

## The Divided Rock Star

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There have been many ghosts popping up in the multiverse recently, like the hungry hungry cop who would produce a second face from his stomach every time he got hungry to help him devourer everything in sight. Or the ripped trainer who would literally rip body parts off her victims when she would find a better suited match, but none are more terrifying or more hardcore than the divided rock star. But before he was the gruesome rocker from the gates of hell he was just Johnny Alamo lead singer of the Bionic Poodles, you may have heard one of their songs like My Cat Is A Zombie or I Pushed My Nan Down The Stairs. Great songs but I'm getting carried away so lets get back to the story. Like most rock stars Johnny was getting bored of all his money and adoring fans. Sex and drugs were no longer interesting in his rock and roll life style; he needed something more exciting more dangerous more deadly. While escaping some teenage fans his wish was granted, along an old almost abandoned back street that just seemed to appear from nowhere. Here was a run down little shop called Brother Voodoo's World of The Bizarre, he didn't know why but Johnny had to enter this shop. Inside was the most peculiar sight Johnny had ever seen "who would want this crap" he thought to himself, "can I help you sir" said a voice from the back of the shop Johnny look over to see a man wearing a top hat with a skull painted on his face. "Strange" Johnny thought to himself "this guy can only be about 25, I was expecting someone a lot older". "I'm Brother Voodoo is there anything I can help you with sir" said the man "Na I'm just browsing" Johnny replied, "I'll call if I need anything". That's when he saw it, on a little wooden stand was this old and what looked liked leather binded book. Johnny walked over and picked up the book, on the cover it read Ivan Romsky's Occult. Now Johnny was never in to all this stuff and he had always swore that he would never be one of those rock stars that would sing about demons and how much they loved Satan but there was just something about this book, as if it was speaking to him. "How much for the book" asked Johnny "for you my friend nothing" the man replied, "look pal I can afford anything, so how much do you want for it" Johnny said with a slight cockiness to his tone "I am in no longer need of that item, so think of it as a gift Mr Huggy Pants" the man said as he walk into the back room. Johnny couldn't believe it there was only one person who had ever called him that and she had been dead for 8 years how could this man have ever known that. Johnny grabbed the book and ran out of shop not wanting to carry on this conversation. "So where you been then" Johnny heard as walk into the back entrance of the concert hall, it had come from Benny the lead guitarist of the Bionic Poodles "nowhere" Johnny replied "you missed practice you know" said Benny "I know, but seeing as I'm the lead singer and the guy who put this band together I think I'm gonna decide when we have practice from now on ok" Johnny said as he walked into his dressing room not bothering to wait for a reply. Once inside his room he couldn't wait to look through the book and find out all the wonder it had in store for him. "That's it" Johnny thought to himself "sacrificing pigs and virgins, that's just the shit they put in the movies this books a piece of crap". But just as he was about to give up he found the page he was looking for. This page was all about opening a gateway to hell, this was it this was everything he wanted he was going to open a gateway to hell and perform to Satan himself. But first he was going to

need to get rid of his band but he needed their talent, he would steel their talent and become the ultimate rock star. He searched the book for everything he needed carved symbols into his ceremonial sacrificing kitchen knife and said all his spells to steel the power and open the gateway to hell. Now all he needed was the band, so he called in Benny, Tommy the base player, and Axel the drummer. Unaware of everything that was about to transpire the three boys just stood there with uneasy smiles on their faces. This is when he struck with frantic swings of the knife Johnny slit all three boys throats and began to drink there blood. Happy with his newly acquired abilities Johnny flung the knife into the air and began to roll around in his friend's blood, when the knife came crashing down into Johnnies throat. Amazingly Johnny was still alive; he got up and walked over to the mirror. He couldn't believe the knife was gone and he had a big gash in his throat and somehow he was still alive. Curious with this phenomenon Johnny started to pull at his neck splitting himself in to two. Even divided both parts of Johnny were still alive and able to move independently. This was it this was how Johnny could have his band; if he divided himself into four parts he would be able to play each section. He was ready now the ultimate show was about to begin Johnny pulled himself back together and began to walk to the stage. When he got there the fans began to cheer for the Bionic Poodles, he walk up to the microphone and began to say "the Bionic Poodles are no more, I am now the Divided Rock Star and this is no longer your show". The Divided Rock Star grabbed his throat and began to pull himself apart, as he did this a vortex appeared from his neck and spirits started flying out taking control of his fans and turning them into his undead audience. Legend has it, it was the greatest show that ever existed and that the Divided Rock Star was dragged to hell never to be seen or heard from again. But many say if the band isn't hardcore enough or the fan aren't rowdy enough then the Divided Rock Star comes and opens the gateway for his undead audience to show them how its done down in hell, but no one has ever seen this because there has never been any survivors. Except for that one guy who went crazy and cut out his tongue and eyes and now lives in an insane asylum.