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72 Ways to Die:

Episode Six: Vengeance

Voice Over: Previously...

Cut to clip.

UnKnown X is seen at the bank. He has a big bag with 'Swag' written on it.

UnKnownX: Yes! YES! The police will never GET here in time! I've won! I've finally won!

A fist flies out of nowhere, knocking UnKnownX down. Zero stands over him. He throws UnKnownX in the vault and locks the door.

Voice Over: And now on "72 Ways to Die"...

Cut to street. The Team minus Zero are pursuing a vampire. The vampire runs into a side alley and straight into Zero72.

Zero72: (staking the vampire) Goodnight.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Wahoo! Chalk up another kill for the team!

All (bar Nutter): (singing) We Rock! We Rock! We Rock! We Rock!

Zero72: That 'lead them to the Slayer strategy' was superb, Pillow.

Pillow: (smiling) Thanks. (Pause) Your slaying-skills are getting pretty super too.

Zero72: Well, you know – Practice makes perfect.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Any closer to perfection and we'd be steaming!

Root: Amen to that!

Nutter: Ehem, yes, er, quite. (Pause) But no need to get over-complacent. There are evils out here in the dark besides vampires, Zero. (Pause) Your past may come back to haunt you in ways you never thought possible. (Pause) We must be ever-vigilant.

Zero72: Relax! I can't think of one person from my past who has a grudge against me. I'll be fine.

Cuts to train station. A man steps off a train which is stopped there. He is dressed in a long black coat and black hat and carries a guitar case. He walks down some steps and into a tunnel which leads to the other side of the station. When he comes to the middle of the tunnel, he makes sure he is alone and opens the guitar case. Inside is a huge sword with lots of strange runes carved into its blade. He takes off his hat, revealing himself as UnKnown X (though his head is now shaven) and grins. He raises the sword in the air.

UnKnown X: (to the sword) Ah, Gxxfynstra's Bane, it's time for me and you to get some payback. (whispering) We're going to slay the Slayer. (loudly) Ha ha ha ha Bwa ha ha ha HA HA HA HA HA HA! (he drops the sword on his toe) Oh Shi...

Cut to titles.

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Title Music Lyrics

*I'll teach you a story about a town called Scorched,
A legend about a team,
Their leader was the Slayer called Zero,
Their history learnt through a dream.*

*There are but 72 ways to die,
The Slayer knows them all,
There are but 72 ways to die,
If you run – you may trip and fall.*

*Evil aplenty came out of the dark,
To challenge the saviours back then,
If you listen to what people say,
Then the legend may live again.*

*There are but 72 ways to die,
The Slayer knows them all,
There are but 72 ways to die,
Be it vampire – werewolf – or ghoul.*

*The strange thing about this tale,
Is that it exists in tomorrow,
The ending is not written yet,
Be it full of joy or of sorrow.*

*There are but 72 ways to die,
The Slayer knows them all,
There are but 72 ways to die,
So don't dive in an empty pool.*

Cast

The Team

Zero72 is the Slayer,
Nutter is the Mentor,
Root is the mysterious one,
Count Ferrell-Envelope is the normal one,
Pillow is the hyperactive annoying one,
Casket is the grumpy half-demon one.

Other Important Characters

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Spare-Ribs is the psychotic vampire,
Bracket is the team-member wannabe,
Susan Smiles is the model student (and Spare-Ribs' vampire girlfriend)

Cuts to Zero and Nutter sat on a bench in the park.

Nutter: So if you get into a battle with three or more vampires – the best thing to do is to stake the lead one and escape as fast as you can. If you try and escape straight away then they'll get you easily and if you try to kill them all then you'll end up killing one or two but the last one will bite you. Understand?

Zero72: Yeah.

Nutter: Now if you're up against a vampire with a stake-proof jacket on, the best thing is to keep them out in the open until daybreak then they'll just turn to dust – no problem.

Zero72: Nutter?

Nutter: Yeah?

Zero72: Do you ever think about anything other than training me?

Nutter: No, no I don't.

Zero72: Why not?

Nutter: Because I did that once before. With the Slayer before Betong. (Pause) Yeah, I trained him too. (Pause) But in the end, it was my fault he died.

Zero72: What happened?

Zoom in on Nutter's face. Screen goes blurry. When it comes back to normal, a younger Nutter is smoking a cigarette in a café. A young man is sitting opposite him.

Young Guy: So, what do I do if a vampire – like – pushes me into a corner where I can't escape from and I've got no stake on me?

Young Nutter: Look, Sampson. The trick is not to get stuck in the corner to begin with. Once, you're in that position – you're toast.

Sampson: Right. Bu..but how do I prevent myself getting caught in that position?

