



Atrocities is a gothic clothing company  
**Interview: Dave Iverson** founded and  
 run by Curse & Kambriel, a couple living in  
 Salem, Ma, "halloween capital of the  
 world". Their eye for capturing the beauty  
 in darkness made them perfect candidates  
 for an interview w/ Aftertaste for the  
 "Darkmatter" column. The following dia-  
 logue was the result...

*How & when did the two of you meet and  
 then decide to start Atrocities?*

We met in 1991 while living in Colorado.  
 A few years later we decided to begin cre-  
 ating a style of clothing which couldn't  
 be found elsewhere for ourselves and our  
 friends. This evolved into Atrocities, and  
 our first mail-order catalogue was printed  
 in 1994.

*What goes into your clothing spiritually,  
 artistically, materially, etc., and where does*

*the inspiration come from?*  
 Inspiration for our clothing comes from a  
 deep love for the gothic. We try to instill  
 a sense of dark romance, classical beauty,  
 shrouded mystery, and decadence into all  
 of our items. The materials are lush, con-  
 sisting of fabrics such as georgettes, laces,  
 and of course, plenty of velvet!

*What made you choose Salem, Ma as your  
 headquarters, especially having come from  
 so far away?*

Coming from a western state where a  
 building from 1940 is considered old, we  
 can really appreciate the history Salem  
 holds. It's wonderful to feel a sense of the  
 past and to witness it in the centuries of  
 architecture which line the town's streets.  
 We also value the lesson of tolerance  
 which Salem had to learn from the mis-  
 takes of its past.

*Where does the future lie for Atrocities?*

The answer to that really lies in the sup-  
 port we get from others. Atrocities has  
 always been a labor of love for us, so we  
 don't see it going away. We hope business  
 will continue to grow to the point where  
 we can both dedicate ourselves full-time  
 to it, and perhaps open a shop where we  
 can feature our wares, as well as those of  
 our talented friends.

*Where and how can someone get your  
 clothing and/or catalogue?*

Our catalogue is available for \$5.00 sent  
 to :

Atrocities  
 P.O. Box 162  
 Salem, MA 01970

We also welcome inquiries  
 for custom work. Check out our website at

<http://www.sinister.com/atrocities>

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