



Dark Vampire

Via Email on July 15th 2005 with **DV** of Dark Vampire for Rock in China.

DV represents Dark Vampire, **Azchael** represents www.rockinchina.com

Azchael: Can you please first introduce yourself and your bands' members and tell me since when they are playing with the band?

DV: The band has 5 members : Vamp (vocal, guitar) Krimzon (guitar), Jason (drums), Samael (bass), and Kim(keyboard and synth). The band is formed in May,2002 by Vamp, Krimzon, Jason and our 1st bassist, Liam. Months later, Kim was in.

In the mid 2003, Liam quited the band and Chung substituted as the bassist. In the early 2005, Chung quited the band. The band still kept running without bassist for serval months. In June2005, we have Samael finally.

We are amateur band and all of us have a fulltime job. Vamp is a salesperson and a storekeeper of a shoes shop which sells sneakers. He loves extreme metal and darkwave. Krimzon is also a salesperson and a guitar tuitor, who is working in a music company. He likes classical music and metal. By the way, he can play piano, erhu and violin. Jason is a security guard of bank note transporting. He is a typical metalhead who likes many kinds of metal music and the only music he likes is metal. Kim works in the office of a Education Institude and Samael is a student. We earn our living at the day and enjoy our life at the night in our studio, sacrificing our time of rest and sleep.

The band had partaken in Chinese metal collection **Dead Night 1** and **Dead Night 2** in the year of 2003 and 2004 and interviewed by the magazine **Extreme Music** in 2004. We are preparing for our debut album at the moment.

Azchael: What kind of instruments are you using?

DV: Now we are using:

Vamp : Jackson KE-2 guitar, digitech and DOD effects

Krimzon : Jackson RR-1 guitar, Boss , Sansamp effects

Jason : 8 piece drum set combination of different brands like dw, Pearl, Tama, and Zildjian ,Sabian cymbals.



Kim : Korg M1 and Yamaha CS2x synthesizer

Samael : B.C. Rich Warlock bass

Azchael: What kind of style are you playing and why are you playing this in genre?

DV: We would say our music genre is metal. Actually our music contain various elements like black, death, thrash and some symphonic elements. It is hard to say in what genre we are exactly , and we do not concern about this matter very much because we are making our music which has its own style.the reason that we are playing this kind of music is : we all love this kind of music

Azchael: Do you consider yourself as a Chinese band, a Hongkong band or a metal band? Please give reasons.

DV: We would consider DV as a Chinese band since all of us are hinese. Yet, we are a Hong Kong band and also a metal band too. We are a Hong Kong band because we were born in HK and we are living in HK; we are a metal band because we play metal.

Azchael: Which foreign bands would you like to jam with or with which musician?

DV: Vamp 'I would like to jam with Marduk!' and Krimzon says 'I would like to play with Emperor and Abigor!!'. It seems that Jason likes to play the part of drums with Dimmu Borgir most. 'I like listening Dave Lambardo of Slayer,' says Jason, ' and Nicholas Barker too. It's a pity that he left Dimmu Borgir, by the way. I think he is skilled and is very inventive. There was chemical between them.' We like listening Behemoth, Mayhem, Emperor, Dimmu Borgir, and many metal bands that cannot be mentioned one by one.

Azchael: What do you think about the domestic scene?

DV: There is no hope,and no chances in the scene. The attitude and the climate of the scene is not very good. Most people are concerning too much on skills and the outlook of bands but not the music. The only thing I think it's good is live shows here are frequent but these are including a small coterie of both performing bands and the audience only.

Azchael: Which other domestic band do you like?

DV: **Curling for them** , **Cloudy** are both very outstanding band which play darkwave/ alternative music in HK. **Zoundz** is a very good metal band. **Departing Cross**, **Hyponic** are both well-known extreme metal band in HK too.

Azchael: What was the most important event for your band and what has changed? What was the impact?

DV: There was a show with great success at Aug 3, 2004 . We had played 4 songs of ours with corpse painted and had gained many possitive comments. We are then known by the



public to some extent. It was a show in series called "the Carnival" which is held about twice a year. The coming up show will be on Aug 14, 2005.

Azrael: How do you see the Chinese scene in the next ten years? What are your expectations?

DV: We would only listen to foreign bands yesterday. but now, we have known many chinese metal bands and they play very well too. We are becoming more skilful and mature. I think there will be many successful chinese bands in the international scene soon.

Azrael: What do you think about www.rockinchina.com?

DV: I think RockinChina is a cool webzine in China. Rock / alternative music is not easy to spread by TV or radio www.rockinchina.com is the way!

Azrael: Thanks for the interview.