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The Greatest Love Stories in
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LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

Hello, dear readers!
It's February, and we hope the shortest month treats you well- besides,
we're so close to being out of winter and maybe seeing the sun again! Us
being the goofy little romantics we are here at ALLOY, we've done our best
to put together a fun little Valentine's issue for you all.

In Rage And Love,

Rebel Blaze

xoxo

The Greatest Rock N Roll Love Stories

By Rebel Blaze

This is far from an exhaustive list, but they are the ones who have our hearts. So, in no particular order:

Ozzy & Sharon Osbourne

What, you opened a Valentine's issue of a metal zine and *didn't* expect to see them here? What else would you expect? They still absolutely adore each other (you can check out the Osbournes podcast if you want to hear them get all gushy about it) and have seen each other through the worst.

Sid and Nancy

Look, we knew it had to be on here. It's the story everyone knows because it's been retold a million and one times. I don't think I really need to retell it in much detail. Sex Pistols bassist Sid Vicious and Nancy Spungen were the young victims of a whirlwind romance reminiscent of Romeo and Juliet- not in the sense that they were starcrossed or forbidden, but in the sense that they were never gonna be enough to save each other.

Rob Halford & Thomas Pence

Kings. We Love them. I cannot go more than two hours without Vyv blowing up my phone because stars learned something new about them. (I say this with affection) (You will learn about them whether you want to or not, Rebel. -Vyv) They have the sweetest goddamn story. I'll pass it over to Vyv for this.

While Rob was on the Painkiller tour in the early 1990s, he was flicking through a magazine after a show. He saw an ad in the guys-looking-for-guys section, a statement simply reading "Young active-duty Marine seeks similar." He wrote the man a letter, & the man soon wrote back. It was Thomas Pence, who had grown up in Alabama, and was currently serving in the US Marine Corps. They exchanged letters, and eventually started talking on the phone - on Thomas's end, he was using the store phone in his tiny town - Thomas's town was so tiny it only had one (!) store! After eventually meeting up, they talked more, and Rob soon offered Thomas the opportunity to come live with him/to move in. Soon enough, they were living together, and they became a couple. Thomas gave Rob a wedding ring in 2005, and he hasn't taken it off since.





Rob came out on MTV on the 5th of February, 1998 - Happy 26th anniversary of coming out to Rob! - and has been openly gay since. He occasionally posts selfies/photos of himself with Thomas, but these photos are rare.

Gaahl & Robin Jakobsen

Do we claim to know how a black metal musician who constantly looks like a pissed-off cat ended up with the actual dictionary definition of a twink? We have no clue, but *goddamn* if they aren't clearly happy together.

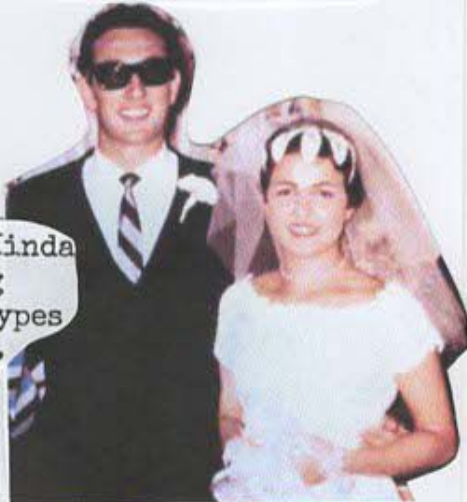


Gaahl & Robin met in a gay bar in Bergen, Norway. Robin had originally come to the bar to look for an ex-boyfriend at the time, and Gaahl saw him at the door. According to Gaahl, he had to "work a little" for both him and Robin to become a couple. Since at least 2008, the two (2) have been a couple, and have more than likely become a favorite couple among at least some metalheads.



Ritchie Valens & Donna Ludwig

I have a slight bias- *Donna* is probably one of my favorite love songs (I put it first on our list of love songs later in this issue, in fact), and Ritchie Valens has a special place in my heart. You literally cannot go wrong with stories about high school sweethearts.



Buddy & Maria Holly

Frankly, I don't trust myself not to get overly emotional about this. Kinda just held myself together writing the last one and I'm half regretting starting this. Let this be a lesson to you all to not undertake these types of projects if you are the type to get emotional while sleep-deprived.

In summary: me and who?

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT AND REVIEWS

"Sucking Dick and Taking Names, This Ain't No Game, Bitch!" - UwU
Genre: Goregrind/Brutal Death Metal

By VYV RIFF

Note: This song is only a preview from UwU himself. I DM'd him on Instagram in a certain timeframe and was given a code, which I redeemed & downloaded in December of 2023. This song is now on UwU's latest album, "UwU", which was released this month on January 24, 2024!

