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Gwern Branwen — 11 Nov 2010, 00:03

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Son of Witz — 11 Nov 2010, 00:47 · in reply to Gwern Branwen

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I've seen this Chippendale guy's band Lightning Bolt once. What a hoot. They played in the audience and a wet futon mattress was being tossed around everyone's heads. This was at Berkeley's Gilman, a classic punk dive club, maybe 2002 or so. Killer set. We were rocking out, and this teenager with foot high orange spiked hair said to me and my buddy, "It's good to see

old dudes rocking out." which cracked me up cuz I wasn't even thirty yet. I've never read his comix, but I love his cover on Lightning Bolt's Wonderful Rainbow. Super fun lo fi noisy math rock.

~Witz