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THE PAST



As Miki and Vampi begin the night's punk rock performance, they expect nothing more than a good night out.



But when Uncle Sam and his Dead Presidents make their presence known, it's clear that the kids are getting more than they bargained for. The Presidents are ready to turn their racist views into an all-out war, and with their guns at the ready, they've decided to make this Ground Zero.

THE PRESENT

Busloads of children rumble into The Meat Boutique. Their fate is unspeakably cruel. When Vampi learns of the kind of tortures they're bound for, she's too angry to let the bruises of her last battle get in the way, and determines to fight—whether her body can handle it or not.




Abandoning her recovery training and suiting up with her tried and tested weapons, Vampi goes right to the source—Endura.




Far from feeling threatened, Endura looks forward to Vampi's arrival. With the help of a device called the Sarcophagus, she engineers a physical transformation for herself, one that will make her stronger, more vicious, and nearly impossible to defeat.





THE MEAT BOUTIQUE:
AN HOUR AGO I
HAD NO IDEA IT
EVEN EXISTED.



AN HOUR AGO I
THOUGHT I KNEW
WHAT EVIL WAS.



BUT THEN
I SAW
THIS PLACE--



-- WITNESSED
THE SELECTION
PROCESSES.



AND
REALIZED
I KNEW
NOTHING.

SOME GET TO LIVE...

KIDS DISSECTED
AND KILLED--
IN THAT ORDER.

PROGRAMMED
FOR SLAVERY.

THE MEAT BOUTIQUE
A DEATH
FACTORY--IT'S ALL
ABOUT PROFIT.

JACOB SHOWED
ME THIS--
AND THEN TOLD
ME TO FORGET IT.

FOR SALE
ON THE
BLACK MARKET.

DRIVERS
DIE SLOWLY...

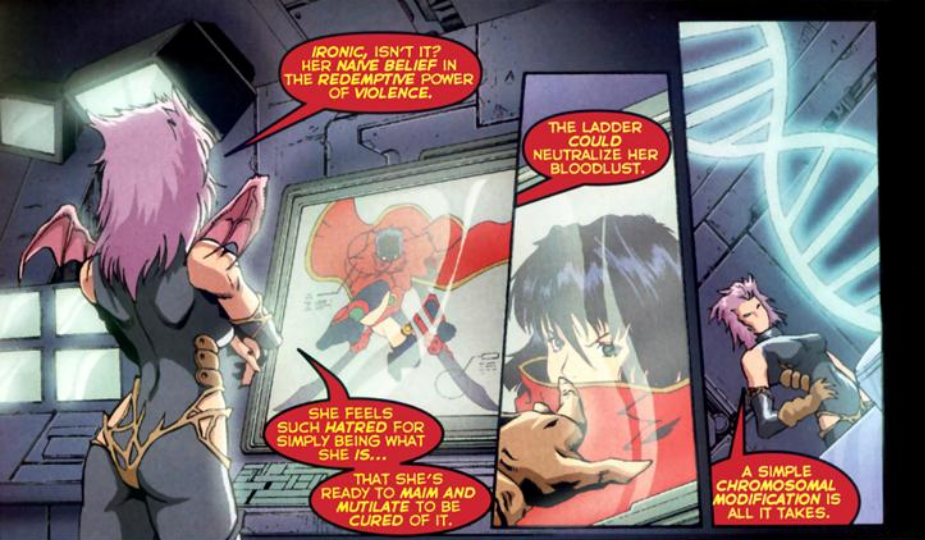
TORTURED
FOR ENTER-
TAINMENT.

IF I COULD
FORGET
ALL THIS...



...I'D NEVER
FORGIVE MYSELF.







-- IT
TRANSFORMS
US.



IN THE
SARCOPHAGUS
I SUFFERED
THE ULTIMATE
VIOLENCE.



NO WORDS
EXIST TO EXPRESS
THAT PAIN.



SOME--
ACCORDING TO
OUR NATURES --
SUFFER FOR
IMMORTALITY.

WHILE
OTHERS...

"...SIMPLY
SUFFER."

