



India's imperial ambitions got sidetracked by beer

FHM BAR OF THE MONTH

★ BOMBAY BICYCLE CLUB ★

TWO WHEELS OF WEIRD

WE STUMBLE DOWN THE SUBCONTINENTAL RABBIT HOLE

It's tough acting civilised in the world's oldest gentleman's club. Especially when the decor looks like something out of *Alice In Wonderland* meets a Forties love shack. We're sure the reason for Capeys party place Bombay Bicycle Club's gaudy atmosphere has something to do with the fact that it is part of the circus-like Madame Zingara empire.

FHM wanders into the BBC on a breezy evening because we want to see why the burly Nigerian doorman is dressed as a fakir and, more importantly, what exactly it is, he's blocking the entrance to with such Royal Guard-like determination.

After being ushered inside, we are enveloped by a refreshing cool and the sounds of some wild Middle Eastern jazz piped from hidden

speakers. As our eyes adjust to the dim interior, we make out the forms of other humans, some drinking colourful cocktails at the oak-wood bar, others lounging upstairs on what looks like a double bed that doubles as a dinner table or swinging gently on a rope suspended from the ceiling amid a jungle of plastic foliage and faintly twinkling red fairy lights.

We place an order for a rum 'n' coke with a barman who isn't so much clothed as pierced, tattooed and wrapped in slo-mo funk that takes us an all-day session on our mate Ras Bambo Levy's high-grade ghoef-choef to achieve proper.

As we sit admiring the antique furniture and colonial architecture, we notice the ridiculously attractive ladies

streaming in. Tattooed babes going as pin-up stars and their moustached tattoo artist/graphic designer/hotrod mechanic boyfriends add to the colour and spectacle of the place.

Outside, a fleet of rusting bicycles twist slowly in the night breeze coming off Table Mountain while a life-sized Bengal tiger stalks us from his ceiling lair. If it weren't for proof by hangover, we woulda woken up the next morning only to swear we'd fallen down the rabbit hole and dreamt up the whole thing.

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Samuel auditioned for *The King And I*

Cindy spotted someone with Type O Negative

Drinking: colour-blind

FHM'S MAN

BABES	9 ★
BOOZE	8 ★
CHOW	10 ★
THE JOL	9 ★
MUSIC	6 ★

PSP got Barman through the quiet spells

Zorro's younger boet didn't like violence

Sweet, bra!

The Navy recruitment team caught beret boy's eye

PUB QUIZ! WORK YOUR MIND WITH THESE PUB POSERS...

1. True or false: The Canary Islands are named after the yellow bird.
2. True or false: The Great Wall Of China can be seen from space.
3. Name the world's largest desert.
4. Going clockwise on a dartboard, which number follows 15?
5. What element has the chemical symbol Zn?
6. How should you officially address the Pope?
7. What does a testator make?
8. How many games will each NBA team play in the regular season this year?
9. Sean's Bar in Ireland is said to be the oldest pub on earth. In what year was it established?
10. What is the current population of Mumbai?

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