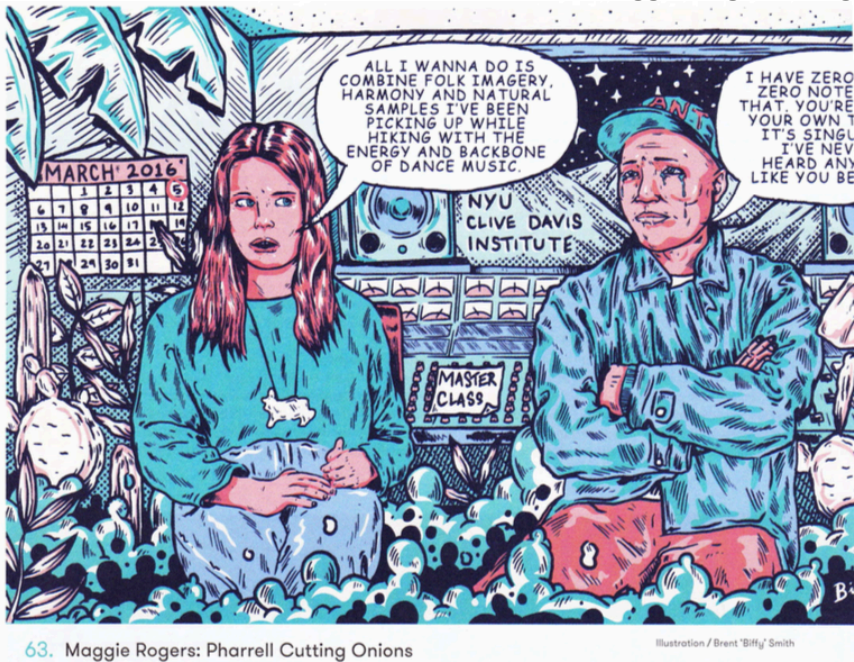


EXAMPLES OF HOW TO COVER STORIES AND KEY MOMENTS OF THE YEAR, BUT IN A UNIQUE WAY, RATHER THAN JUST WRITING EDITORIAL ABOUT IT

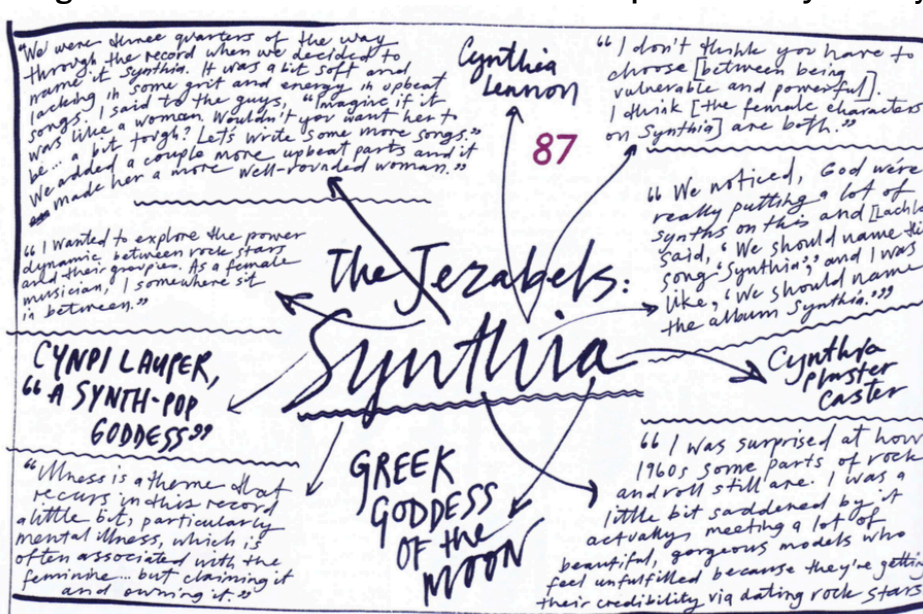
Illustration of when Pharrell Williams first hear Maggie Rogers' song, using direct quotes:



Something simple that perfectly sums up Brexit:



Using onair album interview to create mindmap of album Synthia by the Jezabels



Show casing musicians in a fun way so it's not just interview-based. Get them to do a Paper Trail Story.

Paper Tale

The folding story is back. With just the previous sentence to work with these musicians wrote one dramatic saga

I HAVE A FRIEND. HIS NAME IS IAN. IAN HAS THE MOST LUSCIOUS, CURLY HAIR IN ALL THE LAND. BUT THESE AREN'T YOUR REGULAR, EVERYDAY, RUN-OF-THE-MILL CURLS. THEY ARE MAGIC CURLS. YEP. MAGIC...

