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Strategy
Marathon Heights b/w Drumsolo's Revenge

This record from Paul Dickow AKA Strategy is an intense hybrid: bouncy propulsive dancefloor-compatible techno, built with layer upon layer of gleefully eclectic handcrafted sounds woa! Look out, here comes a rugged funk bassline, chunky drums, crisp clicking percussion, pop micro-samples, plinking melodies, an acidic squelch, distorted to the breaking point but somehow kept smooth. No minimalism, this.

DJ Slip of Kanzleramt crew brings a remix in the grand old "remix which sounds like a completely different track" tradition. It's also minimal and banging and brilliant as you might expect—each of Slip's drums has a voice, and together they sing little songs to us. Another remix on the flip by CNS Engineering takes the tech-house elements out of the original and arranges them for maximum dancefloor impact.

Paul's sonic acrobatics are informed by a wide range of musical pursuits. He's a member of live electronic groups Nudge and Fontanelle, and drummer for punk-rock band Emergency. His first full-length, *Strut*, was released this summer on the OMCO imprint. An ambient-dubwise album, *Drumsolo's Delight*, is coming from Kranky later this winter.

- a1. Marathon Heights
- a2. Marathon Heights (Slip mix)
- b1. Drumsolo's Revenge
- b2. Drumsolo's Revenge (CNS Engineering mix)

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