



PLAYGROUP Epic Sound Battle Chapter One

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NORTH AMERICAN EXCLUSIVE

Genre

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DESCRIPTION

Here's a monster of its own. Not to be confused with **Trevor Jackson's** early 2000 project (even if the British producer has obviously been informed by post-punk, dub, post-industrial and the likes), **Playgroup** was more than anything a collective, based somewhere around Bristol and London. Drummer **Bruce Smith** was the key figure behind the project. **Neneh Cherry's** husband and fabulous motorik force for **The Pop Group**, **The Slits**, **New Age Steppers**, **African Head Charge**, and – more recently – **Public Image Limited**, Bruce brought the post-punk aura into the realm of controlled chaos with several partners in crime. Playgroup is the so-called English version of Jamaican dub, informed by the industrial revolution and the studio wizardry of On-U Sound acolytes. **Crucial Tony** (**Creation Rebel**, **Dub Syndicate**, **Singers & Players**) on bass and guitars, **Sean Oliver** (**New Age Steppers**, **Rip Rig & Panic**) on guitar, the almighty **Style Scott** (**Creation Rebel**, **Dub Syndicate**, **New Age Steppers**) on drums, and percussionists **Eskimo** (**African Head Charge**, **Creation Rebel**, **Mark Stewart And The Maffia**) and **Bonjo I** (**African Head Charge**) are among the main conspirators here. Produced by none else than **Adrian Sherwood**, *Epic Sound Battles Chapter One* still resonates with its original dark humor and guerrilla warfare tactics. Clear 180 gram vinyl.

TRACKLISTING

- A1. Bomb Scare
- A2. Epic Sound Battle
- A3. Crunch
- A4. The Slither
- A5. Burn Up
- B1. Deep & Mintyful (?)
- B2. Silent Mover
- B3. Epic One Drop
- B4. Shock Absorber
- B5. No Speed Limit
- B6. Hogs Might Fly

HIGHLIGHTS

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