



# REED & ROSSER

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**R**eed and Rosser have been gone from the music scene for two years and now, out of the blue, they have a brand new album raring to go and a legion of people who can't wait to hear it. So, two years ago they announced that they were taking a break from music and said that they needed some time for themselves, so what was their mindset during the break and how do they feel now? "During our hiatus we were bored and sick of touring and quite frankly we were utterly shattered, this break helped us revive our passion for our music and get our inspiration back." Reed recounts, their lack of motivation and the growing tiredness for touring was catching up to them but the break has revitalised his passion, so, what were they feeling during this break? "At first we were just relaxing without a care, we took time for ourselves and embraced our own feelings. We took time away from each other as well as after being together for so long we were getting sick of each other, you can only spend so long with someone before you get sick of them."

**So how was Reed feeling during this?** “ I admit I was feeling down and a little depressed but fairly quickly I started feeling like myself again and my passion for my music started flaring up once again.” **So would he say his break helped his struggling mental health?** “ At first I thought I’d let my fans down but after a while I realised that if my fans understand me as an artist they will know that in the long run this is for them and it will ensure that our music is the best it can be. My mental health was in a bit of a state and I really couldn’t cope any longer but to be honest i’ve never looked back as that’s all in the past now.” **Well now they are returning from the break, how does he feel his music has been influenced by his recent experiences?** “ I feel like this new album really reflects my emotions and thoughts during my break, I feel like my lyrics have many layers of emotion which are open for interpretation. The overall sound of this new album really connects with me on an emotional level and the overall sound is more meaningful and impactful.”



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**So how does Rosser feel about this?** “I was feeling the same to be honest, I wasn’t feeling myself and our reasons for making music was getting lost.” **Some of you are probably wondering, is the music different or the same? After all it’s been a while, How has this time impacted Reed and Rosser’s music?** “ Our new music is a little experimental but I’m sure our fans will love it. It really connects with me on a deeper level and I hope that both me and Reed’s feelings are reflected through the music.” **Well we won’t know the answer to that until it’s out I guess! Upon further questions they revealed that their new music is still punk at its roots but is more experimental and emotional providing a more melodic journey.**

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