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# 72 Ways to Die ~ The Slayer Sagas ~ Episode One: Enter the Megaman

The camera moves to inside the AREF Building. Zero72 is standing next to the Death Locker.

Zero72: I call upon... Yx-Yx...JNR!

The Death Locker starts shaking then it stops and glows blue.

Death Locker: Yes, mortal. This is Yx-Yx Jnr. Why dost thou summon me?

Zero72: Just wondering what's up in the realm of spirits, that's all.

Yx-Yx Jnr: There is much unease in the world of the unseen. Great forces move into play, you will meet an old acquaintance from your past and you must destroy him or he will throw the world into chaos.

Zero72: Uh-huh.

Yx-Yx Jnr: I warn you, Slayer that your previous trials are insignificant as to what lies ahead. The greatest evil and the greatest good will do conflict over the world of souls and torment will come upon those who dare...

Zero72: (interrupting) So, what do you think this Saturday's winning lottery numbers are going to be?

Yx-Yx Jnr: Mortal! I thought you wanted to know of the movements in the spirit-world.

Zero72: Yeah... well, I did. But then I got bored.

Yx-Yx Jnr: Very well, Saturday's numbers will all fall below thirty-two.

Zero72: (writing the info down) Keep talking. This is much more useful than all that spiritual mumbo jumbo. I mean, I think I'd notice if great evil was arising in Scorched City. After all, I'm the Slayer!

The camera zooms out of the AREF Building and pans across the town to a giant skyscraper. A giant sign on it, reads "P.A.I.N" The camera zooms to the top floor and into a room.

Somebody is watching Zero on a TV screen talking to the Locker. The other screens show the other members of the Team at various places. The camera swivels around to show the person in the chair. It is a male of around Zero's age. He is wearing a listening device and a metallic suit, his hair is dark and very spiky.

Man in seat: (smiling evilly) Yes, Zero...And I'm the Megaman.

Lightning crashes outside. Cut to titles.

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### 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,  
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 has a secret to hide,  
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,  
Deathgo is the crackpot of the organisation.

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Also Starring...

Bracket - the team member wannabe who is getting fed up with waiting,  
Dr. Scotch – Headmaster at AREF and registered alcoholic.

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ. Megaman is sitting in his chair with the back to the door.

Megaman: (to himself) So, Zero, you really do suspect nothing. How very curious. Do you ever wonder about me? Hmmph, I doubt you remember my name. But you will soon remember and then you shall tremble before my power.

Fallengel walks in. He is middle-aged with a thick beard and dark glasses.

Fallengel: Sir.

Megaman: (roused from his musings) Hmm... Yes, what is it?

Fallengel: I have instructed Mr.Deathgo to proceed with Stage Two of the Binary-Gamma Project.

Megaman: Very good. Do you have my new power-suit?

Fallengel: Yes sir. I've put it in the cupboard for you, sir.

Megaman: Thank you, Engel. (Pause) Now, leave me.

Fallengel: Yes sir. (he leaves)

Megaman walks over to the cupboard, removes his current metal suit and puts on the one in the cupboard (it comes with metal gloves, trousers and shoes). He then puts on a helmet which is also in the cupboard and admires himself.

Megaman: (Pausing) Ah, Zero. Where does the time go?

Cut to playground where kid Zero and kid Megaman are playing.

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

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

Kid Megaman: Okay, squid. What game?

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

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

Kid Zero: Hmm, what now?

Kid Megaman: Now, we fight, squid!

Kid Zero: Er, I don't think Zero and Megaman would fight.

Kid Megaman: Sure, they would. (he hits kid-Zero) See!

Kid Zero: Ouch! That hurt! (he kicks kid-Megaman)

They fight briefly and then stop – laughing.

Kid Megaman: Man, Zeor-squid, I bet we'll be friends forever.

Kid Zero: You said it, numbskull. (they both laugh again)

Cut back to modern day. Megaman looks bitter.

Megaman: (looking at an old photo of Zero) Funny how things change. Isn't it, squid? (he throws the photo in his bin in disgust and walks out of the room)

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Cut to Team HQ. Zero72 is dancing to some music.

Nutter: (walking in) What on earth are you doing? You're supposed to be training.

Zero72: What for? There hasn't been any evil around here for weeks.

