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VENGEANCE HAPPENS QUICKLY

This is absolutely my favorite time of year. Spring is nice, and a lot can be said for basking in the summer sun. Of course, with the exception of the Holidays and the occasional snow day, I can't think of much to recommend Winter. But Fall is another matter. Besides the sudden brilliance of the foliage and the pleasing crispness of the air, pivotal events in my life have always happened in the Fall.

For instance, three years ago this month, I came to work at Harris Comics. It's safe to say that my life, as well as Vampirella's, hasn't been the same since.

When the sugar maples turn scarlet, I've come to expect similarly dramatic changes in my life: new projects, new people, new pets... (my miniature black cats, Spike and Babaloo, moved in at this time of year.) I now look forward to being the catalyst of change for others at this time of year. As I mentioned last issue, the Vampirella penciller roster is changing yet again. Kevin Sharpe was called upon to meet a sudden deadline for this issue, and is on the way to being one of Vampirella's regular artists. I've already seen his pencils finishing the latter half of Buzz's issue nine, and he will be working on issues fourteen and fifteen as well, taking over for Kirk Van Wormer so that Kirk can start as the regular penciller on the new ROOK series that kicks off next spring. Amazing the changes that happen in October. (even without a World Series...)

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"ANGELS ARE BRIGHT STILL,
THOUGH THE BRIGHTEST
FELL."
-WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE,
MACBETH

THOUGH THE BRIGHTEST FELL

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IMPRESSIVE.

DEAR GOD,
WHAT DO WE
DO?!

WHAT CHOICE
DO WE HAVE...?
UNLESS...

WE FIGHT
LIKE GRIGORI,
EXPEND OUR
LIFE FORCES
AND BURN TO
A CINDER!

SOME
CHOICE.

QUIET! I
DON'T PLAN
ON DYING
THIS DAY!

K. SHARPE '94

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YES... I
DO BELIEVE
THERE IS.

AGAIN I
AM TORMENTED WITH
CLUES TO MY VERY
BEING!

LET US
CONTINUE,
ANGEL, I NEED
TO KNOW
MORE!



VAMPIRELLA,
QUICKLY, TO
OUR SIDE--

THERE IS A WAY
WE CAN TRAVEL
TO THE HELLWORM
IMMEDIATELY.



SO--YOU SEEK
THE WEAPON OF
HELL--I THOUGHT
AS MUCH.



WHAT IS YOUR
PLAN, MICHAEL? AND
I SUGGEST YOU TELL
ME QUICKLY!

I CAN GET US
THERE--TO THE WORM
--IN A FLASH. ALL WE
NEED IS FOR ONE OF
US TO EXPEND THEIR
ANGELIC ENERGIES TO
TAKE US THERE.

THE EXPENDITURE
OF THAT MUCH ENERGY
WOULD SURELY KILL
ANY WHO TRIED!



I'M WELL
AWARE OF
THAT,
BROTHER.



HAVE TO REST... BUT
NOT LONG. SURE
THEY'RE FOLLOWING...



WHY DO THEY WANT
THE WORM? IT'S
HELLISH POWER IS
COMPLETELY
CORRUPTING TO
THEIR KIND... TO
ANY KIND.



YOU DISGUSTING PIECE OF
CRAP-- WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY
SUCH A HOT ITEM? I'VE
CARRIED YOUR DORMANT
CARCASS AROUND WITH ME
FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS
WITHOUT ANYBODY CARING--



--WHY THE INTEREST NOW?

I RISKED ETERNAL DAMNATION TO
TEAR YOU FROM YOUR PREVIOUS OWNER'S
HELLISH GRASP. WHY DID I DO THAT?

