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Dragon City: Punk Rock in China!

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Dragon City Punk Rock in China! (Kick Ass)

This DVD is a relatively primitive effort at film making and is pretty much a vehicle for the band No Name, a Chinese punk band. They do what they do well musically and that is write punk rock songs with shouted vocals and anthemic chant choruses, good solid rhythm section, decent leads, sounding like a fairly standard US punk band. In China, this may well be a novelty and perhaps is borderline illegal. I don't know. I'm conjecturing.

The movie part of the DVD is DIY. They do manage to get some good urban decay scenery to shoot in and some mildly interesting cinematography. The story is simplistic, set in the future after the "Big Mistake" (presumably a nuclear war), they are stocked by cannibals or zombies. There are no girls in the future apparently. They do run into an old English-speaking freak, an American(?) who looks like an old punk redneck who happens to have a stage with power. They proceed to take the stage and play songs they've apparently rehearsed in their dreams or can play by divine ability to a T. It's all a bit of fun—fantasy sci-fi package for the band to roam around in and play their stuff with a live-ish audience.

If you're into the band already or are into the type of music, you may well like it. As a person new to the band and not particularly into the music, I don't find much to keep my interest. Not a bad first effort.

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