



DIAMOND HEIST BEAR

A suprising number of years ago I found myself telling stories to an uncomprehending yet very wakeful baby in the dark and dreadfully early hours of the winter mornings, huddled next to a spluttering gas fire. Those stories were about the forgotten and abandoned toys of the world, the teddy bears and dolls banished to haunted attics, dusty boxes and unvisited rooms along neglected corridors.

These toys, I murmured, would be unhappy in their sunless eyries, and these toys would slowly awake, break free of the dessicated cardboard boxes which confined them and lurch out of the attics, down the stairs, and into the rooms of those adults who had abandoned them when they grew up, and then... they would eat them.

Since then, the drawings that I did of an **angry, hungry bear** to illustrate part of this grisly fable multiplied as I drew them on record sleeves, on websites, posters, postcards, t-shirts and so on. In America I saw them stencilled onto pavements, and I was sent photographs of this pointy-toothed bear tattooed onto peoples' skin.

And now, a surprising number of years after the spluttering gas fire was finally condemned, and the baby has grown up, I've made an edition of these scary bears using '**diamond dust**'.

Diamond dust, as used by artists, is actually finely ground and graded glass from specialist suppliers mostly in Germany, and it sparkles as beautifully as we imagine that diamond dust should.

Real diamond dust, in contrast, is a fine grey powder used on drill bits and saw blades, among many other industrial applications.

The edition is of 100 of both **white**, (using transparent dust on Ice White 700gsm stock) and **black**. (using black dust on Ebony 700gsm stock)

They are sized 600mm x 600mm. The photograph above of the white version does not really show the effect properly... my apologies.

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South/Central America, Caribbean, Middle East, Far East, New Zealand and Australia: 5th Dec
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