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Among Russel's personal belongings that were shipped over was one that was to become a mainstay of the Gorillaz sonic arsenal...
The legendary Hip Hop Machine!

RUSSEL: That box contains every beat known to man. The thing's irreplaceable. It's the Tardis of the hip-hop world. Its rhythms span both time and history, right across the Universe. Never mess with that machine - it'll eat you whole.

As the big man says, the machine is a towering hybrid of every drum machine, beatbox, rhythm-track, breakbeat, and sample ever created. The fact that it also contains the souls of many drummers that roll endlessly round its circuits, well, you can see why the box is so highly coveted. Now you can't buy that kind of equipment out the back of Exchange and Mart, can you?

With the inclusion of Russel in the band, Gorillaz stock became boosted no end. He brought with



him a love of hip hop, funk, dub, world music, Krautrock and more. From big band, bluegrass and booty bass to jazz, ska, white noise and reggae; his knowledge was infinite. More than this, his education and schooling in New York brought an understanding of the arts and literature, a tuition that spanned Busted, to Basquiat, to Bukowski.

It's an overused term but it would be possible to describe Russel as a true Renaissance man. Though I'm...um... not sure exactly what that really means.

RUSSEL: It pertains to the Renaissance period, when a gentleman was expected to have a whole breadth of knowledge talents in wide range of fields. Unlike polymaths, who are people who excel in many fields I'm a cross between the two. I'm a jack of all trades, but a master of drums.....

What more could you ask for?

MURDOC: A decent guitarist?



The only weak link did appear to be Paula, the guitar player.

MURDOC: I think we can skip this bit.

2D: I still haven't forgiven you for that...

Who's Paula?

MURDOC: It doesn't matter. It's history.

No, come on. Who's Paula?



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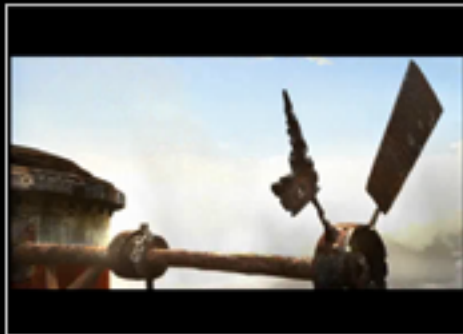
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