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72 Ways to Die ~ The Slayer Sagas ~ Episode Nine: Zero's P.A.I.N in the Neck

The Camera moves through the P.A.I.N HQ, showing various contraptions making products, supernatural hordes and emotionless employees.

Voice Over: Patently Aggressive Industries, for the last three years, they have been growing. From a small business run in Stewart "Megaman" Gravy's backyard which went by the title of "Mega Corp", it has grown into a global corporation selling everything from t-shirts to weapons of mass destruction. (Pause) But the company has a darker motive besides that of gaining a hold on the world's economy. (Cut to clips of supernatural creatures being given various products) It has recently become more and more devoted to aiming its products at evil inhuman beings such as Vampires, Demons and Jim Davidson. (Pause) Why is this? What are Megaman's real ambitions and what do they have to do with the Vampire Slayer known as Zero72? In tonight's documentary, we reveal all.

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ – Megaman's office.

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.

The view switches to that of a handheld camera which is carried into the office and pointed at Megaman.

Megaman: What the? (Pause) Who are you people?

Interviewer: Hello, I'm Kelly Yu, from the television network, BBTL.

Megaman: BBTL?

Interviewer: Big Bad Television Licensing. (Pause) And we're doing a documentary on your company and the reasons behind the ongoing hostility you have towards Mr. Zero72.

Megaman: (putting his hand in front of the camera) Right, that's it. I want the camera off. I don't want this going out on TV. Turn it off.

Interviewer: If we could just ask a few...

Megaman: (interrupting) No, I said "turn it off". Now, turn it off!

Cut to camera looking into Megaman's office through a crack in the door. Megaman and Fallengel are inside and are obviously unaware that they are being filmed.

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Fallengel: (mid-conversation) ...I'm just saying that I think it might be good publicity for us.

Megaman: How? It's going to show me as an ultimately evil megalomaniac obsessed with killing Zero72.

Fallengel: Aren't you an ultimately evil megalomaniac obsessed with killing Zero72?

Megaman: (angry) Yes! But I don't want the general public to know that, do I?

They'll have me lynched!

Fallengel: The general public only account for 0.5% of our sales. The undead and demonic populous are our main priority and they'll like the image of you as an evil psychopath.

Megaman: True, true. (Pause) But I've got plans regarding Zero. I don't want them interfered with.

Fallengel: They won't be. I'll just show them around the company, they'll ask you a few questions and they'll be gone.

Megaman: Alright, fine. (Pause) But I'm not happy about this.

The camera moves to outside the door.

Interviewer: We're going to go to a commercial break now, viewers. But when we come back, we'll be looking at how Zero is reacting to the news that P.A.I.N have been responsible for trying to kill him. Don't go away, now!

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,
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,

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*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 Team HQ (Nutter's House) - Lounge. The view is from a handheld camera again.

Zero72: Our enemy is clear. Their disguise has been unmasked. (Pause) I'm talking about P.A.I.N, people! They're the enemy and they're going down!

Pillow: Down where?

Zero72: I mean... we're going to beat them.

Pillow: Beat them with what?

Zero72: (frustrated) Does anyone have any sensible questions?

Interviewer: (rushing in) We do, Mr. 72. We'd like to ask you about your relationship to Megaman, the president of P.A.I.N, and what your reaction was to finding out he'd been trying to kill you!

Zero72: Wait...(Pause) Megaman is P.A.I.N's president?

Interviewer: Yes, didn't you know?

Zero72: No... no, I didn't.

Interviewer: Where do you know Megaman from, Mr. 72?

Zero72: Well, we used to be friends back when we were kids. For a while, that is...

Screen goes blurry. Cut to playground where kid Zero and kid Megaman are playing.

Caption: Zero's Old Town – 10 Years Earlier.

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Kid Zero: Hey, let's play a game!

Kid Megaman: Okay, squid-freak. What game?

Kid Zero: What about Zero & Megaman? I'll be Zero!

Kid Megaman: Then I'll be Megaman, squid-freak!

Kid Zero: Hmm, what now?

