

Gorillaz share 'Baby Queen', inspired by a stagediving Thai princess

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Gorillaz have shared another preview of their new album – listen to the woozy 'Baby Queen' below.

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The cartoon band will release new album 'Cracker Island' on February 24, 2023 via Parlophone (pre-order [here](#)) and announced the record recently by sharing latest single 'New Gold', featuring **Tame Impala** and Bootie Brown.

'Baby Queen', the latest preview of the record, was inspired by a Blur gig from 1997 which was attended by a stagediving Thai princess.

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Damon Albarn explained the origins of the song in a recent interview with the *Los Angeles Times*: "Song 2' started and she stood on her throne and stage-dived into the crowd."

“The reason I’ve written a song about it is because I had a dream about this princess very recently; she’d grown up and we spent time in my dream together, her as a woman.”

Listen to ‘Baby Queen’ below.

The virtual band has a host of collaborators on ‘Cracker Island’, their eighth studio album including [Stevie Nicks](#), [Bad Bunny](#), Adeleye Omotayond and more, as well as the aforementioned Tame Impala and Bootie Brown.

Back in September, [Gorillaz and Beck debuted a new collaboration from the album](#), titled ‘Possession Island’, while the band also performed the title track from ‘Cracker Island’ with [Thundercat](#).

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Guitarist Noodle said of the their new record: “‘Cracker Island’ is the sound of change and the chorus of the collective.” Drummer Russel added: “When the reckoning comes, gotta be ready to step through the gateway. Cracker Island’s got the entry codes...”.

See the ‘Cracker Island’ tracklist below.

- 1. ‘Cracker Island’ feat. Thundercat**
- 2. ‘Oil’ feat. Stevie Nicks**
- 3. ‘The Tired Influencer’**
- 4. ‘Tarantula’**
- 5. ‘Silent Running’ ft. Adeleye Omotayo**
- 6. ‘New Gold’ feat. Tame Impala & Bootie Brown**
- 7. ‘Baby Queen’**
- 8. ‘Tormenta’ feat. Bad Bunny**
- 9. ‘Skinny Ape’**
- 10. ‘Possession Island’ (feat. Beck)**