

FEATURES 3 BONUS TRACKS EXCLUSIVE TO THE CD VERSION!

AUGUSTUS PABLO THIS IS AUGUSTUS PABLO

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 - 11. Jah Rock
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For this issue three songs contemporary to the first release of This Is... have been added: the original single version of Pablo's hit, "Java," and two cuts issued as B-sides to successful Clive Chin-produced records. "Guiding Red" and "Marabi."

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- Culled from the liner notes by Andrew Mason



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