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Visions of an immortal future

Do you like **cyberpunk**? And how about when it fuses with **melodic black metal**? For it is **such a combo** that is now being prepared by the Czech horde **DESIRE FOR SORROW** on their **upcoming new album “Visions”** that will be **released by MetalGate Records in early May!**

The successor to the acclaimed debut “At Dawn of Abysmal Ruination” is taking form as a **conceptual piece**, that is, containing a **unifying narrative spread across individual songs**, which will be **nine in total**, and it is there that the cyberpunk element is to be found. **The plot of “Visions”** shall take its listener to the future, specifically to a point of mankind's great triumph - **its conquest of death!** A remedy was invented that gives man immortality. On one hand, it sounds great (after all, who did not at one point or another dream about extending one's existence ad infinitum), yet since a cyberpunk future is **rather dystopian than utopian**, on the other hand things are **not as peachy as they appear**.

First, immortality is only for those who can afford it, which is inevitably splitting the society into two camps among which logically rises an escalating tension.

Second, even the immortals themselves must now face new pitfalls. Time and fragility of life suddenly mean nothing, which has a profound impact on the perception of existence as such, since it loses for them its original value and meaning. If we take into account the thesis of the German philosopher Martin Heidegger that being-in-the-world is the being-towards-death, meaning that death defines our existence whether we realize it or not, and if we take this end station out of the equation, is there anything of equal gravitas with which to replace it? If the existential urgency given by nothing lasting forever disappears, how then do we avoid a condition, wherein nothing simply matters anymore?

We shall not reveal to what the climax of the plot shall be, but we can state with certainty that should you delve into the narrative, you will have **no shortage of food for thought**.

It is also apt to note that said **cyberpunk line shall be reflected in the album visual art**, which is being taken care of by the international **All4Band art studio**.

The other side of the same coin is the **soundtrack itself**, permeated with **DESIRE FOR SORROW's signature sharp riffs and diverse keyboard compositions**. The production is overseen by the Czech **Sonidos Studio** that took care not only of recording, but shall also cover mixing and mastering.

So, mark your calendar and get ready!

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