Music Review: Tunde Olaniran-The Second Transgression EP (Self-Released)

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Tunde Olaniran's Second Transgression is the sophomoric offering in a five part series of his afro-futurist dance music. The EP opens up immediately with Olaniran's heated appeal for personal transformation via "2.0.â€∏ Punchy cymbals, a Dilla-like synthesizer and a mini cacophony of electro sounds guided by his hip-hop, punk and avant-garde aesthetic promises a new person and genre. Vocally speaking, Olaniran's tone is on par with house music luminary Sybil and Bloc Party's Kele Okereke. "Autonomousâ€∏ interweaves muted percolated tom-toms with soft rock guitar as Olaniran narrates a break-up with a lover on one track and accompanies himself on another with Michael Jackson falsetto pitches. The EP moves at a sleek nocturnal pace subtly subverting dominant dance music memes with individual co-optations of the emcee and particles of Underground Resistance's guerrilla funk. "Brown Boyâ€∏ ends the second movement with a rap dedicated to the stereotyped marketing plans for Black artists that progresses into a carnival-esque layer of house. The Second Transgression is an original reinvention of electro that places Olaniran as the love child of Santigold and Kele with Missy Elliot as his aunt.

The Second Transgression by Tunde Olaniran