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Egypt Central
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Egypt Central is sharper than they look. The spooky-looking quintet recorded this self-titled debut for Lava Records back in 2006, before getting the ax (something that seems like a pattern in this issue's reviews section). Fortunately, they held onto their masters, and got their taste-ful single "Over And Under" into *The Condemned* without major label assistance.



Now, Egypt Central marches forward on an emotionally melodic record with dark lyricism at its core. That gritty resonance is apparent on the opening cuts "Different" and "You Make Me Sick," which are easily diamonds in the rough. The Memphis

quintet eventually amplifies their edge by incorporating a nü-metal flair into "Push Away" and "Taking You Down," causing them to come across as a heavy version of Linkin Park, minus the rapping. Aside from a few mediocre offerings, like the overly sensitive ballad "Home," Egypt Central cuts a relatively sharp profile on this disc.

—Bear Frazer
