



BATBAIT (CH – Zurich) EP: Softness, Pt. 1 Label: Irascible Records Release : 14.01.2022 EPK: <u>https://irascible.ch/label/releases/batbait/softness-pt-1/</u>

Two titles are enough for Batbait to demonstrate the richness and diversity of their mix of (post) punk and pop. Soft but direct, catchy yet contemplative, surly but full of love for life, the fresh band shows what they have a lot to offer. Batbait plays to celebrate the little things in life and confront the major questions

With "Softness, Pt.1", Batbait unveils its different facets in two songs. In the vein of the A/B side, the band offers two complementary tracks that reveals the softer side of existence, inviting the listener to relocate the extraordinary into the ordinary to magnify every day.

"Quiet Smile" begins gently, in an almost contemplative way. Solid drums accompany a voice that tells a story of acceptance, platonic love and pure *joie de vivre*. A celebration of simple moments summed up by this phrase sung over and over: "It's a hitsong, you're just doing it wrong".

On "Goodboi", the band oscillates between exuberance and something more threatening. Batbait shouts: "You don't wanna be together! You wanna be whatever!". After an abrupt and powerful start, the title drifts towards a long and hypnotic instrumental part, before ending in a tensed climax.

After winning the Demo Of The Year with "In Fiction" at the 2021 m4music festival and between shows, Batbait boxed these two titles in Zurich with Lukas Kreuzer, who also took care of the mix. "Softness, Pt. 1" is Batbait's debut release on Irascible Records.

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