Kid Megaman: Now, we fight, squid-freak!

Kid Zero: Er, I don't really want a fight.

Kid Megaman: Sure, you do. (he hits kid-Zero) See! It's fun!

Kid Zero: Ouch! That hurt!

Kid Megaman: No it didn't, freak. (he kicks kid-Zero)

Zero gets annoyed and they fight. After a while they stop and nurse their wounds.

Kid Megaman: Man, Freako, you really are a pansy.

Kid Zero: Shut up.

Cut to modern day. Zero looks peeved.

Zero72: That little brat. He's going to get what's coming to him.

The camera moves out of the room and into the room next to it which Pillow and Casket have moved into.

Interviewer: Here's something which doesn't seem to have anything to do with our main story. (Pause) But as we're nosy, let's take a look.

Pillow: (upset) I know all about your hareyeem, Casket! (Pause) You think you can have as many girllys as you like, don't you?

Casket: No, look, it's not that simple.

Pillow: Seems pretty simple to me.

Casket: I'm a half-demon! It's in my nature!

Pillow: To be unfaithful?

Casket: Yes! I can't control it! That's what demons do! (Pause) I mean, you're a werewench! You know what it's like!

Pillow: I would never cheat on you, Casky, never. (Pause) You and your demons can go to hell for all I care, it's over!

Casket: Damn it! I can't stand this! I can't stand to make you unhappy! (Pause) I'll never cheat on you again, Pillow, I swear. I'll turn over a new leaf!

Pillow: What about your demonic inhibitchyions?

Casket: Screw my demon side! (Pause) Will you marry me, Pillow?

Pillow: (crying) I will! I will!

Suddenly Casket starts to glow red and orange. A demonic smoke passes out of his body causing him to fall to the floor. The smoke transforms into a more demonic form of Casket (on fire and with horns)

Evil-Demonic Casket: Screw me, eh, Casket? Screw me? (Pause, yelling) Screw YOU! (Pause) You think I can stand you with your damnéd human emotions? You make me sick! (parodying) 'Ooh, I'm half-human, I don't want to cheat on my girlfriend! I don't care about my demon heritage. I just want to raise a... (spitting the word out) *fah-mah-lee!*'

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Pillow: Who...who is this?

Casket: (weakly) It's... part of me...

Evil-Demonic Casket: Was part of you, mortal-boy! But not anymore! I'm not sticking around for you to pepper me with sugar and spice! (Pause) I got ambitions too, y'know? And they don't involve fah-mah-lee's either! (Pause) So, you, go marry your little trollop of a girlfriend! (Pause) I've got my own life now!

Demonic Casket disappears in a burst of smoke.

Pillow: (to Casket) You've lost your demonic powers?

Casket: Huh, yeah, I've lost my whole demonic side. (Pause) I've been disowned. (Pause) Should've known really... just couldn't bear to see you...cry...(he faints)

Interviewer: (crying) What a powerful tale of love against all odds. (Pause) Speaking of odds, let's see what else Zero had to say about Megaman.

Cut to Zero talking.

Zero72: That wasn't the last time that I met Megaman though. There were other times. Now that he's got his big company, it's going to be hard to beat him but what we've got to remember is that if you cut the head off a monster, the body will die with it. (Pause) That's the attitude that I'm taking towards this problem.

Cut to the school that Zero and Megaman went to.

Caption: Zero's Old School – 5 Years Earlier.

Teacher: Okay, in Set A, we have Geoff Mintsburg, Shadowrunt, MonkeyHead, Yogi and Zero.

Young Zero: Cool! I must have done pretty well in my last test to make the top set!

Teacher: (looking at list) You got 72%, Zero, well done.

Young Zero: (with a glint in his eye) 72, eh?

Young Megaman: Uh, Teach, I couldn't help but notice you didn't read my name out. I am in Zero's set, aren't I?

Teacher: (looking at list) Nope, you only got 21%, that put you in Set D with Ronald Rat, Mr Leet, Billy Tates and Sigworm Boyd.

Young Megaman: (outraged) What? But I copied Zero! I must have got the same score! That's a load of crap!

