



CERBERUS SHOAL

BASTION OF ITCHY PREEVES

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Representing the music before *Chaiming the Knoblessone*, *Bastion of Itchy Preeves* unveils the lighter and more straightforward side of the latest Cerberus Shoal. This was the first music written by the group consummated in 2000 and it was to launch what now can be heard on the split CD series (NEI 25, 27, 28, 31) and of course *Chaiming the Knoblessone*. The recording of *Bastion of Itchy Preeves* began in the fall of 2001 but it was not completed until the spring of 2003. The mainstay of the record went on the 2000 European tour as well as four U.S. tours.

Here Cerberus Shoal finds its vocal voice with harmonies and sung narrative. *Bastion of Itchy Preeves* is no-where as "in the head" as *Chaiming the Knoblessone*, this old but new record offers up a more amiable and accessible Cerberus Shoal. As always the listener will experience a music and idea drawing from a large number of varied influences. *Bastion of Itchy Preeves* begins with a likeness to the minimalism of **Steven Reich** then moves into a realm of vocal harmonies, akin to **The Flaming Lips** and **The Residents**, and the vocal punch and pulling rhythm of say African stars like **Thomas Mapfumo**, **Salif Keita** and **Super Diamano**. Intermingled throughout is the more ragged stomp of gypsy styles and the **Sun City Girls**.

Yet, *Bastion of Itchy Preeves* fully stands alone in its personal and original qualities. Cerberus Shoal has again managed to synthesize a full world of meaning and experimental aesthetic into a cohesive musical blend. Enjoy *Bastion of Itchy Preeves*.

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