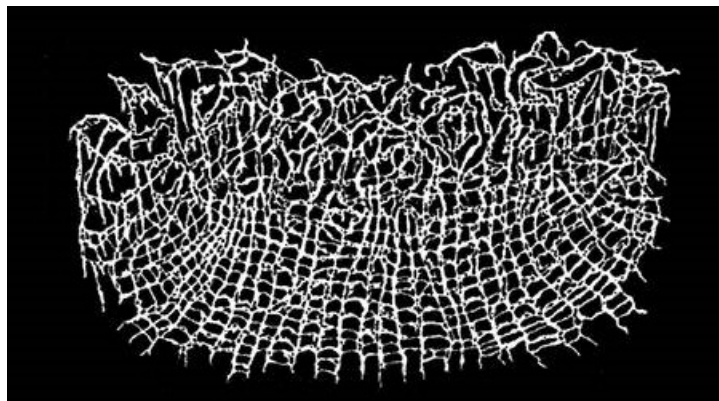
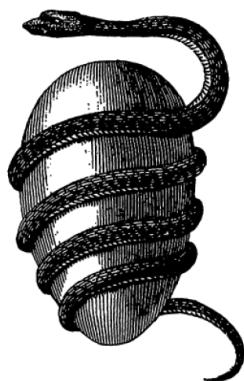


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Odious Hiss - Acrid Portal Incantation

Every once in a while, a record pops up out of a sea of underwhelming releases that grabs you by the throat in such a distinct way that you're left feeling momentarily nauseous. "A Vial of Putrid Hockle," the second Odious Hiss demo from 2021, was one such record. Whereas the first rendition, "Adherence to the Forbidden Divination," sounded notably more straightforward thanks to an at times industrial-sounding drum machine that pulverized your unsuspecting ears while its jarring remains were dismembered by vicious black metal riffs, the second demo served up ice-cold and compelling *fuck off* punk black metal, provided with just the right amount of lo fi-worship.

Nihtgenge aka Ashworm (Aad Sleck, Wælcwealrn, Blodryne, and so on), owner of Hotchin Pit and Rabid-Attack Corps, as well as the sole person responsible for the chunk of aural vitriol described here for you, lashes out with a thematic and musical continuation of the previous work on "Acrid Portal Incantation" - notably of a quasi-equivalent calibre, conjured through five songs that haunt and disconcert as few do. Odious Hiss by no means felt the need to scrutinise its formula for this new demo; the riffs still cut through marrow and bone, the vocals once again sound entirely demonic and distorted, the drumming once again rough, mechanical and teeming with unbridled aggression. The melodic, droning and unnervingly repetitive guitar lines mercilessly build up to a nasty climax imbued with primal British scorn for everything and everyone. At the same time, the guitar work induces involuntary cognition almost immediately, despite the extremely raw nature of the music. An adventurous quest for the band's ideological persuasions yielded little, except an apparent love for the cultural heritage which the mythical North of England guarantees, irrevocably leaving us to put appreciation for this indisputably dehumanising sonic frenzy first. This release was once again supplied with an album cover on which black and white chessboard patterns stand out sharply against a court jester rising from hell, this time armed with two blunt machetes, ready to smite whoever isn't down to party. Can we see a show of hands?

Jules: 84/100

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1. Acrid portal incantation
2. Blood that stinks
3. Conjurations of the heinous man
4. Intravenous phlegm
5. Virulent rune alchemy