

DEAR Chris Roberts, *MM 17/11/90*

It's sad that a not bad – no – competent, tolerable writer such as yourself found it impossible to review the new House Of Love compilation LP, so concerned as you were with other factors.

Instead, you used your hugely wide and important platform to simply hurl personal abuse at Guy Chadwick. I mean, Chris, come on, let's have the truth. Did he shag your girlfriend or something?

Vitriol and spine-chilling hatred is even extended to the LP sleeve, which you reason is all things meaningful to Guy, but to fans like me is so obviously humorous and clever. It is also obviously a parody of a very famous LP sleeve.

By the way, the album does have a title (just put down your Tolstoy for a second) – it says so on the front in plain print: "A Spy In The House Of Love" (more humour!). Too subtle for some, but a fact that you missed.

Get a milk bottle, Chris

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