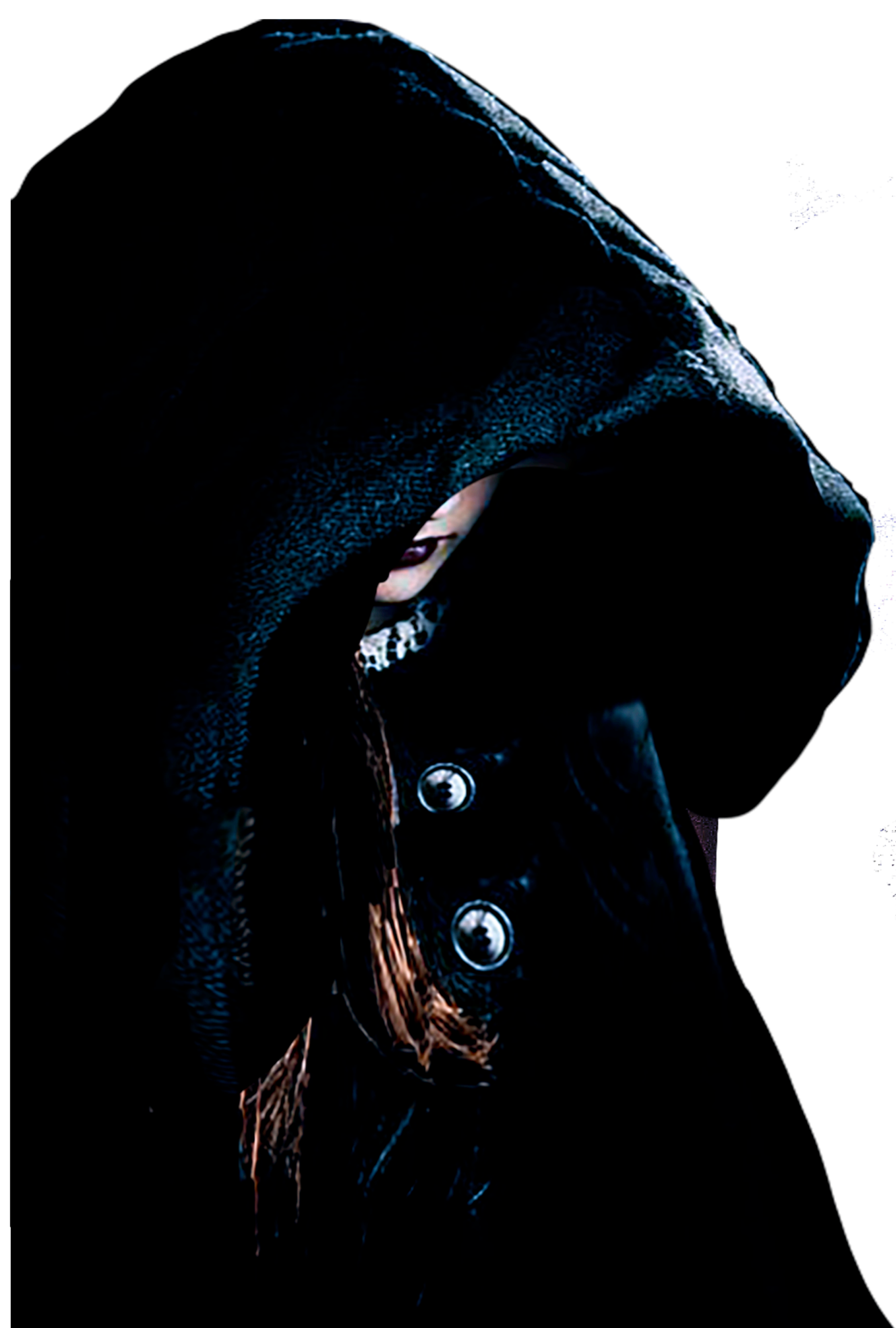




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An Overabundance of Undertone

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Detailing 'Goth' is an endeavor into the spirit. To label the Gothic simply a lifestyle is beyond the corridors of its finely tuned culture. With a lurid mysticism wrapped in its nest, Goths tend to blossom on the heels of all that is dark and sensitive. Kindled as a minority, the essentials among the Goth community are within the departure from the civilized ways of the world and an embrace of an otherwise strong ostracism. Goth sees the nocturnal edge of the moment;

allowing daylight to creep in upon dark surroundings. The Gothic often breathes of anarchy. Its members descend with the morning rise, blatantly investigating the deep niche of the human subconscious.

Young and old alike now absorb meaningful support from each other. With the community unfolding sharply and profoundly over the last three decades, directly at the crossroads. Though it may be a stretch to imagine the ambulatory movement of our animated species into the music driven chaos that is, Goth is a central thematic engine propelling its affiliates forward. "People, are, in general...unhappy," quotes an anonymous Deathgild attendee. Goth has decreased its presence here in the Bay Area, and in the US in general, whereas it's continued to thrive in the United Kingdom. With cities such as Dubai, Tokyo, and Montreal continuing to bring a newly erupting whirlwind of interest to the underground, nonetheless.

One long step from that first comment on Bauhaus that lay at the forefront of our beloved movement's thirty-year growth is the Cybergoth Movement. The growth of its identification having become an umbrella to include all from apparel to the incorrectly pigeonholed social cries of the late 90s, a connection that has now fortunately worked its way through the cracks. As such, we must now look upon this indulgence of temperament and reality for its refined caliber.

Goth is now much more than merely the art of fashion and dark creativity. It has grown in abundance to an indefinable form and the future is only just coming to fruition. For now, we must lay in wait to uncover the future of its black whispers and unknown road – defying the essence of the majority and rolling the shadows onward.