I KNOW WHY... CURSED TO
WANDER THE PLANET
ETERNALLY FOR COMMITTING
THE MOST HEINOUS OF
CRIMES--

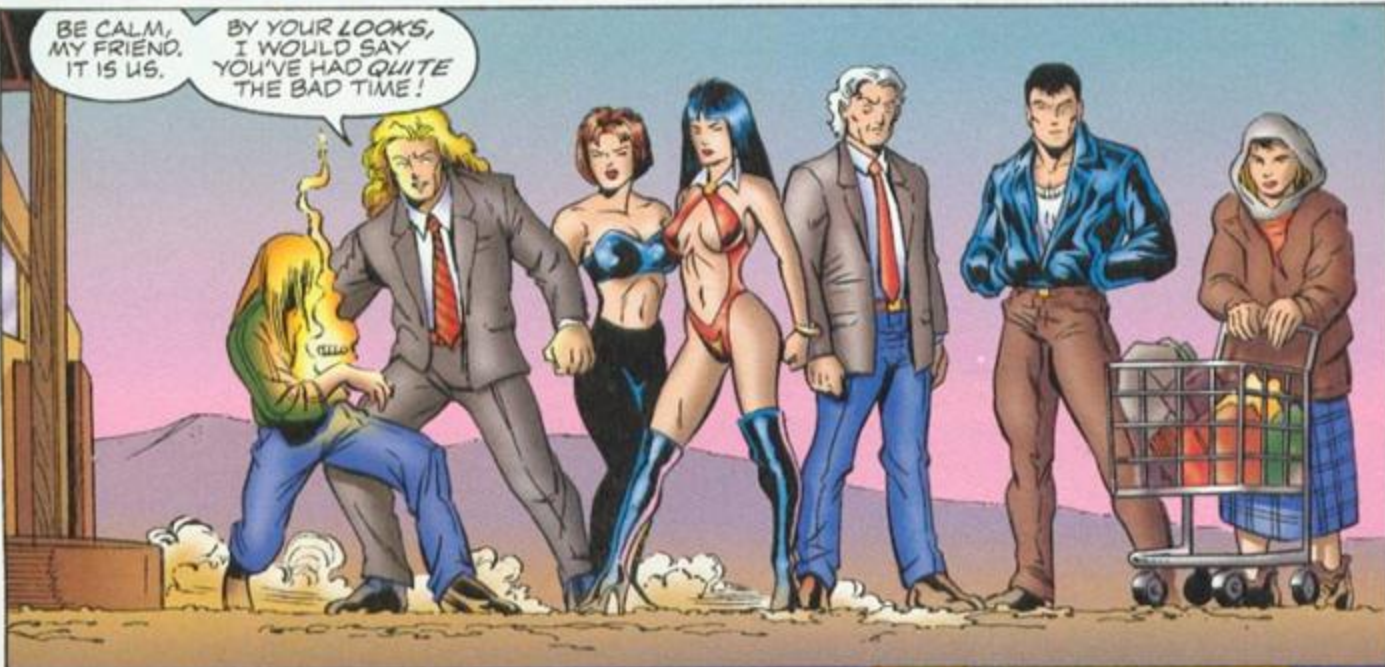


--MURDERING MY
BROTHER AND
ANGERING GOD!

