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Fast Trains take aim at the tabloids with new single 'I Work in Lies'.

Fast Trains are back with the next single from forthcoming EP *ourWorld Volume 1*. Titled 'I Work in Lies', the song is an attack on the British tabloid newspapers, in particular those involved in the News International phone hacking scandal and their abuse of human rights.

'I Work in Lies' tells the story of a newspaper journalist writing fictitious articles to sell more papers and "spread our editor's agendas". Built around an ominously repetitive guitar and drums groove, the chorus explodes with the newspaper's boastful claims of phone hacking and blackmail:

*We'll hack your phone now, baby
We won't think twice
Tell us your secrets or we'll print your life*

The song was written by Tom Wells, the Portsmouth-based songwriter and producer behind Fast Trains. The lyrics typify the writer's move towards more direct and challenging lyrics; other topics covered in *ourWorld Volume 1* include men's mental health, addiction and self-harm.

Yet for all the apparent darkness of the lyrical content, the 4-track EP bristles with energy and excitement. The production on 'I Work in Lies' is a great example of this, with Wells using dynamics to elevate the repetitive nature of the song into something more sinister and captivating. He explains the song's inception:

"The song came from reading 'Dial M for Murdoch', the excellent book on the UK phone hacking scandal [written by former Labour MP Tom Watson and Martin Hickman]. The realisation of just how much influence the British tabloids had and indeed still have... it's a wonder to me that it's not called out more."

Key to Wells' songwriting is an understanding of human behaviour, and an intelligence to look beyond the surface into something more meaningful. 'I Work in Lies' contains a big twist in its middle section, when we learn that the central character is in fact trapped themselves; they never wanted to be a writer at all but now know too much about the organisation to escape.

This typifies the songs found on *ourWorld Volume 1* and the wider Fast Trains catalogue. Alongside the secrets and coded messages hidden in the artwork and videos, there's always something to discover in the songs themselves. When it comes to music as escapism, Fast Trains and *ourWorld* should be your first destination.

'I Work in Lies', the new single from Fast Trains, is released on 5th February 2021. New EP *ourWorld Volume 1* is set for release in April 2021. Both will be available on YouTube, the official Fast Trains website (www.fasttrains.co.uk) and Bandcamp.

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