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HER ORIGINS ARE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

SOME SAY SHE'S A POWERFUL ENTITY FROM ANOTHER REALM; OTHERS
TELL TALES OF A CHILD BORN OF A DEMONIC MOTHER IN HELL'S FIRE
AND DISPATCHED TO CLEANSE THE WORLD OF EVIL.

BUT ALL THESE STORIES SHARE A COMMON REFRAIN:
VAMPIRELLA HAS COME TO BATTLE THE FORCES OF DARKNESS – FROM
VAMPIRIC LEGIONS, TO SUPERNATURAL EVILS THAT BEGGAR
DESCRIPTION.

AND NOW, SHE FACES A TERRIBLE THREAT THAT EVEN THE
BLOOD-DRENCHED POWERS OF THE NIGHT HAVE COME TO FEAR...

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ABANDONED FARMHOUSE,
NEAR EPHRATA, WA.

YOU'LL DO
FINE, SOFIA. JUST
STICK TO THE PLAN,
AND WE'LL **BOTH**
MAKE IT OUT OF
HERE.

I'M NOT
SURE THIS
QUALIFIES AS
A **PLAN**, V.

LET'S
RECAP: A TRIO OF
INDESTRUCTIBLE
DEMONIC ASSASSINS
ABOUT TO KILL US?
CHECK.

NO BACKUP,
NO SUPPLIES, AND
AN ABANDONED
FARMHOUSE WHERE
NO ONE CAN HEAR
US **SCREAM**?
CHECK.

OH, AND
ONE GUN LEFT
BETWEEN US?
CHECK.

THEY'RE **NOT**
INDESTRUCTIBLE.

NEITHER
ARE YOU,
V.

PERHAPS
NOT,
GOOD
THING I HAVE
YOU AS MY
SECRET
WEAPON.

CHAK

MY COMPANION--**SOFA MURRAY**--IS BRAVE AND RESOURCEFUL, BUT HER FEAR IS A PALPABLE, LIVING THING.

IT'S TAKEN YOU LONG ENOUGH, HELLSPAWN.

OUR ENEMY IS RELENTLESS, DRUNK ON THE BLOOD FROM SEVERAL GRUESOME MURDERS, AND EAGER FOR MORE.

I WAS BEGINNING TO WONDER...

INTENT ON BUILDING A MONUMENT TO HUMAN WEAKNESS AND SIN.

...IF YOU'D HAD ENOUGH YET.

A CORRUPT
CELEBRATION OF
THEIR NEWFOUND
FREEDOM FROM
HELL.

Hm.

Hm.

MOST
AMUSING,
SISTER.

WE **KERASU
SHIMEI**--WE
SISTERS OF THE
CROW--HAVE
RARELY KNOWN
SUCH SPORT.

WITH YOUR
DEATH, WE ADD TO
OUR MONUMENT,
THREE-FOLD.

I BELIEVE YOU
SAID I REPRESENT
**DISLOYALTY,
DISHONOR AND
INSOLENCE.**

YOUR
PETTY CHECKLIST
OF SIN.

WHERE DOES
MY SENDING YOU
SCREAMING BACK
TO HELL FIT INTO
YOUR PLANS?

WJ



INDIVIDUALLY, EACH OF THE KERASU SHIMAI IS A TERRIFYING, SKILLED COMBATANT.

YOU FIRST.

KRAAAK

WHEN THEY WORK IN CONCERT, THEY'RE PRACTICALLY UNSTOPPABLE.



SPEED, POWER AND PERFECT COORDINATION FORMING A LETHAL, HELLBORN MACHINE.

CAWWWW

Hm.

Hm.

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING:

ENTER FREELY AND OF YOUR OWN WILL.





TIME TO
BREAK THE
MACHINE.

WHO'S
HIDING?

KRR RAAASH

I'LL BE
WITH YOU IN
A MINUTE.

CAW

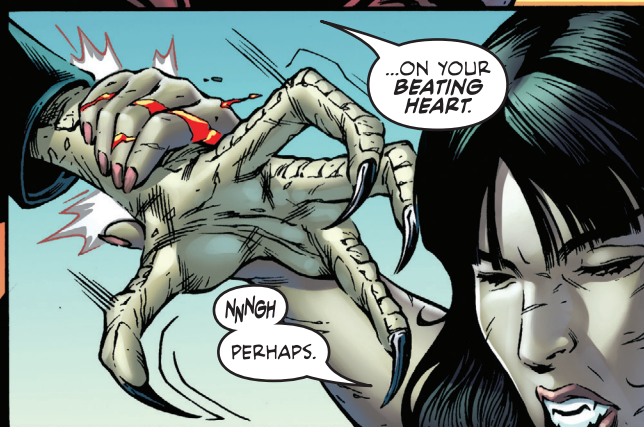


HAMMER AT THE
GEARS UNTIL
THEY BREAK.

KAR
RAASH



AND KEEP POUNDING
ON THEM UNTIL THE
ENTIRE MECHANISM
BLOWS APART.



DEMONS HAVE
TO PLAY BY
CERTAIN RULES.

IT'S
THE MASKS,
ISN'T IT?