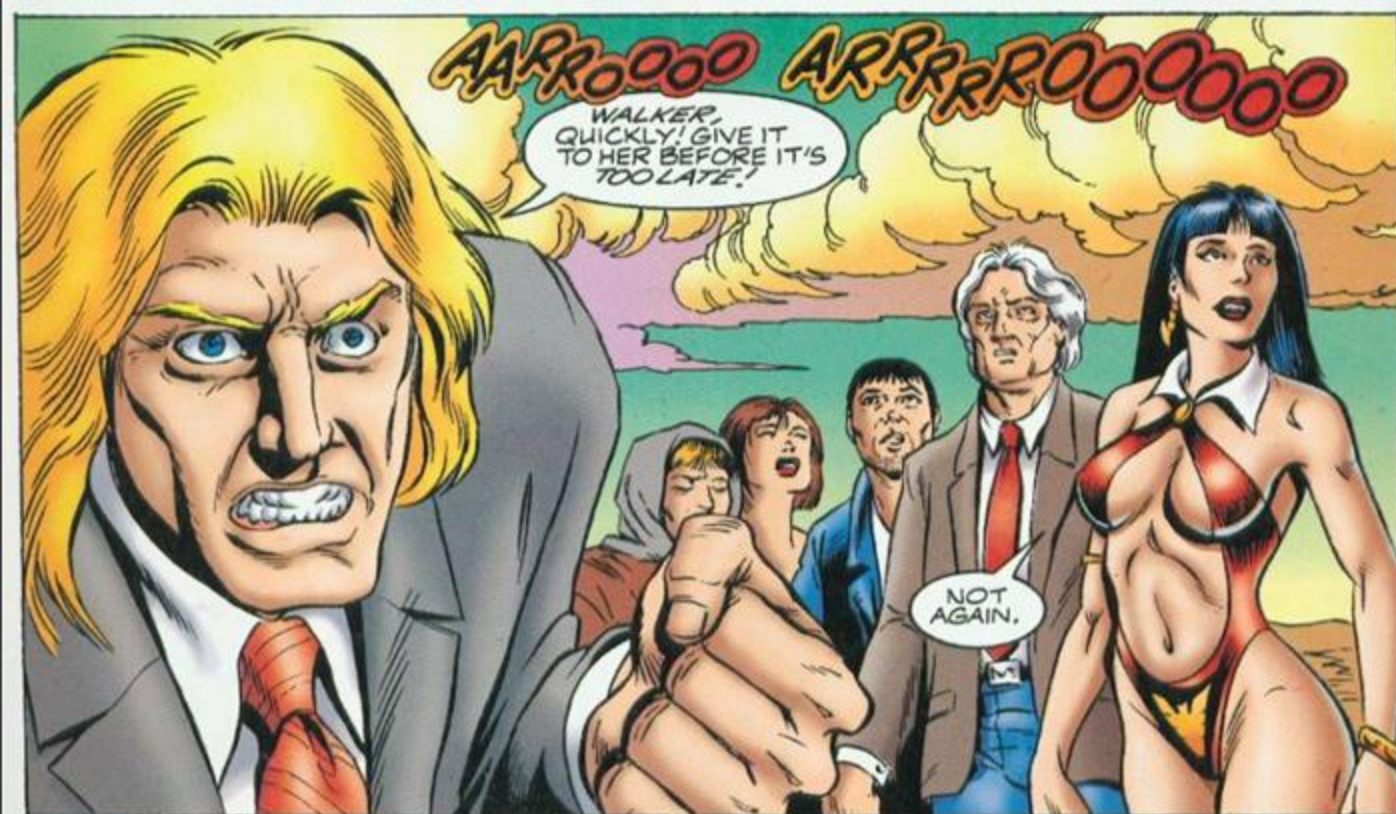


I WOULD RISK HELL
ITSELF AND WILL CON-
TINUE TO DO SO...











STAND FAST, ENEMIES
OF HEAVEN. WE OF THE
SHINING GRIGORI
ARE UPON YOU!



I'VE ALREADY
TAKEN ONE OF YOU
WINGED BASTARDS
OUT--

--WHO WANTS
TO BE **NEXT?**!



HAS THE
TIME ON THIS
ACCURSED
PLANET MADE
YOU FEEBLE?!

OBTAIN THE
WEAPON AT
ALL COSTS!

WITH THIS
INSTRUMENT
OF DESTRUCTION
WE WILL STORM
THE GATES OF
HEAVEN THEM-
SELVES!!

NOT EVEN
THE LORD GOD WILL
DENY US FORGIVE-
NESS!!!



GIVE IN,
CHILD OF THE
FIRST. YOU
ARE NO
MATCH FOR
TRUE
WARRIORS
OF THE
HEAVENS!

PERHAPS
WHEN THIS IS AT
AN END, THE LORD
GOD, UNDER THE
ADVICE OF
GRIGORI AZARAH
WILL LET YOU
FINALLY DIE.

IN CLOSER, MY
BROTHERS! DO NOT ALLOW
HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO
FIRE THE BEAST-WEAPON!



THEY CALL THEMSELVES
CREATURES OF A GENTLE, FOR-
GIVING, LOVING GOD?! THIS IS
MADNESS, ABSOLUTE MADNESS!
AND I'M IN IT'S CENTER!

LIFE IN THE
SUPERNATURAL FAST
LANE, MY DEAR...
SOMETHING WE ARE
ALL GOING TO GET
USED TO.

I COULD
USE A DRINK
ABOUT NOW.



STORMING THE GATES
OF HEAVEN! I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN IT WAS MUCH MORE
THAN RETURNING US TO THE
PEARLY GAAATESS!!

I WILL FORCE YOUR
TAINTED KIND TO KNEEL
BEFORE GOD AND IN HIS
GRATITUDE AND INFINITE
WISDOM, HE SHALL
MAKE ME GREAT!



OH, I'M SURE
THAT GOD IS QUITE
ANXIOUS TO SEE
YOU. WHEN WAS
THE LAST YOU
SPOKE?

AND WHY
THIS INTEREST IN
THE WORM?



THE
WORM? AN
EQUALIZER
OF SORTS.

IN CASE
THINGS DO
NOT GO AS
PLANNED.



Oh, HOW THE GLORIOUS HAVE PLUMMETED TO THE DEPTHS OF DARKNESS.