Nutter: That's what I'm afraid of.

Zero72: (frustrated) We killed Spare-Ribs! Can't we relax?

Nutter: (smiling) No, a Slayer can never relax. For shortly after he has killed one nemesis – another will soon follow and conveniently take his place.

Zero72: Why would one wait till the other had been slain? Surely they'd have more chance if they acted when I was busy?

Nutter: You'd think so, wouldn't you? (Pause) But alas, this is not how the stupidity of evil works. For no matter how dumb good can be, Evil is always one step ahead in terms of pure idiocy.

Zero72: You – what – now?

Nutter: Exactly.

Root: (walking in) Hi guys!

Zero72: Hi Root! You've been mysteriously absent for a while.

Root: Yep.

Zero72: Gonna tell us why?

Root: Nope.

Zero72: (to Nutter) Damn, nearly had her that time.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (looking up from a newspaper) Did you see that big P.A.I.N HQ building in town?

Root: No but it seems that corporation has its grubby hands in everything these days.

Zero72: Oh come on, Root! That's ridiculous! (He puts on a hat with a P.A.I.N logo on it, takes a sip from his cup which also has the logo on it. Then stands up revealing that his T-Shirt also has the logo on it, complete with the slogan – "If it hurts, it's good for you!")

Nutter: What does P.A.I.N stand for by the way?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Patently Aggressive Industries.

Nutter: (confused) Shouldn't it be P.A.IN then?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Doesn't have the same ring to it.

Zero72: (grinning) Hey has anyone noticed that the name of that company looks suspiciously like the word 'pain'? Wonder if it's deliberate.

Nutter: Oh, of course it's not deliberate. What kind of idiot would name their company after human suffering?

Clip to design room – P.A.I.N HQ.

Caption: Three Months earlier...

Deathgo: So me and the boys have come up with a few possibilities for a company name, boss.

Megaman: Let's hear them...

Deathgo: "Fluffysoft", "The Happy Happy Cute Corporation", "Nice" and "Banana Pieworks". (Pause) The last one was my idea.

Megaman: Meh, they're all a bit...dull. I want the name of this company to be reflective of human suffering. (Pause) 'Pain' sounds good.

Deathgo: But boss, if you call your company 'Pain' then nobody will buy your stuff.

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Megaman: Oh... make it into a clever acronym then. That'll fool them.

Deathgo: I don't know if the public is that stupid, boss.

Megaman: Oh, believe me, you'd be surprised. I once sold my nose hairs to the public and they brought them just because they were "35% off".

Deathgo: (excited) '35% off'? That's some deal! Got any left, boss?

Megaman: (angry) Get out.

Cut to Team HQ. Pillow and Casket are kissing in the lounge area. Susan Smiles walks in.

Pillow: (turns to look at Susan, with irritation) What do you want?

Susan Smiles: I was just gonna watch a bit of TV. (she turns the TV on)

Pillow: (shouting) Nutter! Tell Susan that she can't use the TV while we're in here!

Nutter: (looking into the room) Why ever not?

Pillow: Because... Because... Arrrgh!

Casket: No offence, dear, but that's a pretty lame argument.

Pillow: Yeah, well... takes one to know one.

Nutter: That doesn't even make sense.

Pillow: So's your mother.

Susan Smiles: Is this going anywhere? Because, it's just I'm trying to watch "The Fish Files"

Pillow: You're so annoying Susan, we were here first!

Susan Smiles: So? (Pause) Oh, yeah. Zero gave me a nickname to fit in with all your nicknames so from now on you can call me "Stakes".

Nutter, Casket, Pillow: What nicknames?

Susan "Stakes" Smiles: You know – Pillow, Nutter...(Pause, realising) Oh my god, those are your real names?

Pillow: Well...duh!

"Stakes": (to herself) Who would name their kid after bedding? (Pillow scowls at her)

Uh, nice people. Nice people would. Yeah, nice people. (Pause) Well, I'm done. (she sneaks off)

Pillow: I hate that girl.

Casket: I hate everything. (Pillow looks at him) Except you, honey.

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 Jeff Minter, Shadowrun, MonkeyFoAHead, Forum Yoshi and Zero.

Young Zero: Cool! I must have done 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 24%, that put you in Set D with Ronald McDonald, Mr Lee, Bill Gates and Sigmund Freud.

