

When every day is Halloween If you see this couple coming your way, fear not: the Gothic movement is not solely about Bela Lugosi, vampires and a good sleep in a cold coffin. In fact, the movement was born out of music. Siouxsie Sioux modernized the term Gothic in the late seventies, using it to describe the new, brooding sound of her punk band, Siouxsie and the Banshees. And today, Toronto's 2,000 or so Goths are really quite a friendly bunch. They embrace introspection, femininity, creativity—and, of course, the colour of the rebel, black.—*Rachel Ross*

Fangs These trendy dentures cost about \$400 and can be fitted either permanently or as removable evening wear. Most Goths have never tasted human blood; the few who do tend to stick to monogamous quaffing relationships with their "blood doll!"

Hair The classic Goth boy cut: black, long and straight, sometimes shaved at the sides. Inspired by Ian Astbury, lead singer of The Cult

Makeup Men, in tights, heavy white face powder and black eyeliner, are the belles of the Goth ball, much as they were during the Victorian Gothic revival, when cross-dressing for theatrical purposes was de rigueur. While this look is still popular, Goth fashion has embraced new plastics, like the PVC pants he's wearing (available at Siren, 463 Queen St. W., 504-9288)

Poison ring A poison ring is desirable because a dose of arsenic fits nicely in the compartment. While it is difficult to prove the ring was designed with deadly intent, some believe Hannibal used one to commit suicide in 183 BC

Shackles and collar A love of femininity manifests itself not as reverse sexism, but as true equality. In other words, you're as likely to see a man on a leash as a woman. (Accessories available at He and She Clothing Gallery, 263-265 Queen St. E., 594-0171)

Whip Bondage references in music videos have amplified the fetishistic element of Goth culture in the past decade. From the doom-and-gloom sounds of Joy Division and Sisters of Mercy, Goth music has branched out, embracing the hard-edged industrial sound originated by Ministry and made popular by Nine Inch Nails and Marilyn Manson