Young Nutter: Well for starters, you've got to... (noticing a woman who has just come in to the café) Yo, Julie! (she walks over)

Julie: You coming?

Young Nutter: You bet. (to Sampson) Catch you later, Sampson! (he starts to walk off with Julie)

Sampson: (calling to Nutter) I don't know if I'm ready to face them alone, Nutter.

I...I just need some more pointers.

Young Nutter: Nah, you'll be fine, kid.

Cut back to present day.

Nutter: Needless to say, he wasn't fine. (Pause) I came back to my house only to find that he'd become one of them. He nearly killed me but I pushed him out of the house when daylight came. (Pause) I Killed him. (Pause) All my fault.

Zero72: Boy, you really screwed up there, Nutter!

Nutter: Which is why I vowed to never make the same mistake again. I vowed I would always train the Slayer, all the time.

Zero72: But to be fair, that didn't work too well, either. I mean look at what happened to Betong!

Nutter: Your point being?

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Zero72: Maybe you're just not a very good trainer. (Nutter walks off) Then again – third time, lucky, eh? (calling) Nutter! (louder) Nutter! (Nutter has gone)

UnKnown X: Hello, Zero.

Zero72: Oh, hi... (looking around) Ahhhh! (Pause) You! (Pause) You know, you really shouldn't sneak up on people like that.

UnKnown X: (holding sword aloft) And you really shouldn't walk around unarmed. But what are you going to do? (Pause) I suggest running.

Zero72 holds up a “YIKES!” sign and runs off. UnKnown X begins his pursuit, though the sword slows him down considerably.

Policeman: (approaching UnKnown X) Excuse me, sir. Do you have a license for that evil weapon of doom?

UnKnown X: What? No.

Policeman: Then would you mind coming to the station with me and getting one printed out? Because, I can't really let you go around killing people without one.

UnKnown X: Oh come off it. I only want to kill this one guy.

Policeman: I'm sorry sir, rules are rules.

UnKnown X: Just one guy! I'll give it back to the demonic priest I got it from then, I swear!

Policeman: I'd like to help you, sir, I really would. But if I make an exception for you then I have to make an exception for Evil McEvil and Johnny Last-Knife and I mean - where does it end? Soon, the whole town will be over-run with lazy two-bit psychopaths instead of quality evil grudge mongers like yourself. You see where I'm coming from?

UnKnown X: I guess...

Policeman: Then you'll come to the station and get these forms filled in for me?

UnKnown X: Okay. But it better not take too long.

Policeman: Won't take more than twenty-five minutes tops. (Pause, getting out a pen) Now, what's your great-great-grandfather's middle name spelt backwards?

Cut to inside Nutter's house (Team HQ). Zero72 runs in and slams the door.

Zero72: (grabbing Pillow, who is walking by with a bag of crisps, and shaking her violently) Someone's trying to kill me! Where's Nutter?

Pillow: Nutter said something about you not respecting him and went off in a huff.

Zero72: Oh, he got that completely wrong! I didn't say that I didn't respect him, just that up until now, he's sucked at his job.

Pillow: He doesn't suck at being a librarian, he's very good at it. He keeps all the books in checkity-check.

Zero72: Eh?, Does he still do that? I meant his 'training Slayers' job. (Pause) Though it's not really a job as he doesn't get paid. (Pause) Anyway, where are the others?

Pillow: Casket's visiting a sick cousin in Paris, Root and Envy went out to get some stuff to help us locate evil-spirits and whatnot. (Pause) So I guess it's just you and me, eh, Zeer?

Zero72: Oh god. (he runs upstairs and gets his sabre) Look, I'm going to be gone for a while. If I'm not home by the time the others get back, tell them I'm dead.

Pillow: Okey-doke. I'll just eat these crispy crisps. (Zero72 makes for the door. Pause) No, wait!

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Zero72: (desperately) What? I can't hang around here all day! He'll find me and smash the place up!

Pillow: I want to come with ya.

Zero72: What? Stop being stupid! Just stay home and eat your crisps!

Pillow: I'm not gonna be pushed round any more, Zeer. If you wanna go and fight some crazy guy, then you'll have to take me with you. It's both of us or neither!

Zero72: Okay. Fine. (Pause) But don't blame me when you get killed.

Cut to the library in the AREF building. Nutter removes a book and dusts it. Susan Smiles creeps up behind him. She is wearing non-gothic clothes but her hair is still black (see Ep4)

Susan Smiles: (smiling) Hey, Mr.Nutter!

Nutter: Oh, um...hello, Susan.

Susan Smiles: Are you okay?

Nutter: Hmm, yes. Yes I guess so, it's just that... (Pause) Never mind.

Susan Smiles: Come on, you can tell me. (Pause, sadly) Of course, if you don't want to.

