

Whales & Robots

JOSH 2000

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KNOWN VARIOUSLY AS JOSH 2000, J2K, J2SKI - IF YOU'RE LUCKY YOU CAN CATCH SOME OF HIS WORK AROUND THE CITY OF ADELAIDE - 2000 CREATES HIS ART WITH A WILY WIT AND A STREET ARTIST'S SENSE OF LINE AND COLOUR. HIS SLICK CARTOONERY IS A KIND OF TROJAN HORSE EVADING OUR PREJUDICES — IT'S DISNEY MEETS HARD-CORE MANGA - SOPHISTICATED GRAPHICS WITH A MESSAGE.

THE MODERN WHALE HUNT HAS COME TO SYMBOLISE AN EAST/WEST SCHISM WITHIN WHICH MIXED IDEOLOGIES PREVENT ANY REAL MEETING OF MINDS. IN JOSH 2000'S AMAZING "WHALES & ROBOTS" WE SEE THE ETERNAL FRICTION BETWEEN NATURE AND THE HAVOC WRECKED UPON IT BY HUMANS. IN THESE NEW WORKS, SOMETIMES THE WHALES WIN (THAT'S NATURE) AND SOMETIMES THE ROBOTS WIN (THAT'S US).

THERE WAS A TIME, NOT SO LONG AGO, WHEN AUSTRALIANS COULDN'T HAVE CARED LESS ABOUT THE FORTUNES OF WHALES. AUSTRALIA WAS ONCE THE PROUD WHALE-SLAUGHTER CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED. JAPAN SEEMS TO HAVE THAT HONOUR NOW. WHETHER DRIVEN BY AN ALTRUISTIC WISH TO PROTECT NATURE, OR A CYNICAL DESIRE TO CAPITALISE ON TOURISM, THERE HAS BEEN A MAJOR SHIFT IN WHALE CONSCIOUSNESS IN AUSTRALIA. SHARKS MIGHT WISH THEY HAD THE SAME PRESS.

JOIN CAPTAIN WILLY AND HIS ROBOT FRIENDS AS THEY BATTLE THE KILLER WHALES. SHARE THE JOY AS THE WHALES FIGHT BACK. NOW SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW.

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All works \$350 each. Gouache, marker, and aerosol on MDF, 30 x 30cm, 2007



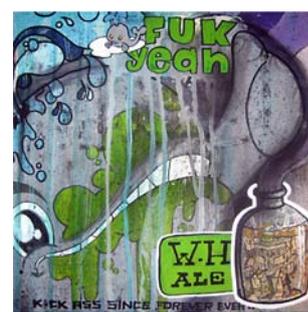
Big Game



Captain Willy Fucks the Ocean



Good Whale Hunting



W. H. Ale



Killer Whale



Secret Steaks



Check Out This Fucking Huge Fish I Just Killed!!!



The Ghosts of Dead Whales