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Supersuckers

Get the Hell

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It takes major brass for a group to declare itself 'the greatest rock 'n roll band in the world.' But somehow, the Supersuckers (named after a porno) get away with it. The masters of both winking at and celebrating rock 'n roll debauchery are back with their ninth studio album – and first in a half dozen years. After releasing their debut on, of all labels, Sub Pop, the foursome has spent the last two-and-a-half decades brandishing its version of smart-ass hard rock across the globe.

Save for the 16-second "Intro" of a siren ringing over clamoring fans, the title track storms the aptly-named *Get the Hell* into a blizzard of anthemic, big-riffed awesomeness. Singer and bassist Eddie Spaghetti sets up "Get the Hell" with a tease: "You want to hear about the evil and the wicked things/ I'd loved to tell you/ but I can't because of what it brings." But, in typical tongue-in-cheek fashion, the rest of *Get the Hell* continues with tales of drugs ("High Tonight"), sex ("Something about You"), and rock 'n roll ("Rock On").

Of course, the Supersuckers' boasting wouldn't be complete without their trademark earnest humor. Check out the bluesy, harmonica-laced "Fuck Up" and slide guitars of "Shut Your Face." The mother lode is the longest track and cuts halfway through *Get the Hell*. The stompy "Gluttonous" begins: "I have a steak and an ice cold beer and then I have another/ I did your sister and her best friend/ and then I did your mother/ then I have another" over a slippery guitar line and crunchy chords. That song slithers into the driving "Disaster Bastard" and "Bein' Bad." Not ones to leave loose ends, the Supersuckers instruct us to "Rock On" in the four-to-the-floor sing-along finale. Would you expect anything less from the greatest rock 'n roll bank in the world?

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