In just about, if not all, slam & brutal death metal songs, the vocalists tend to sound like a kitchen sink garbage disposal. In a spin of creativity, UwU, run & created by Drayson Cencelewski (@kann.nibal on IG), seems to put his own spin on the vocals. In parts of the chorus - almost a put an almost deathcore-like spin in parts of the chorus - almost a vocal-fry sounding type of scream. I truly enjoy this, because it makes UwU's music stand out against other slam & brutal death metal vocals that all tend to sound the same.

I adore how, throughout the song, the tempo quickens and then slows down. It kinda catches you off guard the first time you listen, and it is truly headbang-worthy. Everything about this song is great, from the new sound of slam to the loud, thundering bass in your headphones. Every beat of the song had me nodding my head along and headbanging!

The preview of this single is the same length as the song on the album - a quick but wonderful 3 minutes, 17 seconds. An important note, though, is that on the preview single track, "Bitch!" is added to the ending, while on the album the song name is simply "Sucking Dick and Taking Names, This Ain't No Game." This single gives a newcomer to UwU a great example as to what UwU's music sounds like, and gives listeners of UwU a wonderful taste as to what his latest album, simply titled *UwU*, sounds like.

ANTICIPATED UPCOMING RELEASES - FEBRUARY 2024

Of course, this is nowhere near the total list of upcoming releases this month! Keep an eye (and an ear) out for other metal releases throughout February, & in the future! Remember, if you see any upcoming news, you can email us so it can be in the next issue!

- 02 || Ghoul - *Noxious Concoctions* (EP)
Goddamn Gringos - *Gnarled Remains of Decency*
Obscura Qalma - *Veils of Transcendence* (EP)
- 09 || Morbid Saint - *Swallowed By Hell*
- 23 || Job For A Cowboy - *Moon Healer*
Mick Mars - *The Other Side of Mars*
- 24 || Sacramento - *Undying* (Single)

OUR FAVORITE LOVE SONGS

Removing any constraint to just metal for this one, we just really fucking love love.
(Including me, even though I'm arospec! -Vyv)

- Donna - Ritchie Valens
- Carrie - Europe
- Amanda - Boston
- I Want You - Bob Dylan
- Love Of A Lifetime - Firehouse
- Hey Lover - The Daughters Of Eve
- I Will Follow You Into The Dark - Death Cab For Cutie
- We Belong Together - Ritchie Valens
- I Want You Around - Ramones
- Glory Of Love - Peter Cetera
- Wouldn't It Be Nice - The Beach Boys
- Pyretta Blaze - Type O Negative
- Love You to Death - Type O Negative
- Turn On Your Light - Judas Priest
- Always On My Mind - Pet Shop Boys *(This was actually originally by Willie Nelson, but PSB's cover is better in my opinion. -Vyv)*
- Can't Fight This Feeling Anymore - REO Speedwagon
- (Don't Fear) The Reaper - Blue Öyster Cult
- The Only Hope For Me Is You - My Chemical Romance
- Crimson & Clover - Joan Jett & The Blackhearts
- When I'm Sixty-Four - The Beatles
- Nothing Else Matters - Metallica
- One In A Million - Trixter
- My My King Of Girl - Ramones
- Coming Up Roses - Starbenders
- Love Is Strange - Buddy Holly
- I'll Be Seeing You - Billie Holiday
- Cinnamon Girl - Type O Negative *(Once again, another perfect cover! -Vyv)*
- Give A Little Bit - Supertramp
- Turbo Lover - Judas Priest
- Heaven - Bryan Adams
- Crazy Little Things Called Love - Queen
- You Make Me Feel So Young - Frank Sinatra
- I Want to Hold Your Hand - The Beatles
- I Just Called To Say I Love You - Stevie Wonder
- (Everything I Do) I Do It For You - Bryan Adams
- It's So Easy - Buddy Holly
- A Little Help From My Friends - The Beatles *(Platonic love is important! Go hug your friends -Rebel) (REAL AS HELL. -Vyv)*

Love

If You Find Yourself Single:



