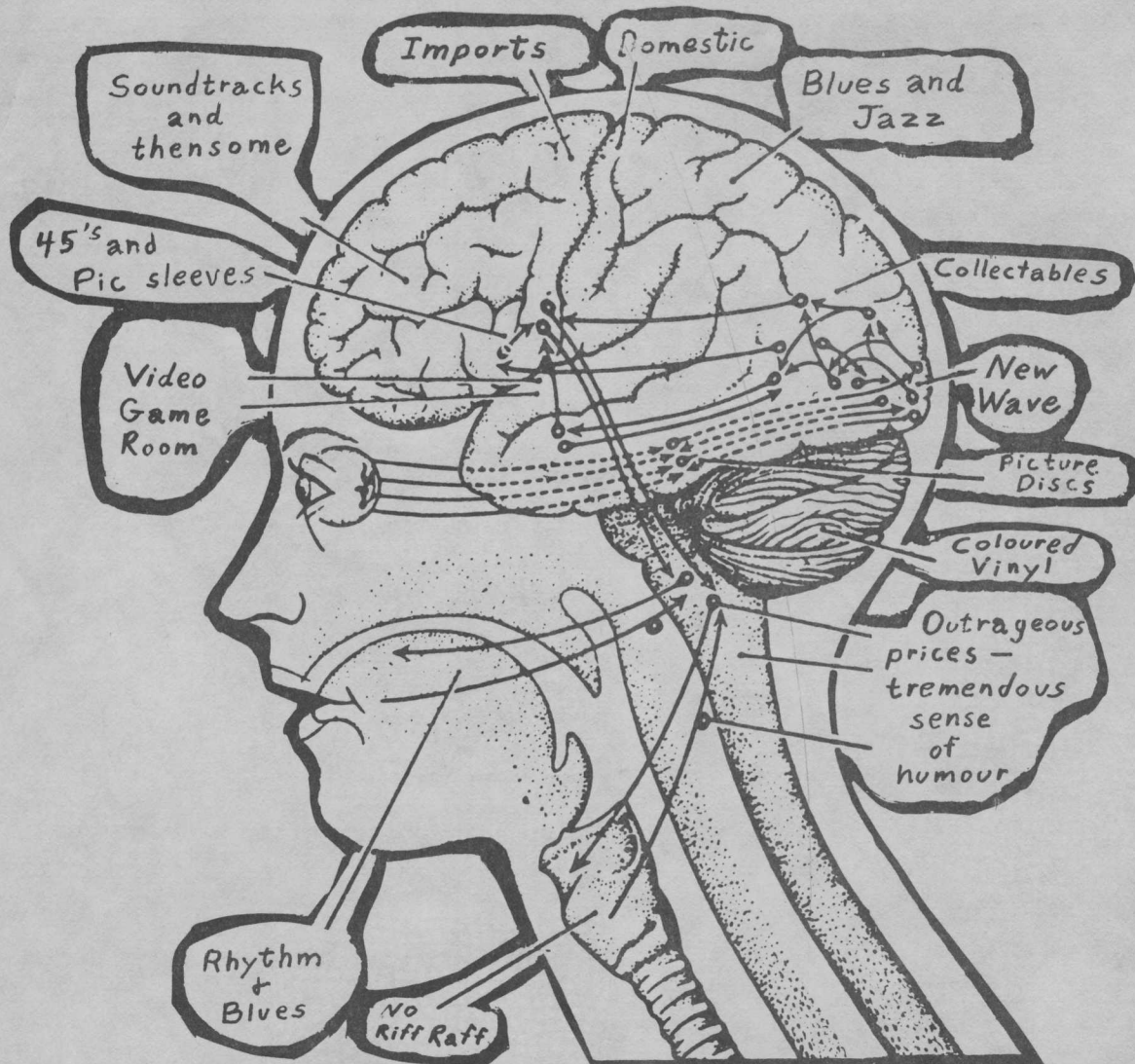
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Girl in Plumed Hat

by Fish

Mais Ami
Obsidian eyes and serpentresses
Don't chide me or provoke
We shall always be friends
Dialectic and profound
Your oneness to my multiple
How strange, almost eerie.

Mais ami
Odalesque in stature
Come, and dance by the lake
We shall always be friends
Though critical and satiric
Your strength to my vision
How wretched, almost ignoble.

Mais ami
Opalescent spirit in the night
Perform me a harlequinade
We shall always be friends
Somewhat depraved and vile
Your tacit consent to my connivance
How supple, almost limber.

Mais ami
Omniscient teller of tales
Design me a comic vignette
We shall always be friends
Ever gracious and harmonic
Your agility to my supine vicissitude
How unexpected, almost celibate.

FASHION DIVIDES PUNK

What's happened? How soon we forget- or did we ever know in the first place? I always thought punk was supposed to be about being an individual, living outside of straight society's bounds, trying to create change, etc... Well, you could've fooled me, 'cause I hear people setting rules and standards on our ideas. Like dress for example...that's right- we now must look a certain way in order to become accepted. Of course some of the people doing the talking are the same people who will go out and spend gobs of money on 'punk' gear...bondage trousers, studded belts, jackets, etc...Whatever happened to the do-it-yourself philosophy of making your own clothes and T-shirts? What about thrift shops?

Don't you see that we're creating the same kind of conformity we originally set out to destroy? Punk's an attitude...why turn it into something plastic and superficial? It doesn't matter what you look like or how you dress...punk is about being an individual. I've seen the slogans and I've read the rhetoric, so where's the action? You've got to be prepared to change things with positive action. Use your head for a change... think and then act. This society is fucked up enough, don't become part of the problem. Find fault and then seek a solution. Let's keep punk pure, and let's not lose track of our individuality and our ideals. Enjoy the music, whatever it is (Black Flag, SPK, Salvation Army, etc...remember when I mention 'punk' here I'm not talking about a specific musical genre, but referring to a broader sense of thought) but don't forget about the need to create and change. There's more to punk than going out and slam dancing on a Saturday night! Anyway I thought I'd make this point and hopefully a few of you might profit from it. Also, I don't mean to give the impression that everyone down here is like this, 'cause there're a lot of people (even though we're probably outnumbered) who are dedicated and know the difference.

Punk is a state of mind- don't be fooled or conned otherwise...

"You can be accepted or rejected
in punk or society
You can play the role, I'll just be myself
Fuck people who think I'm a hippie
or a weekend punk
If they'd stop to think they'd see
Punk is an attitude"

-The Wrecks 1982

"Slogans and badges worn without thought
Instant identities so cheaply bought
Well freedom ain't product, it isn't just fun
If you're looking for peace your work's just begun"

-Crass 1982

