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WELCOME TO SOUNDSURFING, A PODCAST WHERE WE EXPLORE THE VAST OCEANS OF MUSIC AND REVIEW ODD AND OBSCURE GENRES. I'M YOUR CAPTAIN BEN GOSSELIN. THIS EPISODE'S TOPIC IS VAPORWAVE.

WHEN YOU LISTEN TO THIS WHAT DO YOU HEAR? DO YOU HEAR THE SOUNDS OF THE 1980S? PERHAPS YOU'RE FEELING A BIT NOSTALGIC? THIS IS VAPORWAVE A MICROGENRE OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC THAT EMERGED AS A MEME IN 2010 AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH 1980S AND 90S STYLES OF MUSIC.

VAPORWAVE TAKES BITS AND PIECES OF THE ERAS AND DISTORTS, REPURPOSES, AND ERODES AWAY AT THEM. IN A SENSE WHAT YOU HEAR IS THE PAST AND ISN'T AT THE SAME TIME.

AT FIRST GLANCE YOU MIGHT THINK THAT VAPORWAVE IS JUST YOUR RUN OF THE MILL TECHNO.

LOOKING DEEPER INTO IT YOU CAN SEE THAT VAPORWAVE IS BUILT UPON TAKING PIECES OF THE PAST AND COMPLETELY CHANGING THEM USING THEM IN A WAY THAT WASN'T INTENDED. LIKE WITH VEKTROID'S MACINTOSH PLUS 420 USING DIANA ROSS'S "ITS YOUR MOVE"

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OR WITH BLANK BANSHEE'S ECOZONES USING THE TRACK AQUATIC AMBIENCE FROM THE ORIGINAL DONKEY KONG COUNTRY.

[IN BED ECOZONES]

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A LOT OF WHAT YOU HEAR IN VAPORWAVE IS ASSOCIATED WITH MASS PRODUCTION AND THE CONSUMER CULTURE FROM THESE ERAS LIKE WITH SAIN PEPSI'S ENJOY YOURSELF FEATURING THE

MOON MAN FROM MCDONALD'S MAC TONIGHT COMMERCIALS. LOTS OF THESE SONGS HAVE VISUALS FEATURING HAPPY PEOPLE AND PRODUCTS WITH ETHEREAL MUSIC IN THE BACKGROUND. VAPORWAVE TAKES ON THE PURPLISH BLUE AND NEON VISUALS FROM THESE TIME PERIODS AND DEGRADES THEM, FLIPPING THEIR MEANING IN THE PROCESS AND ALMOST LIKE IT'S TRYING TO COMMUNICATE TO US

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THAT THE FUTURE SUCKS.

BUT HEY ISN'T VAPORWAVE A MEME THOUGH? YES, YES IT IS.

[IN BED MAC PLUS]

GOING BACK TO VEKTROID'S MACINTOSH PLUS 420, THE POSTERCHILD FOR MILLIONS OF VAPORWAVE MEMES WE CAN SEE THAT VAPORWAVE IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE A MEME. IT WAS BORN AS A MEME AND TO THIS DAY HAS PERSISTED TO BE ONE WITH IT'S IRONIC AND SATIRICAL NATURE. LOOKING AT VAPORWAVE LITERALLY IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE FACT THAT IT IS THE MEME THAT IS A MUSIC GENRE YET IT CAN STILL SOUND SO BEAUTIFUL.

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WE'VE REACHED THE END OF THE EPISODE BUT BEFORE IT ENDS I WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO THE ARTISTS AND MUSIC FEATURED IN THIS EPISODE. THE FIRST SONG PLAYED WAS RESONANCE BY HOME, FOLLOWED BY MACINTOSH PLUS 420 BY VEKTROID, THEN ECOZONES BY BLANK BANSHEE, AND ENJOY YOURSELF BY SAINT PEPSI. THANKS FOR LISTENING IN. THIS IS YOUR CAPTAIN SIGNING OUT. PEACE.

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