KAAAA
RRRAAK

CAAA
WWWW

THOSE RULES ARE
STACKED HEAVILY IN
THEIR FAVOR, BUT THEY
HAVE TO OBEY THEM.

KRAK

YOU
ESCAPED FROM
HELL. YOU WEREN'T
SUMMONED.

THE KERASU SHIMAI ARE NO DIFFERENT.

YOU NEED AN ANCHOR TO KEEP YOU HERE.

THE THREE OF THEM WORK AS A TEAM, AND AS A TEAM, THEY'RE UNBEATABLE.

--KILL YOU...
HEAR YOU
SCREAM--

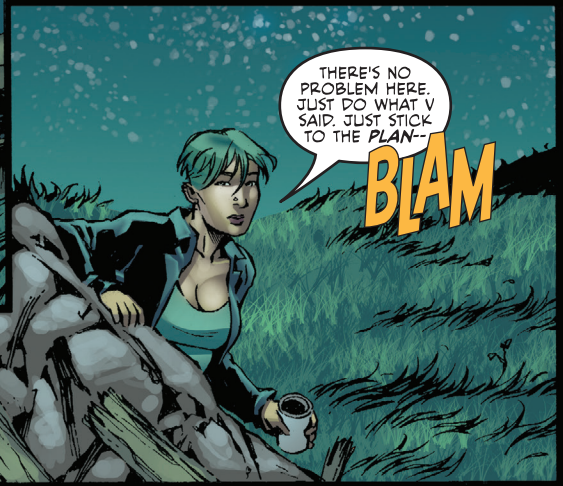
THE MURDERS
YOU COMMITTED,
YOUR "MONUMENT?"
A RITUAL TO KEEP
YOU *HERE* IN THE
PHYSICAL WORLD.

BUT IF YOU SEPARATE
THEM? STRIP THEM OF
THEIR ADVANTAGES IN
COORDINATION, SPEED,
AND POWER?

THEY ARE
NOTHING
BUT PREY.

BLAM

OFF YOU
GO.





THEY'RE STILL
POWERFUL, STILL
TREMENDOUSLY
SKILLED.

BUT THEY'RE JUST
SLIGHTLY OUT OF SYNC
NOW. FRACTIONALLY
SLOWER THAN OUR
EARLIER ENCOUNTERS.

WHUD
CAW W

SO I KEEP UP
THE PRESSURE.
KEEP THEM OFF
BALANCE.

KRAK

HURT
THEM.

IT'S NOT
YOUR TURN
YET...

KEEP THEM
FOCUSED ON
THE FIGHT,
AND ON ME...

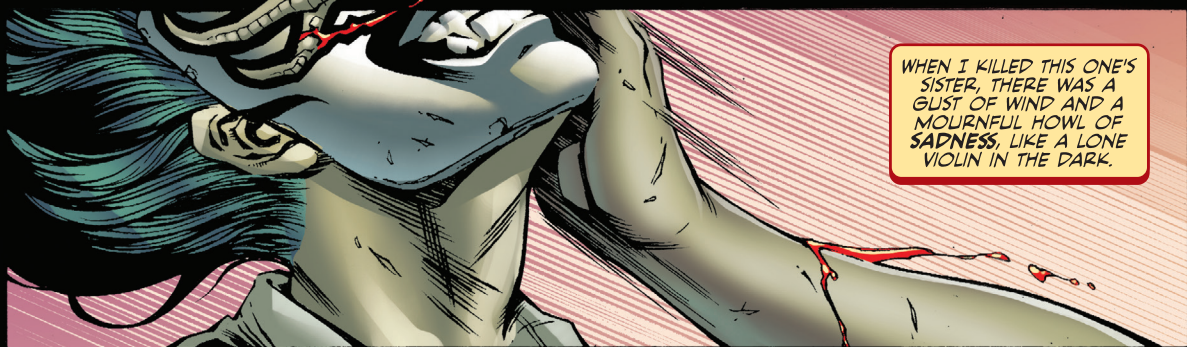
...BE
PATIENT.

KRAASH



...AND JUST TAKE
THE HITS, AND KEEP
PUNISHING THEM.





WHEN I KILLED THIS ONE'S SISTER, THERE WAS A GUST OF WIND AND A MOURNFUL HOWL OF SADNESS, LIKE A LONE VIOLIN IN THE DARK.



WHEN THIS ONE DIES...

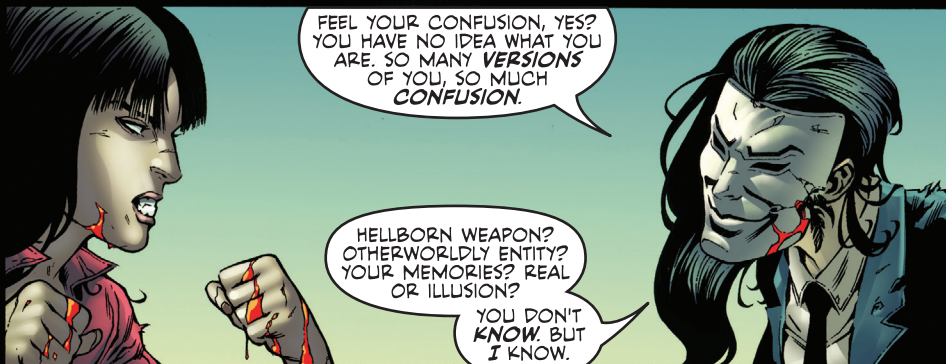
...IT DIES
SCREAMING
IN ANGER.