WE SHOULD BE MERCIFUL AND SLAY THE LOT OF YOU NOW, TO AVOID THE RIDICULE OF HEAVEN.

NO! NO! NO! HAVE TO BE FREE! CAN'T STAND THE BONDS... THE 'OH SO' HOLY RULES...



ETTA! KEEP IT IN, GIRL! WE'LL HELP YOU...



GOTTA BE FREE! GOTTA BE FREEEE...



WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

ETTA! NO!

SHE SAID SHE WOULD NEVER GO BACK.

THATTA GIRL! TAKE HIM WITH YOU!

IT HAS BEEN SUPPRESSED TOO LONG, THIS HOLY POWER WAITING FOR ITS CHANCE TO BURST FROM ITS FRAGILE CONTAINER OF FLESH AND BLOOD, AND IN HER FEAR, SHE CALLS THE POWER FORTH...



...AND SETS IT FREE.

KA BOOM





"...HELP US, VAMPIRELLA. PICK UP THE WORM, OR WE DESTROY IT ALL!"



SILENCE, FALLEN ONE! YOUR TAINTED PLEAS FOR HELP FALL UPON DEAF EARS!

WE OF THE GRIGORI HAVE DEDUCED THE DARK WENCH'S TRUE ORIGINS AND MISSION.



SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED TO HER. SHE IS FULL OF QUESTIONS. UNCERTAIN OF HER PURPOSE.



WE CAN FILL THE VOID OF YOUR ORIGIN. ALL WE REQUIRE IS TO FINISH OUR HOLY TASK. IT IS QUITE SIMPLE, REALLY.



YOUR MOTHER WOULD WANT IT THIS WAY.







WELL, THAT
WAS KIND OF
UGLY...

...BUT IT
WORKED OUT FOR
THE BEST.



I KNOW NOW TO
KEEP THE WORM AWAY
FROM ANGELIC LIFE FORCES.
OBVIOUSLY, VERY FATTENING
FOR HELL BEASTS.

THEIR KIND
JUST DON'T FIT INTO
THE SCHEME OF
THINGS ANYMORE--
TOO EASILY
CORRUPTED.

PLEASE, WALKER,
CAN YOU HELP ME
WITH ANY INFORMATION
ABOUT WHO
AND WHAT I AM?

PLEASE?



NO OFFENSE,
VAMPI. BUT I DON'T
THINK IT'S TIME.

I COULD
FORCE YOU TO
TELL ME!



I DON'T KNOW ALL THAT
MUCH, BUT WHAT I DO KNOW--
IS THAT THERE ARE POWERS
AT WORK HERE THAT PROBABLY
WOULDN'T TAKE TOO KINDLY
TO ME LETTING YOU IN ON
THEIR PLANS.





YOU COULD
BUT YOU
WOULDN'T.



HANG IN THERE,
WOMAN. ALL WILL
BECOME CLEAR
IN TIME...



...SOMEBODY'S
GOT BIG PLANS
FOR YOU.

"BUT ALL GOD'S ANGELS COMES TO US DISGUISED;
SORROW AND SICKNESS, POVERTY AND DEATH,
ONE AFTER OTHER LIFT THEIR FROWNING MARKS
AND WE BEHOLD THE SERAPH'S FACE BENEATH,
ALL RADIANT WITH GLORY AND CALM
OF HAVING LOOKED UPON THE FRONT OF GOD."
-R.K. LOWELL,
ON THE DEATH OF A FRIEND'S CHILD

WHY AM
I HERE?

THE BOTTOM LINE,
TO BE CLOSER TO HER,
HOW FAR IS SALEM FROM
BOSTON? THIRTY-FIVE,
FORTY MINUTES BY CAR?

READ THE
REPORTS OF MY
MASSACHUSETTS
AGENTS PAYING
CLOSE ATTEN-
TION TO LOCATION
LOOKING FOR AN
EXCUSE.

FEEL LIKE A
LOVE STRUCK
HIGH SCHOOL
KID...





...A LOVE STRUCK,
HIGH SCHOOL KID
ABOUT TO DIE!

THERE'S BEEN A RASH OF
UNEXPLAINED DISAPPEAR-
ANCES IN BOSTON OVER
THE LAST THREE WEEKS,
AROUND THE FISHERMAN'S
WHARF AREA.



IT MADE PERFECT
SENSE THEN. I
WOULD JUST HAPPEN
TO BE IN THE NEIGH-
BORHOOD... ON...
BUSINESS.
PATHETIC.