VIOLENCE IS
LIKE A DRUG.



TO A VAMPIRE THE
TASTE OF DEATH IS AS
ADDICTIVE AS BLOOD.



BUT ANOTHER
ADDICTION IS THE
LAST THING I NEED.



ESPECIALLY ONE
I DON'T HAVE
THE TIME --



-- TO
ENJOY IT.

*PLEASURE AND PAIN --
THEY ARE INSEPARABLE.



THE BRAIN
PROCESSES BOTH.



AND CREATES
ENDORPHINS.



NATURAL
OPIATES --THE
ELIXIRS OF
AGONY AND
ECSTASY.



* -- THE ESSENCE
OF ADDICTION. *



I ONLY HAVE
TO FEED...



-- THEN, IRONICALLY,
ALL THIS BLOODSHED
BECOMES UNNECESSARY.



IT WOULD
BE EASY TO
SUCCUMB
TO THE
TEMPTATION.



IT'S ALWAYS READY
TO STRIKE...

... WHEN I'M MOST
VULNERABLE.



"YOU'RE NOT
FIGHTING THEM."



ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?

YOU'RE
FIGHTING
YOURSELF.




"YOUR ADDICTION
IS YOUR REAL ENEMY."



"AND YOUR
ENEMY..."



"... IS
MY ALLY."



"I'LL TEACH
YOU TO EMBRACE
ADDICTION."



"TO LOVE
YOUR
ENEMY..."

"--THAT'S HOW
I'LL BEAT YOU."

GOVANNI

I COULD JUST
BLOW YOU AWAY--BUT
THAT WAS KINDA
IMPRESSIVE.

IT'S THAT
YELLOW SLUT
WE WANT...

-- YOU GET
A CHANCE TO
STEP ASIDE!

NO WAY--
YOU GO THROUGH
ME FIRST!

SAME
HERE!

I DON'T TAKE ANY CRAP
FROM A RACIST
BASTARD WRAPPED IN
THE FLAG--

BOURP

-- OR WATCH
WHILE ANYONE
ELSE DOES!



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"... DEAD
TOMORROW!"

I KNOW
YOU'RE STILL
CONSCIOUS--YOUR
EYES ARE OPEN.

BUT WHAT'S
LEFT OF YOUR VISUAL
CORTEX CAN'T PROCESS THE
IMAGES REFLECTED ON
YOUR RETINAS.

BLINDNESS
HAS ITS COMPEN-
SATIONS.

BUT DON'T
THINK THAT WHAT
YOU CAN'T SEE WON'T
HURT YOU.

YOUR PAIN
MAY BE ALL THE
SUSTENANCE
I NEED.

BUT WHY
WASTE ALL THIS
BLOOD...?

"... WHEN SOMEONE
ELSE NEEDS IT."

JACOB SAID
I WASN'T READY
FOR THIS.

HE WAS RIGHT--
I SHOULDN'T BE
WALKING AWAY.

AND, BLEEDING
LIKE THIS, I
WON'T BE WALKING
TOO LONG.

I NEED BLOOD--
BUT IF I REVERT
NOW, IT'S ALL BEEN
FOR NOTHING.




BUT I'M SO
DESPERATE
FOR BLOOD.

THE INSTINCT
TO FEED MAKES IT
HARD TO FOCUS
ON ANYTHING ELSE.



RETRIEVE
THE LADDER.

SAVE
THE KIDS.



IS THAT
WHAT BROUGHT
ME HERE?



OR PURE
INSTINCT?



ALL THIS
BLOOD.



I DON'T
WANT THIS.



I NEED IT.





INSTINCT
BYPASSES
EVERYTHING.



SO WEAK
NOW...



... CAN'T
KEEP...



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The background of the cover features a dark, moody illustration. In the foreground, Vampirella is depicted from the waist up, wearing her signature black and white outfit with a large white collar and a black choker. She has long, dark hair and is looking towards the viewer with a slight smile. Behind her, a larger, more ethereal image of her face is visible, looking upwards. The overall color palette is dominated by dark blues, purples, and blacks, with highlights on Vampirella's costume.

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