Turkeys, whether fully grown or not, are not often confronted with such wizardry. And Sir Plucky of Yekrut, second cousin of the Earl of Featherton, distant relative (on his mother's side) of Bob, was utterly confused as to which curls were supposedly magic. So resolutely, he decided to concentrate on more pressing matters at hand: most notably, the long-held family tradition in the study of the mystical beast — 'the grain'...

He looked at his hands; they were encrusted with porridge. "This is no time for idle thoughts," he thought. Polishing off another six gallons of margarine in one long, painful gulp, he squatted for what seemed like an eternity in the empty fireplace. "Nice try, buffhead," said a voice...

The sound of that voice echoed around his brain like so many memories of Christmas, full of coal and mouldy tangerines. He rose up from this position and began to explore his damaged family home. As he peered into each chamber, the memories started to swirl around in his head. It was at this point he began to feel faint. The wounds of the past were opening, and he couldn't escape his own brain...

IN AN ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THESE FEELINGS OF REGRET AND HELPLESSNESS, HE PACKED UP HIS FEW BELONGINGS AND HEADED TO THE DEEP SOUTH, WHERE THE PIXIES RAN FREE AND THE OCEAN DECKONED HIM. HE SLUNG HIS GRANDFATHER'S RIFLE OVER HIS SUNBURNT SHOULDERS, AND BEGAN HIS JOURNEY INTO THE UNKNOWN. HE FELT UNTOUCHABLE, POWERFUL. LITTLE DID HE KNOW HIS ONLY COMPANION, BUILT OF TIMBER AND COLD STEEL, WOULD ULTIMATELY CAUSE HIM MORE PAIN THAN SHE EVER DID...

And it was thus that he realised hurt could not even be curtailed by detaching himself from human reality. As he reflected upon the fragility of the human condition, the clouds opened above him and thus God spoke: "Citizen, embrace the vagaries of human emotion, otherwise, music: 10/10 would recommend for existential escapism." And that is the story of how he became a hardcore death metal fan.

THE END

FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: JARRYD JAMES; DAN HAGGIS FROM THE WOMBATS; JON HIGGS FROM EVERYTHING EVERYTHING;
JOFF ODDIE FROM WOLF ALICE; SCARLETT STEVENS AND JORDI DAVIESON FROM SAN CISCO; MONTAIGNE

Exploring an album theme that'd not the standard interview chat, with reader interaction

Illustrations / Whoopi G Myk



Name: _____
 Specialty dish: _____
 Once got in the newspaper for: _____
 First crush: _____



Name: _____
 Strangest place she's ever vomited: _____
 Bad habit: _____
 Was once an extra in the movie: _____



Name: _____
 Next holiday destination: _____
 Biggest regret: _____
 Weird medical condition: _____



Name: _____
 Accidentally killed his fish by: _____
 Phobia: _____
 Hidden tattoo: _____



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GLASS ANIMALS: MEET THE CAST

→ When indie quartet Glass Animals let us sink our claws into *How to Be a Human Being* in August this year, they weren't just gifting us a lush record. Beneath the rich textures, the spine-tingling tunes and the glitched-out samples is a complex narrative — 11 characters' worth, to be precise. The quirky cast includes a girl who sits in a bum-shaped hole on the couch eating mayo from the jar, and a sci-fi obsessed guy who spends his time scouring Google Maps for aliens. Though each character is marvellously depicted on the album cover, for the most part, the band have refused to share which song matches which person. They'd rather everyone had their own interpretation, so we've left it to you lot to fill in the blanks and piece these 11 mysterious lives together. ←



Name: _____
 Pet's name and species: _____
 Dirtiest secret: _____
 First band he ever saw: _____



Name: _____
 Favourite smell: _____
 Actively protests against: _____
 Spirit animal: _____



Name: _____
 First piercing: _____
 Once went to prison for: _____
 Strange addiction: _____



Name: _____
 Preferred sandwich filling: _____
 Soundtrack to her life: _____
 Pet peeve: _____



Name: _____
 Favourite hobby: _____
 Gets into fights over: _____
 Secret aspiration: _____



Name: _____
 Will grow up to be: _____
 Lost his first tooth: _____
 Worst nightmare: _____



Name: _____
 Current occupation: _____
 Spends all his money on: _____
 Life motto: _____