

FUTON BLONDE

Sisyphus Strut

Austin indie band Futon Blonde is releasing 'Sisyphus Strut', the third single since their LP *Uppercut* in 2019. The new song sees them further honing their hip hop inflected indie rock into a hypnotic boom-bap mini-epic. Inspired by the sampling techniques of golden-era 90's rap, the band self-recorded and then collaged the pieces of music together into a half-dreamy, half-head-nodding pastiche.

Bookended by the lyric "there's a place in my mind", songwriter Janson Sommers navigates an imagined existential crisis that takes surreal turns.

The song alternates between feelings of aging and stagnation (with references to "baths of lactic acid"), the nagging feeling that this life is just one of many reincarnations ("with every death I keep my name"), and finally bitter defiance in the face of the abyss "mortals whine/on about no pause rewind/know your place". Sommers says he came up with the name 'Sisyphus Strut' to "represent the idea of a person who, despite being stuck in a karmic loop, says 'fuck it, if I'm stuck in this reality forever, I'm going to own it'". An unlikely source of inspiration came from the character of Lieutenant Dan, whose cries of "you call this a storm?" in *Forrest Gump* became a reference point for this sort of bring-it-on attitude in response to chaos.