JUST
YOU AND
ME NOW.



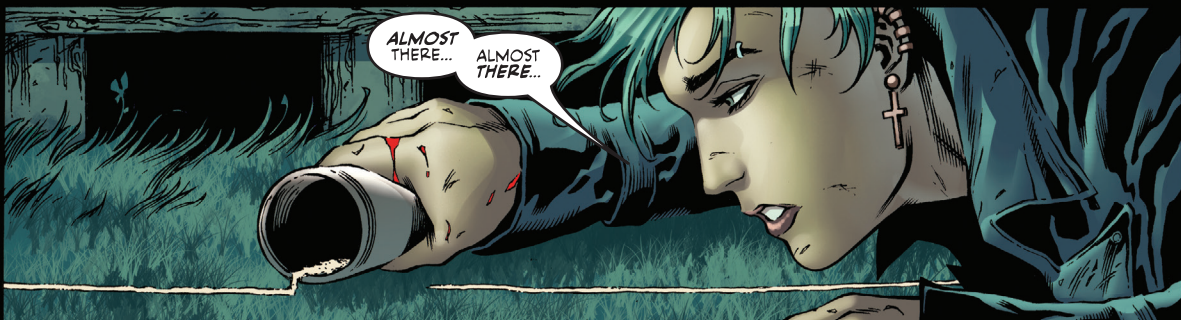
Hm.
SO
STRANGE.



FEEL YOUR CONFUSION, YES?
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU
ARE. SO MANY **VERSIONS**
OF YOU, SO MUCH
CONFUSION.

HELLBORN WEAPON?
OTHERWORLDLY ENTITY?
YOUR MEMORIES? REAL
OR ILLUSION?

YOU DON'T
KNOW. BUT
I KNOW.

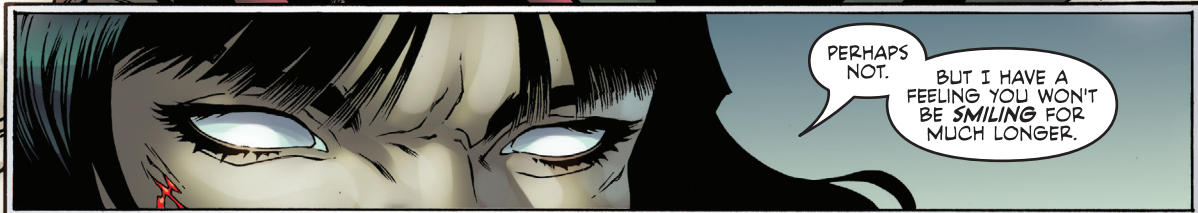


ALMOST
THERE...
ALMOST
THERE...



WHEN I FINISH
YOU, FINISH YOUR
COMPANION...

...YOU
STILL WON'T
HAVE ANY
ANSWERS.



PERHAPS
NOT.

BUT I HAVE A
FEELING YOU WON'T
BE *SMILING* FOR
MUCH LONGER.



Hm.

AN
ERROR.

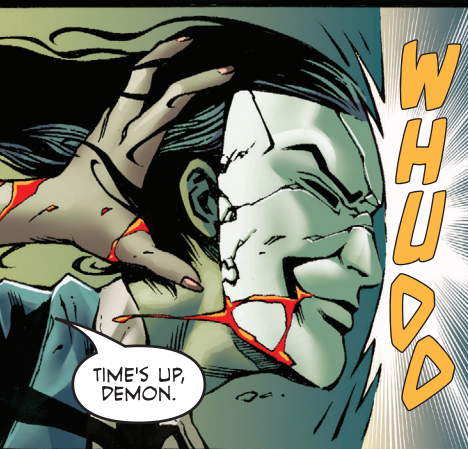


FINISH
THE FIGHT
ANOTHER
DAY.

AFTER RITUAL
IS COMPLETE, YES?
AFTER I TURN THIS
WORLD INTO MY
PLAYGROUND.

WHAM







YOU SAID
YOU KNOW WHO I
AM. WHERE I CAME
FROM. YOU SAID NOT
KNOWING WHAT I
REALLY AM IS A
WEAKNESS.

I'VE THOUGHT
ABOUT THAT
FOR **YEARS**,
DEMONESS.

WHAT AM
I? WHERE
DID I COME
FROM?

WHICH OF
MY MEMORIES
ARE REAL OR
FALSE?



I FINALLY CAME
UP WITH AN ANSWER
THAT **WORKS** FOR
ME.

WHEN IT COMES
TO THE QUESTION
OF MY **PAST**...

KLICK



...I JUST
DON'T *CARE*
ANYMORE.



BLAM

THE END
NEXT: "THE SIDE TRIP"

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