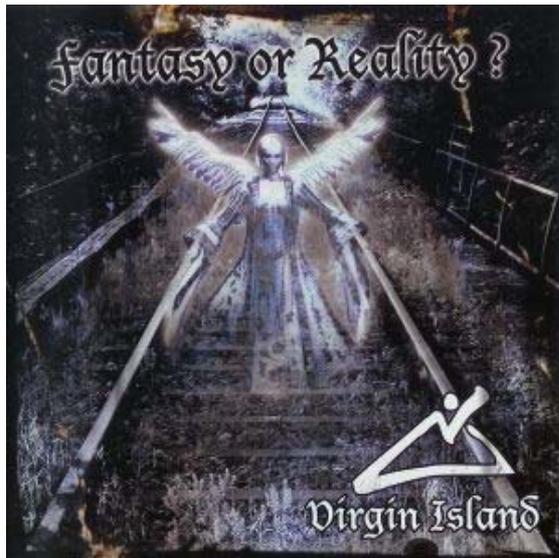


## Virgin Island - "Fantasy Or Reality?" (2010)



*Independent Release*

Review By Tony Cannella



**Virgin Island.** The band have previously released a full-length and an EP, and have now returned with their new full-length offering titled, "*Fantasy or Reality?*". First thing about **Virgin Island** that I discovered is that the band are instantly like-able and entertaining. The songs are pretty much straight forward metal - with elements of prog and 70's arena rock present as well. But for the most part, the songs on "*Fantasy or Reality?*" are hard hitting, energetic and just pure metal, with plenty of excellent guitar work and the powerhouse vocals provided by **Ulrike Peetz-Kunkel**. Her heavily accented vocals are pretty forceful and direct, but she also has the

ability to go in an operatic range - if need be - although that is not her main style and she employs it only occasionally through this 9-song, 40-minute opus.

"**Disappointment**" is the strong opener, great vocals, guitar work and tempo changes make this a solid beginning. Right off-the-bat **Ulrike** shows off her diverse singing talents. "**Don't Turn Back**" is next and is driven by a galloping guitar riff. Other highlights include: "**I Don't Need**", "**Fantasy or Reality?**", "**Wherever You Will Go**" (a great acoustic ballad) and "**The End Of Our Dreams**". "**Sweet Hell**" has an ominous tone with just a slow, grinding guitar riff, giving off an evil vibe that suits the track very well. The final number "**Let's Stop The Wars**" showcases a great sing-along chorus that brings the CD to a rousing conclusion. Not a bad sophomore effort from this German band. **Virgin Island** are a band that is worth keeping an eye on in the future, and hopefully "*Fantasy or Reality?*" will lay the foundation for a bright one.

[Rating - 79/100](#)

### Tracklist

1. **Disappointment**
2. **Don't Turn Back**
3. **I Don't Need**
4. **Fantasy Or Reality?**
5. **Wherever You Will Go**

6. **Let's Get High**
7. **The End Of Our Dreams**
8. **Sweet Hell**
9. **Let's Stop The Wars**

## Line Up

- Ulrike Peetz-Kunkel - Vocals
- Lorenz Kunkel - Lead Guitar
- Johnson Zitzelsberger - Rhythm Guitar
- Thomas Urbauer - Keyboards
- Markus Urbauer - Drums
- Alexander Hiller - Bass

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