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72 Ways to Die ~ The Slayer Sagas ~ Episode Eight: The Count, the Witch and the Vampire

Count Ferrell-Envelope is walking along the road with a girl.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (smiling) You know I'm glad we started seeing each other, Newt. I really think we click – you with your magic and me with...uh...my...er...crazy friends.

Newt: Yeah. You're so much nicer than my last boyfriend too. He was a real hell-raiser. (Pause) Kept getting phone calls from him after we broke up, promising revenge and all that. (Pause) Scary stuff.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Well, I shouldn't worry about him. If he comes within walking distance of you, I'll show him some of my kung-fu prowess.

Newt laughs, the camera moves out to a tree. A vampire is watching them from atop it.

Vampire: Oh, is that so? (Pause) Well I'm not scared of you, mortal. (Pause) Or her...now I've got this. (he taps a metal belt he is wearing which has writing on it)
On the Belt: P.A.I.N Anti-Magic Belt.

Cut to titles.

Title Music Lyrics

*Someone's kicking ass tonight,
We're gonna slay and do things right,
The Team of Legends is here right now,
And ready to cook your zombie cow!*

*This is the Saga of the Slayer,
Hilarious Birthright – sworn to protect,
Zero must stand tall – must be brave,
Because those vampires like fresh neck.*

*A Demon is a tricky bleeder,
Until it meets this Team's leader,*

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*If he hasn't banished it within an hour,
At least he'll show it one mean glower.*

*This is the Saga of the Slayer,
Hilarious Birthright – sworn to protect,
Zero must stand tall – must be brave,
Because those vampires like fresh neck.*

*So when you walk those streets at night,
Don't worry if you get a fright,
The Team will save you from any trouble,
Though they may reduce your house to rubble.*

Starring

The Team

Zero72 is the Slayer,
Nutter is his Mentor,
Root's secret is finally out,
Count Ferrell-Envelope seems normal enough,
Pillow is a hyperactive werewench,
Casket is the grumpy half-demon of the team,
Susan "Stakes" Smiles is the team's resident vampire,
The ghostly MtlAngelus pops up at random intervals.

P.A.I.N

Megaman is the company's president and Zero's nemesis,
Fallengel is his right-hand man,
Dr. Scotch is the replacement loon (and AREF's headmaster).

Also Starring...

Bracket - the team member wannabe who is getting fed up with waiting.

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ, Megaman's office.

Megaman: (to Fallengel who has just walked in) Status report, Engel.

Fallengel: Everything's going well, sir. (Pause) Sales of all P.A.I.N merchandise are through the roof from P.A.I.N Stake-Proof sweatshirts to P.A.I.N Slayer-Repellent. (Pause) Our graphs indicate that our products are particularly popular with the undead and friends of the undead.

Megaman: That's probably because that's who we're aiming the products at.

Fallengel: Uh...yes sir. (Pause) We released the P.A.I.N Anti-Magic Belt last summer to wild acclaim. Apparently, evil undead creatures tend to use it to keep witches and wizards away. (Pause, looking down a list) Ah, here's an example – A Mr. Killmenow

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brought a belt last month for the purpose of... (squinting at the writing) ...killing his witch ex-girlfriend who's seeing someone else. (he grins)

Megaman: Look, I don't care about all this crap. Are we doing well or not?

Fallengel: Uh, yeah, yeah...we're doing great.

Megaman: And Project Lock & Load?

Fallengel: Scotch is doing the research you requested as we speak.

Megaman: Good. (Pause) Everything's going according to plan.

Cut to Nutter's House – Team HQ. Training room – Zero and “Stakes” are practicing under supervision from Nutter.

Zero72: (unsure) So, the best way to disable a vampire is...

“Stakes”: Cover your neck up and try and knock them to the floor. (Pause) A sliding kick to their legs may be the last thing they'd expect.

Nutter: (taking notes) Uh...why is that?

“Stakes”: They expect you to go for the heart. (Pause) You know to stake them and everything. This means that they tend to protect it with their life. (Pause) It's best to get them in a position which they can't attack from before moving in for the kill.

Zero72: (stroking his chin) Intriguing...

Nutter: Yes...(Pause, turning to Zero) What? Since when have you said ‘Intriguing’?

Zero72: Since today. I learnt it from this great book I've been reading. (Pause) It's got loads of words and stuff in it.