Young Megaman: NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!

Young Zero: (already walking off) Hi, Jeff. You're in my Set, right?

Jeff Minter: Yeah.

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

Jeff Minter: Cool, I brought a mutant camel but it ran away. (he looks sad).

They walk off.

Young Megaman: (yelling) Wait, Zero! Don't go! ZERO! ZEROOOOOOO!

Bill Gates: Howdy, sport! I guess you and I are Set-buddies, right?

Young Megaman: CURSE YOU ZERO! CURSE YOU!

Cut back to present day. P.A.I.N HQ. Megaman is talking to a host of supernatural creatures.

Megaman: The first gadget please, Mr. Deathgo.

Deathgo: (handing him a bottle of sun-cream) Here you go, sir.

Megaman: (to Deathgo) Thank you, Mr. Deathgo. (to the crowd) How many of you vampires have felt confined working under cover of darkness? (a number of vampires in the crowd raise their hands) Well now, you don't have to. May I introduce to you the worlds first "Ultimate Sun-Block". (the crowd mutter excitedly) Just cover your body from head to toe with this mixture and you'll be able to go out at daylight for up to 48 hours without dying.

Vampire: (raising hand) Er, excuse me.

Megaman: Yes?

Vampire: Does it have any side-effects?

Megaman: None whatsoever my good man and it costs only £5.95 per bottle.

Vampire: I'll take two bottles!

Another Vampire: I'll take a crate of the stuff!

Megaman: (grinning) Now, now, gentlemen. I'll come to orders at the end of the presentation. (Pause) But first...Silver bullets getting you down? (Pause) Then you need P.A.I.N's Werewolf-guaranteed Bullet repellent! Made from 85% magical ingredients! A must buy for the animal inside of you!

Cut to Team HQ. Zero72 is lying asleep on the sofa. The phone rings. Envelope walks in and picks it up.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Hello, Nutter's residence. Envelope speaking.

Voice: Put me on with the Slayer.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I don't know what you're talking about.

Voice: Just put him on.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (shaking Zero awake) It's for you. (he hands him the phone)

Zero72: Hello...

Voice: Is this the Slayer?

Zero72: Speaking.

Voice: Wasuuuuuuup?

Zero72: FatWhitey?

FatWhitey's Voice: Yo, just got out of the asylum.

Zero72: So what are you doing?

FatWhitey's Voice: Just watching TV, having a cake...(Pause) I mean Bud.

Zero72: You mean bud, what?

FatWhitey's Voice: Bud...wei...ser.

Zero72: I didn't think you drank alcohol.

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FatWhitey's Voice: No... I don't. (Pause) Anyway, enough about me – I've got bad news. You've got to break Blinx out.

Zero72: Of Penal Colony Spellcheck?

FatWhitey's Voice: Yes!

Zero72: Why the hell should I break him out? It's his own fault he's in there! (see "Still 17" – episode 4)

FatWhitey's Voice: Because that place is swarming with the undead and if you don't bust him out then he'll be eaten alive!

Zero72: Okay, Okay. I'll gather the Team and meet you at the Pier at 1700 hours.

FatWhitey's Voice: Er, it's already 1800 hours.

Zero72: Then we'll have to be quick. See you soon.

FatWhitey's Voice: But...

Zero72 hangs up.

Zero72: (calling out) Get my coat, Envelope. We've got a situation to attend to.

Fade to black.

Caption: To be continued...

#### The P.A.I.N Files – Personnel Report: #234227a

Name: Robert Edwards Fallengel.

Sex: ~~Yes please~~ Male

D.O.B: 5<sup>th</sup> May 1974.

Marital Status: Divorced.

Position: Deputy President of P.A.I.N (Megaman's right-hand man)

Hobbies: Golf, Basketball and the Demonic Arts.

Character Profile: "Fallengel is a former student of the black-arts. He quit them when he realised they weren't evil enough and swiftly moved into the management of a large multi-national corporation (ours). A devil when it comes to facts and figures, he has not been so successful when it comes to his love-life. He got divorced from his wife of twelve years only two months ago. His wife attributed the breakdown of their marriage to 'forgetting we were married. He went into business and I've been living life as a nun for the past five or so years. It only came up when I realised that I'd have to divorce him if I wanted to marry again.'"