I HAND-PICKED MY
TEAM. FIVE OF BOSTON'S
BEST MONSTER HUNTERS,
MANY ALREADY PREPARING
FOR THIS MISSION. THEY
WERE HONORED TO HAVE
A VAN HELSING ALONG.

OOOF!



WE WENT
IN EARLY
EXPECTING
A LOW
LEVEL NEST,
NOTHING WE
COULDN'T
HANDLE--
ESPECIALLY
WITH A
VAN HELSING
ALONG!

UNGH!

A LITTLE BATTLE-- A
LOT OF BLOOD-- AND THEN,
A SURPRISE DINNER WITH
THE ONE I LOVE. EVEN WENT
AS FAR AS TO MAKE RESER-
VATIONS AT AN ITALIAN
PLACE IN THE NORTH
END--

--FUNNY HOW
THINGS CAN GO
SO HORRIBLY
WRONG!





I WATCHED MY
CRACK TEAM FALL,
ONE BY ONE.
THIS WAS NO MINOR
NEST--IT WAS A
MAJOR HABITAT!

ARRGH!!

WE GOT COCKY... I
GOT COCKY! USED AN
EASY VICTORY AGAINST
THE FORCES OF DARK-
NESS WITH VAMPIRELLA
AT MY SIDE!



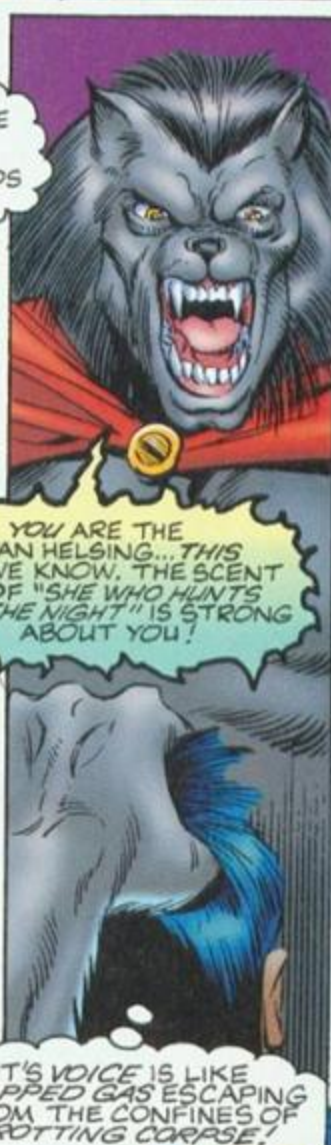
THEY'RE MAKING ME
WATCH FOR SOMETHING...

I CAN FEEL ITS
APPROACH, OPPRESSIVE, LIKE
THE STEADY ADVANCE OF A
SUMMER STORM, MY SCALP
TINGLES AS MY HAIR STANDS
ON END.



YOU ARE THE
VAN HELSING... THIS
WE KNOW. THE SCENT
OF "SHE WHO HUNTS
THE NIGHT" IS STRONG
ABOUT YOU!

IT'S VOICE IS LIKE
TRAPPED GAS ESCAPING
FROM THE CONFINES OF
A ROTTING CORPSE!




WE OF THE SLASH
WERE VERY MUCH
AFRAID WHEN WE
CAUGHT HER SCENT
THERE ARE MANY,
NEW YOUNG AND
CARRIERS OF EGGS.

VAMPIRELLA,
I WONDER IF YOU
ARE TRULY AWARE
OF HOW MUCH THEY
FEAR YOU.




"SHE" IS NOT TO
BE FOUND WITH YOU!
ONLY THE VAN HELSING
AND HIS LITTLE MEN.


WE FEAR NO MORE!




WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS THOUGH. YOU FOUND US AND SO MIGHT "SHE." WE WILL MOVE FROM THIS PLACE--NEST IN ANOTHER.




WE ARE OF A NEW BREED THAT FEARS NOT THE HUMAN SCENT. LOOK AT THEM, VAN HELSING...




...THIS IS THE FATE THAT AWAITS YOUR KIND!



THE VAN HELSING-- THE GREAT SLAYER OF MONSTERS--THE KILLER OF OUR KIND...



...WE FEAR YOU NO MORE...



"...FOR YOU ARE ONLY HUMAN."

ONLY HUMAN.

ONLY HUMAN.

ONLY HUMAN!

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ALL NEW!
ON SALE IN
DECEMBER!

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