“Stakes”: The dictionary?

Zero72: (excited) You've heard of it? (Pause, to Nutter) And look, Nutter. (pointing to the dictionary) It's got “vamperised” in it.

Nutter: (looks at the dictionary, indignant) Hey! You wrote that in with a felt-tip!

Zero72: (looking sad) I know. (Pause) It's never going to happen, is it?

Nutter: No. (Pause) Hey, where's Envelope? He was supposed to be your punching bag for today, Zero.

“Stakes”: He's out with that witch, Newt.

Nutter: Oh...

Zero72: (laughing) Some might say there's magic in the air. Ha ha...heh...cause she's a witch. (Pause, still laughing) And witches use magic.

Nutter: (annoyed) We get it.

Cut to outside Newt's house. Envelope is saying goodnight to Newt.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (smiling) Well, I guess this is goodnight.

Newt: (smiling) I guess so.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Well, goodnight.

Newt: ‘Night.

Killmenow: (jumping out from behind a tree, screaming) It's not goodnight till you're dead! And I'm going to kill you and that freak you're with! Just you wait! (he disappears)

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Well, that was...odd. (Pause) I wonder why he called you a freak?

Newt: He meant you.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Oh...(understanding) Friend of yours?

Newt: Not really... that was my last boyfriend.

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Count Ferrell-Envelope: (terrified) Your ex is a vampire?

Newt: Yeah, but no biggie! I mean, you said you'd show him some of your kung-fu prowess if he got near us.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (unconfident) Uh...yeah, right. (Pause, slightly nervous)

Supposing that fails though, we can still rely on your magic, right?

Newt: Nah, he's got this whole Anti-Magic Belt thing going on. Otherwise I'd have turned him into a frog by now.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: ...Right.

Newt: (worried) You will be able to protect me from him, Envy?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (overly mock-confident) Oh, sure. Heh heh. You see, I'm like the leader of this crack team of commandos. We bust evil all over this neighbourhood. I've never met a demon I couldn't kill just by using the good old "Kick of Doom™¹"

Newt: (grinning) Great, you're the best, Envy! (she turns to the door, turning back) Night!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (jovial) Goodnight! (once she has closed the door, angrily) Oh...Shit. Why the hell did I tell her all that crap about kung-fu? I don't know kung-fuck! (hitting his arm against a lamppost) Shit, shit, shit!

Why...must...life...be...so...unfair? WHY? WHY? WHY?

Cut to inside training room. Envelope is sitting down.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (to Zero) Well?

Zero72: Well what?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Why must life be so unfair – why why why?

Zero72: Oh...that. (Pause) Well, it all comes down to cosmic forces and pickles.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: You don't know, do you?

Zero72: Nope... (Pause) But what I do know is how you can beat that vampire if he attacks you and your girlfriend!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: It doesn't involve slapping him round the face with a piece of wet salmon, does it?

Zero72: (laughing) No! (Pause, seriously) Well...it doesn't have to.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I just need you to teach me how to fight! Like Nutter taught you.

Zero72: Yeah... (Pause) Well, it isn't going to be easy but I'm sure I can do it.

(grinning) You can count on me!

Cuts to Envelope training with "Stakes"

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (hitting a punch bag while "Stakes" supervises) What excuse did he give exactly for not training with me?

"Stakes": Couldn't be bothered, your breath stunk, didn't really like your girlfriend, thought it would be funny if you got killed.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Zero said all that?

"Stakes": No, Zero just said the first one. Pillow said the second when he tried to get her to do it. Root said the third when asked by Pillow to do it and Casket said the last one when Root asked him to do it.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: So, I'm stuck with you.

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“Stakes”: Looks like it. (Pause) But let’s look at it this way, I’m the only one who really knows about vampires. I am one. (Pause) The others only know what they get off vampire films and the Discovery channel.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Yeah... and AlltheSupernaturalCrapYoullEverNeed.org²

Cut to Lounge.

Root: Hmmph, I don’t like that Newt girl. (Pause) I never see Envelope any more with him hanging around with her all day long.

Pillow: Yeah, I know what you mean. (Pause) Casket’s been seeing some Chastity girly for weeks now.

Root: (looking at Pillow) He’s seeing someone behind your back?

Pillow: No, he’s seen her in front of me before.

Root: No, I mean – he’s seeing someone else.

