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MP3 Monday: Mochipet

Godzilla should not be destroyed, he should be studied - By Morgan Short, Aug 10, 09



MP3 Monday is a weekly SmartShanghai.com column, serving up mp3s from bands living and making music in China (or coming to China, or thinking about coming to China, or whatever). Right click on the links and choose "Save Link As..." to download 'em. Click play to rock 'em.

"You have your fear, which might become reality; and you have Godzilla, which IS reality."
-Ogata from *Godzilla, King of the Monsters* (1956)

Today's MP3s are from Mochipet, this dude from California that dresses up like a terrible, destructive monster from the deep, awoken from his ancient slumber (time and time again) by ill-conceived nuclear testing and things like that.

Did you know in the original planning stages of *Godzilla* back in the mid 1950s, he was described as a cross between a "gorilla" and a "whale"? And that's where his name comes from? "*Gojira* (ゴジラ) is a combination of two Japanese words: *gorira* (ゴリラ lit. "gorilla"), and *kujira* (クジラ lit. "whale")."

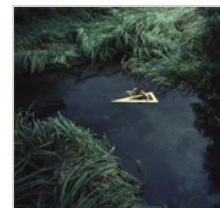
That's just a taste of the interesting cocktail party items that are at your fingertips with Wikipedia.org. Thanks, Wikipedia.org.

Wasn't there anyone on the set that said, "Wait a second, more so that a cross between a gorilla and a whale, he's basically a giant T. Rex. Let's rethink our shit here."

Anyways, there have been several variations on *Godzilla* over the years -- *Godzillasaurus*, *Super Godzilla*, *Godzilla 2000*, *Heisei Era Godzilla*, *Zilla*, *MechaGodzilla*, *King Ghidorah* -- but this current *Godzilla*, *Mochipet*, shoots freaky hip hop beats from his mouth and electro hot fire from his claws. Here's some MP3s. These ones are off his 2009 record, *Master P On Atari*, a provocative concept indeed:

Mochipet - Godzilla New Year

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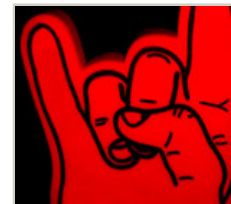
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