Nutter: No...no. It's not that. (Pause) It's just Zero72.

Susan Smiles: (sympathetic) Was he rude to you?

Nutter: No. Yes... well, not intentionally. (Pause) It's just he's got...this...special talent which I've been helping him with but he inferred that I wasn't very good at teaching him. (Pause) It is true, I've made some mistakes in the past.

Susan Smiles: But you've learnt from your mistakes. He should understand that.

Nutter: Y..yes. You're right.

Susan Smiles: I think you should confront him and let him know where you stand. Tell him that he can either slay vampires with you helping him or he'll have to do it alone and accept the risks that come with that!

Nutter: (sharply) What did you say?

Susan Smiles: (shaken) I...ha ha...said you should con..confront him.

Nutter: You said something about vampire slaying?

Susan Smiles: You...you mentioned it.

Nutter: No, I didn't.

Susan Smiles: Well, maybe I inferred...I...maybe I overheard you talking about it once...or...one of Zero's friends?

Nutter: Hmm, maybe. (Pause) Speak of this to no-one.

Susan Smiles: No, sir.

Nutter: Goodbye. (he walks out of the library)

Susan wipes a tear from her eye then snarls, her sharp teeth visible. Cut to Pillow and Zero in the park.

Pillow: And you can't think of any reason why he'd wanna kill you?

Zero72: No. Well, I punched him a while back... made fun of his appearance... locked him in a bank vault. (beat) But aside from that... (he shakes head, baffled)

Pillow: And you think he's just going to... return to the scene of the crime? I mean, come on, even I'm not that stupid.

Cut to police station. UnKnown X is talking to the policeman seen earlier who is typing on a computer.

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UnKnown X: You see, I want to get revenge on him for foiling a bank robbery I was committing. I mean, I managed to break out of jail eventually but still...

Policeman: Right. Um. You do realise I'm a policeman?

UnKnown X: (looking confused) ...Yees?

Policeman: Ugh. Anyway, what's your revenge plan entail?

UnKnown X: Oh, I figure I'll just hang round the park and attack him when he returns.

Policeman: Uh-huh. (Look up from his computer) Right, all done. You can go and terrorize whoever you want now, Mr X.

UnKnown X: Excellent.

Cuts to park. It is night time, Zero and Pillow are sitting on the bench.

Pillow: It's nearly time to go to snoozeland. (Pause) I don't think he's gonna show, Zeer.

Zero72: Firstly, it's only eight o' clock. Secondly, I know he'll show. It's his style.

UnKnown X: (walking out of the darkness) Well spoken, Mr 72, and now I can attack you with my sword perfectly legally (he holds up a license.)

Zero72: (stands up, strikes the license into two with his sabre) Now you can't.

UnKnown X: MY LICENSE!!!! NOOOOO! I just got that! (Pause) But you'll still die, tonight or this isn't Gxxfynstra's Bane! (he holds it aloft) Bwahahaha!

Pillow: Um, that's not Gxxfynstra's Bane.

UnKnown X: What?

Pillow: Gxxfynstra's Bane was destroyed nearly a decade ago. This sword has all the wrong markings. (pointing to one) That one means "Hot Dogs" and that (pointing to another one) means "Ice-Cream". It's a very poor replica. Probably worth little more than three pounds.

UnKnown X: B...b..but... the weird priest guy promised...

Zero72: (taking a bite out of the sword) Hey, it's made out of candy! Neat!

UnKnown X: Ahhh! Stop eating my sword! (he puts it away) No matter, I'll fight you man to man.

Zero72: That's you with your hands and me with my sabre and friend to back me up, yes?

UnKnown X: Uh, yes.

Zero72: Okay then. (he draws his sabre)

UnKnown X: No wait, I've changed my mind. I forfeit the fight.

Zero72: Okay, That means you're technically dead.

UnKnown X: It does? But I was so young... My family must be devastated. (Pause)

Well, I'd best go arrange the funeral. Bye now. (he leaves)

Pillow: What a weird guy.

Zero72: Yeah. But you know, in a funny way, I'll kind of miss him.

Pillow: Really?

Zero72: No!

They both laugh and walk off home together.

Zero72's Creature Feature

Creature Name: Vampire Slayer.

Appearance: Human, usually with a flashy fashion sense though.

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Comes Out during: Day, Night, Anytime really. Though normally hunts at night due to the nature of its prey.

Diet: Normal food that humans eat. They're 90% human after all.

Comes from: Earth.

Allegiance: Good.

Population: One. (though there are back-up ones for when the Slayer dies)

Can be killed by: Anything that can kill a normal human however they heal faster and can take more damage than normal humans. Also poison doesn't affect them at all for some reason.

Zero72's Comments: "What can I say? Slayers rock but then I would say that. I am one."