Teacher: Language, Megaman! (Pause) You got a low mark on your test *because* you cheated! 21% was your expected grade so we went with that in the test results.

Young Megaman: You can shove your test results up your arse!

Young Zero: (already walking off) Hi, Geoff. You're in my Set, aren't you?

Geoff Mintsburg: Yeah, think so.

Young Zero: What animal did you bring in for Pet Day? I brought my cat. Here. (he hands Jeff a cat)

Geoff Mintsburg: Cool, I brought a rabbit but it died. (he looks sad).

They walk off.

Young Megaman: (yelling) Wait, Zero, you freak! This is your fault! Come back here! ZERO! ZEROOOOOOO!

Billy Tates: Howdy, sport! Wanna be friends?

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Young Megaman: (sarcastic) Yeah, like I'd be friends with you! (to himself) DAMN YOU ZERO! DAMN YOU TO HELL!

Cut to modern day - Megaman talking.

Megaman: Okay, if I'm going to come clean then yeah. Maybe the real reason I hate Zero is because I lost marks for copying his work. But then again... I'm the bad guy so what do you expect?

Cut to Envelope talking.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: No, I don't know if we're all going to come out of there alive and yes, that scares me. (Pause) But the thing is – we're a Team – and if I have to die in order that dozens of innocents might live...(Pause) Well then, die me up.

Cut to Fallengel talking.

Fallengel: I wouldn't go so far as to give up my life for this company or for Megaman. Thankfully, I shouldn't have to. They'll be no match for us.

Cut to Root talking.

Root: The opposing forces of good and evil are about to clash, something me and my sister can relate to. Whether this is for the best is irrelevant. There is no other way.

Cut to Stakes talking.

“Stakes”: Last time, I was on the side of wrong. Now, thanks to Zero, I'm on the side of right. (Pause) We may not win but we'll sure as hell give them something to write home about. (yelling) FREEEEEDOOOOOOOOOOOOOM!

Cut to Scot Scotch talking.

Dr. Scotch: P.A.I.N cannot lose. I've done the necessary calculations and Megaman is not going to fail. It's inevitable. (Long Pause, smiling) Also, being evil beats teaching kids any day.

Cut to Bracket talking.

Bracket: Well, the Team didn't want me so I tried to get work at P.A.I.N but they said “No, nay, never. No, nay, never, no more.” So I thought “Screw you guys, I'm going home!” and I did.

Cut to Casket and Pillow talking.

Casket: I may not have any demonic powers, anymore, but that's not going to stop me kicking that Megaman fellow's butt. Is it, Pill?

Pillow: (excited) No way! We're going make him cry! (Pause) And he's not on our list of wedding guests either! So there!

Casket: Yeah, what she said.

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Cut to Nutter talking.

Nutter: Glod speed, Team, and good luck!

Sombre music. Cut to clips of the Team preparing themselves for battle and of Megaman looking out from the top window of the P.A.I.N HQ. He is wearing his power-suit (see Ep1). Cut to Open Discussion Pub, Evil-Casket is seen entering the door. Cut to hell, MtlAngelus is playing Tetris. Tetris music plays.

Caption: To be continued...

Cut to credits. Tetris music continues to play.

The P.A.I.N Files – Personnel Report: #1

Name: Stewart “Megaman” Gravy

Sex: Male (we presume)

D.O.B: October 10th, 1985.

Marital Status: Married...to his job.

Position: Company President, Head Honcho, the Man himself.

Hobbies: Trying to get revenge on Zero... That’s about it, really. Oh, and karaoke, he loves karaoke.

Character Profile: “What can we say about the Megaman?... Only nice things, actually. Otherwise he’ll have us fired. A lifelong rival of Zero’s, MM is a crazy yet committed businessman. Born in 1985, he comes from a long line of...What?... You don’t like ‘crazy’?...I didn’t mean it in a negative way...fine, how about ‘insane’?...No good?...Hey, no need to get angry...can’t we talk about this?..
owwwwwwWWWWWWWWWWWWWWWW!.....IT BURNS!”

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