Pillow: So? What’s the problem, he sees a lot of people. He isn’t blind.

Root: Oh for Glod’s sake! (shouting) He’s got more than one girlfriend, Pillow!

Pillow: (she shrieks) Oh my...oh my...he’s been unfaithyfaithful...oh my...oh my...

Root: Now, calm down. I’m sure it’s not as bad as all that.

Pillow: (calming down) No...no... I mean Envelope’s seeing someone else too, right?

Root: Envelope’s like a brother to me. He’s not my boyfriend! I’m not mad about him going out with someone. I just haven’t seen him for a while.

Pillow: (cracking up) It’s all you-you-you, isn’t it, Rooty-Rootbeer! Well, I’m going to find that lying son of a burrito and I’m gonna killy-kill him! (she runs off)

Casket: (walking in from the other door) Hi, Root. Has Pillow been about?

Cut to “Le Petit Singe” Restaurant. Newt and Count Ferrell-Envelope are having dinner.

Newt: Mmm, this meal is delicious!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: It sure is. (Pause) Thanks to that spell you did on the chef.

Newt: Well he was going to serve us raw yeti.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Yeah. (Pause) I hate yeti.

Newt: Me too, I mean who eats mythical creatures anymore, anyway?

Killmenow: (Jumping from above onto their table, his feet land in Envelope and Newt’s dinners) Me!

Newt: (to Killmenow) Arsehole!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (looking at his meal which is now under Killmenow’s foot) I’m definitely not eating that now.

Killmenow: Looks like it’s time for dinner! (he grabs Newt by one hand and Envelope by the other and flies off.)

Chef: (to waiter) Hey-a! Did you invite-a him in?

Waiter: He said he was interested in purchasing a bottle of Chateau 1942.

Chef: And you believed him?

Waiter: Oh, that’s rich! You invited a troll in just because he said he could get you cheap car insurance!

Chef: Hey-a, what can I say? He had an honest face!

Cut to Team HQ (Nutter’s House) – Lounge.

² AlltheSupernaturalCrapYoullEverNeed.org can now be found at Whatthehellareyoureadingthisutterlymeaninglessfootnotefor.org – For all the Supernatural Crap, you’ll ever need!

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Root: (looking concerned, to Zero) Zero! I've just sensed that Envelope and his girlfriend have been seized by a vampire! We've got to help them!

Zero72: No.

Root: No? What do you mean – No? He's our friend!

Zero72: I mean – No. This is something that Envelope must overcome for himself. (Pause) Also, "Charmed" is on.

Root: That stupid witch program? You're going to leave Envelope out there for that? (Pause) I mean, haven't you heard of 'record'?

Zero72: No, never could work out VCR's. (Pause) Don't worry about Envelope, I've got someone on it.

Root: Oh and that's it, is it? I'm just supposed to...

Zero72: (interrupting, yelling) Nutter! It's starting!

Nutter: (running in) I didn't miss the bit before the titles, did I? (Zero shakes his head)

Root: (sighing, sitting down) Well, when you can't beat em...

Zero & Nutter: Shhhh!

Cut to inside the Town Hall - above the ceiling but below the roof. Newt and Envelope are tied up.

Killmenow: (to them both) You are so dead.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I wouldn't be so sure of myself, if I were you.

Killmenow: Huh? What are you talking about, foolish mortal?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: This! (he cuts the ropes which bind him with a real laser-pen that he has had concealed in his hand, standing up) Prepare to die!

Killmenow: (sarcastic) Ooh, I'm so scared. Are you going to show me the "Kick of Death"?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: The "Poke of Death" actually. (he pokes Killmenow in the eyes)

Killmenow: Arrgh! My eyes! My beautiful eyes!

"Stakes": (breaking through the window, holding a jukebox) Sorry, I'm late.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (to "Stakes") Hit it!

"Stakes": Okay! (she turns on the jukebox)

The music starts, it is "We could be Heroes" but sung by Pillow. As it plays, the action turns to slow-motion, Envelope knees Killmenow in the crotch then pushes him to the floor. The music stops, cut to normal speed.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Pass me the Stakechucks!

