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A new single from an interesting and original band. Their 'Made of Fiction / Fallout Renegade' single about a year ago had a somewhat curious ambience halfway between Garbage and All About Eve. With repeated plays, pretty beguiling.

This time around, the inspiration is via BBC World Affairs Editor John Simpson who accompanied a convoy of US troops and Kurdish warriors in the warzone. Mistakenly bombed by a US plane in 2003, Simpson had to report the grisly outcome.

This band feature singers Hazelle and Erika; other band members have backgrounds in kick boxing, acting, sky diving, motor cycling, oceanography and Artificial Intelligence! I think I know who we would back on The Weakest Link if The Cheeky Girls and Westlife also featured. This track finds the band at their most purposeful with a clever and haunting vocal arrangement that lifts the song from being a rant.

Edgier compared to previous more mystical recordings, the passion here is unmistakable. Picking one example of human folly is dangerous ground – is not Tibet equally horrific as an example of unnecessary suffering? - but musicians should act on whatever motivates them, all power to Anemo

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