- Careless Whisper - George Michael (*One cannot have a heartbreak playlist without Careless Whisper. /hj -Vyv*)
- Before The Dawn - Judas Priest
- Somebody To Love - Queen
- Me And Bobby McGee - Janis Joplin
- Hello, I Love You - The Doors (*I'm aware that Touch Me and Light My Fire exist, but I have history with this one*)
- My Heart Stops Again - Pageant
- Someone You Loved - Lewis Capaldi
- Pictures Of You - The Cure
- In the Morning - Halford
- Don't Speak - No Doubt
- Night Comes Down - Judas Priest
- Here Come the Tears - Judas Priest (*Priest has some wonderful emotional songs. -Vyv*)



- I Wouldn't Have Missed It For The World - Ronnie Milsap
- Losing My Religion - REM
- Iris - The Goo Goo Dolls
- Are You Gonna Be My Girl? - Jet
- Love Of My Life - Queen
- My Immortal - Evanescence
- Before You Go - Lewis Capaldi
- My Darling Is Gone - Ritchie Valens
- I Will Always Love You - Dolly Parton (or Whitney Houston)
- I Hope That I Don't Fall In Love With You - Tom Waits
- Total Eclipse Of the Heart - Doro Pesch ft. Rob Halford (*We all know that this was originally done by Bonnie Tyler, either version works! -Vyv*)
- Since U Been Gone - Kelly Clarkson (*This one is for the people who've been in horrible relationships & are finally free... REJOICE! -Vyv*)



MONTHLY SONG RECS

1. Crown Of Horns - Judas Priest / *Invincible Shield** (Heavy metal)
2. Two Faced - Parasite (Single) (Thrash)
3. Fire And Steel - Saxon / *Hell, Fire And Damnation* (Heavy metal)
4. Play Dirty - Loud 'N' Nasty / *Teaser, Teaser* (Glam metal)
5. UGLY - the Gazette (Single) (Visual kei*, Alternative metal)
6. Wolf Totem - The HU / *The Gereg* (Heavy metal, Folk metal)
7. Nothing Personal - Flymore / *Millenium IV V* (Nu metal)
8. Cryptic Spawning - Crypts of Golgotha / *In Death's Hands* (NWOOSDM)
9. End1 - Acrania / *Tyrannical Hierarchy, Vol. 1* (Brutal Deathcore)
10. Black communion - Hollow Prophet / *Hellhole* (Deathcore)
11. Shoujo Hacksaw - UwU / *UwU* (Goregrind, Brutal death metal)
12. Splatter Pit - *Stabbing / Ravenous Psychotic Onslaught*
(Brutal death metal)
13. Hello Death - *Decapitated ft. Jinjer / Cancer Culture*
(Brutal death metal)
14. Ruler of the Wasteland - Chastain / *Ruler of the Wasteland*
(Heavy/Power metal)
15. God Is Dead - Carnivore / *Carnivore* (Speed/Thrash, Crossover Thrash)
16. Cataleptic Brains - Sanction / *Crypts Of The Imbalance* (Death/Thrash)
17. Corruption - *A Mourning Star / A Reminder Of The Wound Unhealed*
(Melodic Death metal, Metalcore)
18. Leviathan - Purveyor / *Ruminations* (Prog Melodic Death)
19. Awaken - Disturbed / *Believe* (Nu metal)
20. That's Rock 'N' Roll - Accept / *Accept* (Hard rock, Early Speed metal)
21. Berlin - Savage / *Loose 'n' Lethal* (NWOBHM, Heavy metal)
22. The Laws of Scourge - Sarcófago / *The Laws of Scourge* (Thrash)
23. Beyond Time and Space - Blood / *Impulse to Destroy*
(Death metal, Grindcore)
24. Apocalypse - Mardelas / *Ground ZERO* (Heavy metal, Power metal)
25. Wachturm - ~~WedeS~~ Sodom / *Tapping the Vein* (Thrash)
26. All Pride No Pain - *Upon A Burning Body / Southern Hostility*
(Metal/Deathcore, Groove metal) (Interesting mix, eh? -Vyv)
27. Acid Fuzz - Toxic Holocaust / *Chemistry of Consciousness* (Thrash)

NOTES:

- JUDAS PRIEST's *Invincible Shield* drops MARCH 8
- UGLY by The Gazette is on a compilation album from the band, but not on a studio album, therefore it is listed as a single.
- **** Visual kei** is a music genre from Japan that takes elements from glam rock & metal, heavy metal, punk, gothic rock, pop, and electronic music and rolls it all into one genre. Visual kei (v-kei) artists are known for elaborate makeup and possibly even costumes!
 - Examples: The Gazette, X Japan (pioneer), Dead End, Color, L'Arc~en~Ciel, Buck-Tick, Luna Sea, MALICE MIZER