



Vader: *Kingdom EP*, *Darkest Age Live '93* & *Live in Japan*

A whole mess of heavy from this trio of Vader re-issues. Metal Mind is doing a good line and helping the rest of us discover bands we might have missed the first time. This lot is no exception. They are dark and brutal as hell but willing to try new things. Check out the re-mix bonus track on *Kingdom* called "For Eternal Darkness," it's heavy and grim but still danceable. *Live in Japan* features a video clip of the track "Kingdom." This lot was formed in 1986 in Poland, while it was still behind the Iron Curtain, and is still going strong today.

One of the earliest Eastern European breakouts, this lot were trailblazers for all the heaviness that has followed both before and after the fall of the wall. Vader is an integral part of metal history and these three albums provided a bit of background to it all. If you are getting one of the live albums, I would recommend the more modern *Live in Japan* naturally.