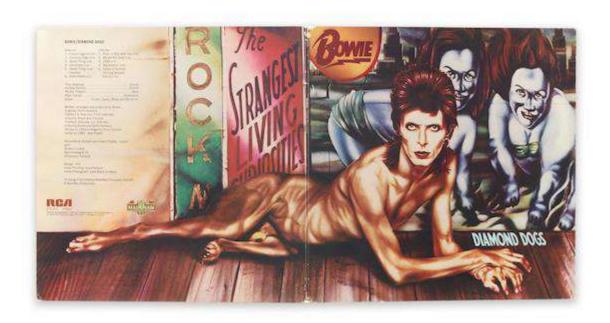
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sleeve for David Bowie's 8th album, *Diamond Dogs*, featuring the uncensored version of the cover artwork by Guy Peellaert. Known as Bowie's "butcher cover", the album cover shows Bowie as a striking half-man, half-dog hybrid in full across the gatefold.

Footnotes

• Diamond Dogs was inspired by George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-Four, evident in the B side track titles 1984 and Big Brother. Deemed too shocking for the masses the album cover was replaced by an airbrushed version almost immediately, making this original version very rare, as very few copies of this original cover made their way into circulation at the time of the album's release.

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