

Today I'll be reviewing the power metal album 'Elements Pt. 1' by Stratovarius. Maybe it would be unfair to rate it, as I don't have part 2? It's like me critiquing a book but only reading half of it. What would I say in such a 'review'? Maybe something like this: 'I may not know how this book ends as I couldn't be bothered to read it all, far from it, lol'. Whilst that wasn't the kind of thing I'd ever say to someone that I was trying to impress at very least, (for example an agent or someone testing my cognitive abilities again), such unspoken thoughts are more than common. I could never be employed because of such thoughts, so I took things into my own hands and here we are. I could continue 'What I do know however, is when it comes to spelling and grammar? Pretty good!' It is something technically speaking and the metaphorical spelling and grammar of the album in question (the tunes and harmony) is perfectly reasonable. I won't be rating the STRUCTURE of the album as for all I know, it could either lead into pt. 2 absolutely brilliantly (for example, it could feature an insanely clever key change that builds up the tension super musically) or terribly. By that I mean, the followup album could just be 2 seconds long and feature a single expletive. Now I know that sounds unlikely, but I have heard a power metal song at least that suddenly ends in a weird place and the singer just goes 'P\*\*s!!!' It was a one off, but it did have a lasting impression on me, and I guess that's the reason I'm a sceptic of musicians in similar genres. There's actually a part of me that looks down on them.

What gets to me is the fact it was a perfectly reasonable piece of music for the most part. How would people react if Led Zeppelin's legendary track 'Stairway to Heaven' built for a good eight minutes, then it was cut short by Robert Plant shouting 'p\*\*\*k!!!' What's epic about that? Don't believe a song could ever end that way? Well, check out Hammerfall's 'Something for the Ages'. Yeah, something for the ages. An idiot shouting a swearword, is that really how he wants to be remembered? When he dies, he could be celebrated for his impressive vocal range and his work with some of the best metal albums of all time, OR he could come across as a troll. And don't trolls usually target other people? What kind of troll works against and ultimately annoys himself??? Well which one are you? Are you an epic singer or are you an idiot?? The choice is yours!! Here's another example of Hammerfall trolling people: The singer buys a huge mansion that is paid for by all his hard work, then he covers it in petrol and burns it to the ground. 'Ha, what a troll I am! Oh you're supposed to troll other people? Whoops!' Oh just because he ruins his songs, he can't ruin his property? Well, his songs ARE his property and as he worked hard on his music but not on his hypothetical house, you could argue ruining his song was even worse!

You know what? Stratovarius could never troll themselves by ruining their own music or burning their houses down. You know why? Because their music just sounds too intelligent. It's like Einstein setting his house alight, it would be ridiculous. When the member of Cannibal Corpse did the same thing on the other hand? It was barely even news. I apologise for repeatedly talking about arson in my writings, I don't want to set anything on fire ILLEGALLY, but if a policeman gave me a lighter and winked at me, to be fair, I would be interested if no one got hurt. Glad I got that cleared up. Anyway, it should be noted that at the time of writing this review, I am fairly tired. I have recently written a whole short story and proofread it to check for all sorts of errors. When I don't really know what else to do as I'm not fully recovered, this article shows exactly where my thoughts go to. In that respect, these writings are better than I first thought. Not TRULY profound in the traditional sense at least, but

definitely not a waste of time. Is the album any good? Yeah! The main downside is that the (irrational) thought of the follow up at least has been tarnished forever by a singer that can only be described as 'immature', and that's coming from me! Remember when I wrote 'YOU SCK LOL' and a gym machine's scoreboard? I'm still laughing about it, yet I still claim moral and intellectual superiority. And... 9/10! Bye!