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Jonnie Robinson, Lead Curator for Spoken English writes: The mixed reception among my children and their peers to Arctic Monkeys' sixth studio album, *Tranquility Base Hotel + Casino*, is, I suspect, the equivalent of my *Kid A* moment. I'm probably not qualified to contribute to the debate on the album's...

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