Back to slow-mo, the music continues. "Stakes" throws Envelope the Stakechucks (which are like nunchucks except with two stakes instead of bars). Envelope elbows Killmenow in the face as he tries to get up. He then jumps in the air and comes down with the Stakechucks so that the first stake hits Killmenow in the face but the second spins into his heart. Cut to normal speed. Killmenow disintegrates. Envelope signals for "Stakes" to stop the music, she does.

"Stakes": Now, the learner becomes the master. (she half-bows at Envelope) My work here is done (she flies off)

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (to Newt, while untying her) I told you I'd show him some kung-fu. (punching the air) WOH-PAH!

Newt: You did all this for me?

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Count Ferrell-Envelope: Well...yeah.

Newt: (smiling, a tear in her eye) Why?

Count Ferrell-Envelope runs over to the jukebox and presses fast-forward then play. "And I will Always love you" plays. Envelope sings along.

Newt: You have a terrible taste in music.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (switching it off, grinning) But a great taste in women!

Newt: (smiling) Thank you... so much. (Pause, looking at the floor) Hey, my ex left his belt here when he died!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (running over) Let's have a look. (looking at it, reading it)

"P.A.I.N Anti-Magic Belt: Designed by Ivanovich Deathgo" (shocked) Oh, Jebus!

Newt: (worried) What is it? What's wrong?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: It's P.A.I.N... they've been responsible for all of the stuff that's been happening lately! How could we have been so stupid? (Pause) Quick, let's get out of here. We've got to get this to Zero, NOW!

Newt: But who...

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (interrupting) I'll tell you when we get back to HQ! But now, we must hurry!

Newt: Why?

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ – Megaman's Office. Fallengel rushes in.

Fallengel: Sir, I've got bad news and worse news.

Megaman: What's the bad news?

Fallengel: The supermarket's out of pita bread.

Megaman: What could be worse than that?

Fallengel: Count Envelope and his girlfriend are on to us!

Megaman: (worried) Envelope? That friend of Zero's?

Fallengel: Yes, sir.

Megaman: (moodily) I still don't see how that's worse than the pita bread news.

(Pause, to Fallengel) How did they find out, Engel?

Fallengel: It's that idiot, Deathgo, he used to put the company name and his signature on every piece of hardware he designed and they've got hold of one of them.

Megaman: Deathgo, eh? I want him killed.

Fallengel: But, sir. We already turned him into a walrus!

Megaman: Really? (Pause) Well, kill him anyway. (Pause) And while you're at it – I want Team Styx assigned to deal with this Envelope problem. Don't let them reach Zero.

Fallengel: Very good, sir. (he hurries out)

Cut to the street, Envelope and Newt are running along it. All of a sudden a group of trolls, vampires and demons emerge from a nearby alleyway and attack.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Well, that's it, we're dead.

Newt: That's a very defeatist attitude.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (yelling) But we go down fighting!

Envelope and Newt attempt to fight off their enemies – Newt using her magic and Envelope using his kung-fu skills.

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Newt: (as a troll grabs her neck) It's no use, we're gonna die!

Zero72: (appearing as if from nowhere with the Team) Not today!

Battle commences. After a heated battle, the Team's enemy is defeated with only a few survivors manage to escape.

Zero72: (extending his hand to Envelope) Come on, Envelope. Let's get you home.

Newt: Thank heavens your team made it in time, Envelope.

Zero72: (removing his hand from Envelope's, to Envelope) Your team?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (to Newt) Okay, so I bent the truth a little. But I am the Team's strongest human!

Zero72: Excluding Nutter, you're the Team's only human!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Er, yeah, but enough about me. I've got something for you. (he hands Zero the belt)

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ. Megaman's Office. A badly battered demon staggers in and makes his way towards Megaman.

Messy Half-Dead Demon: Megaman, it's terri... (a panel beneath the demon is removed causing him to fall down a bottomless pit) Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!

Megaman: That's what you get when you fail me, demon. (Pause) And that's what *he'll* be getting soon enough.

Caption: To be Continued...

Fade to black.

The P.A.I.N Files –Gadget No.1010111z

Device Name: P.A.I.N Anti-Magic Belt

Creator: Professor Ivanovich Deathgo.

Appearance: Looks like a metal belt, Nuff said

Function: To prevent the use of spells or any other magical hocus-pocus being done to one's person.

Can be destroyed through: Nothing, It's indestructible.

Special Features: Invisible-Belt Mode, Anti-Voodoo Mode, Super-Comfort Mode.