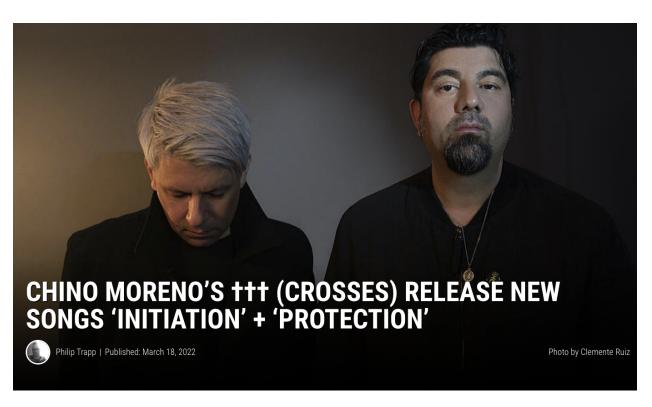


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The dark and dreamy electro-pop act **†††** (Crosses), **Deftones** singer **Chino Moreno**'s project with founding **Far** guitarist Shaun Lopez, released two new songs on Friday (March 18).

They comprise a double A-side single of both cuts, "Initiation" and "Protection." It is the group's first original material in eight years. The tracks continue the outfit's ominous brand of atmospheric trip-hop. A music video for "Initiation" is also available. The band began teasing the tunes online earlier this week.

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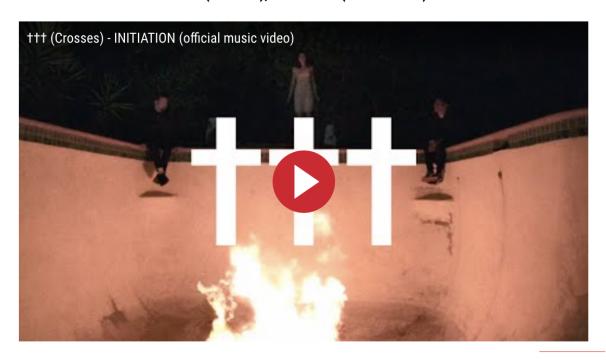
Last year, ††† **inked a deal** with Warner Records. Simultaneously, they released a cover of the 1988 song "**Goodbye Horses**" by obscure singer Q Lazzarus.

†††'s album *Crosses* arrived in 2014 after the group issued three successive EPs. Six years later, ††† returned in December 2020 with "The Beginning of the End," a cover of '90s synth-poppers Cause and Effect that marked †††'s first new material overall since their debut. With "Initiation" and "Protection," new original ††† tunes have now joined the fold. (*EP †* and *EP ††* emerged in 2011 and 2012; *EP †††* in 2014.)

In Deftones news, the alt-metal act **recently parted** with bassist **Sergio Vega**, also of **Quicksand**. Deftones' **rescheduled 2020 tour** starts next month.

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††† (Crosses), "Initiation" (Music Video)



††† (Crosses), "Protection" (Visualizer)



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