

72 Ways to Die:

Episode Ten: Confrontation

Voice-Over: Previously on "72 Ways to Die"...

Cuts to clips.

Susan Smiles: (slightly shaken) Y...you're scaring me, Tony. (Spare-Ribs bites her, she screams and drops to the floor.)

Spare-Ribs: If you ever tried to leave, I would kill you so fast that the Slayer wouldn't even have time to find you.

Spare-Ribs: I will have a guard pretend to have captured you. They will pursue you (Pause) and walk straight into my trap.

Pillow: I can't believe Suzy lied to me. I thought we were friends.

Zero72: It's not Susan anymore. (Pause) She's one of them now. But don't worry we'll get Spare-Ribs. He'll pay for what he's done.

On Screen (in text): Spare-Ribs and Susan Smiles are hiding out in the abandoned Train Station downtown.

Zero72: (in awe) That's it. We know where they are. (to Nutter) We've got them.

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

Fade to Nutter's room. Nutter is sat at a desk. Zero72 walks in.

Nutter: So, I hear you're headed out tonight.

Zero72: Yeah. (Pause) Look, Nutter, if anything happens to me... (Pause) I want you to give this to Bracket (he hands him a package similar to the one that he recieved upon Betong's death)

Nutter: Bracket?

Zero72: I'm sure he'll make you proud.

Nutter: You're not going to die tonight, Zero.

Zero72: (grinning) Damn straight! You think I want Bracket becoming the new Slayer?

Nutter: (laughing) Ho ho ho. Bracket! And there I was thinking you'd gone all serious on me. Ha ha ha!

Zero72: Seriously though if anything happens - give this to Pillow.

Nutter: HA HA HA! Stop it! Stop it! You're killing me! HA HA HA! Pillow! Ha ha ha!

Pillow: (from inside the cupboard) I could too be the Slayer.

Nutter: (screaming) Ahhhhhhhhhhhh! What are you doing in there?

Pillow: Listening to your conversation.

Nutter: Well quit it.

Pillow: Yes sir.

Nutter: (to Zero) Go Slay em Zero. Slay them both.

Zero nods. Cue heavy-metal/techno music. Cut to Zero and the Team putting on black coats and trousers (with concealed stakes hidden beneath them). They then put on shades and get into a large black van which has Zero's motorbike in the back of it and drive off

Zero72: We're coming, Spare-Ribs. You'd best be afraid.

Cut to titles.

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

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

Cut to inside old train station. Spare-Ribs is sat on a bench, head down. Susan is standing.

Susan Smiles: We're going to die.

Spare-Ribs: We're already dead.

Susan Smiles: No, we're gonna die for real. Die-Die. Die-Die. I don't wanna die-die but we're gonna. I just know they're g..gonna find us an an an...

Spare-Ribs: (shouting, interrupting) SHUT UP! I can't listen to any more of your whinings!

(Pause) We are *not* going to die! They don't know where we are! They'll never know where we are! They're stupid!

Susan Smiles: (sadly, to herself) You may say that but I know they're cleverer than they look.

Cut to inside van (parked) - front. Zero72 is sat next to Count Ferrell-Envelope who is in the driving seat.

Zero72: Why the hell are we in Strooberysmouth?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I don't know! I've been following the map.

Zero72: (looking at the map) It's upside down.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Why would Strooberysmouth be upside down?

Zero72: (annoyed) No, the map! You've been looking at an upside-down map!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Oh. (looking at the map, then turning it around) Ahh...

Zero72: Idiot!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Hey, I'm the one driving! You should be giving me directions.

Zero72: Oh, so this is all *my* fault now!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Exactly!

Zero72: Oh you are so dead...

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Bring it on!

Root: (at back) If you keep arguing like this, we'll never get there.

They look sad.

Zero72: (under his breath) He started it...

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Did not.

Zero72: Did too!

Root: (sighing) Grrrr...

Cut to Team HQ (Nutter's house). "I want Candy" music plays. Nutter dances.

Nutter: (singing along) *I want Candy - I want Candy!*

Bracket: (walking in) Nutter?!?

Nutter: (switching off music) I...uh...wasn't...um...I was just...er...

Bracket: (laughing) Ha ha ha - You were dancing around to "I want Candy" - Ha ha ha!

Nutter: (embarrassed) I wasn't! I was...uh...uh...testing out a...a new demon-busting technique!

Bracket: Ha ha ha - Yeah, you could drive them away with your singing! - Ha ha ha!

Nutter: Hmmph... (Pause) What do you want?

Bracket: Just thought I'd call in and see how everyone was, singerboy. But as it is, I'll leave you to your ever so sweet dancing. (he starts laughing) Ever so *sweet!* Get it? Ha ha ha! (Pause)

Sorry, I'll go.

Nutter: How did you get in my house?

Bracket: Broke through the window.

Nutter: I see...

Bracket: (breaks another window, climbs through it) Bye! (he walks off)

Nutter: Well, now he's gone.... (Pause, he walks over turns on the music again, singing) *Candy on the beach, there's nothing beeetttter!*

Cut to outside train station. The van pulls up next to it.

Zero72: So, we're all clear on the plan. (they nod) Me and Envelope come around the front.

Casket takes the roof in case, they try and fly out. Pillow and Root, you stop them getting out the back way.

Casket: I'm on it! (he disappears)

Zero72: Come on, let's go.

Cut to inside the train station. Susan is sitting in a corner, sucking the blood out of a rat. Spare-Ribs looks disgusted.

Spare-Ribs: Do you have to do that?

Susan Smiles: (moody) I have to live, don't I?

Spare-Ribs: Rat's blood though. Disgusting.

Susan Smiles: And where else are we going to get any blood?

Spare-Ribs: (bringing out a vial of blood from his pocket) Always keep some handy. (he sips from it)

Susan Smiles: And you were just going to sit there and let me drink this, were you?

Spare-Ribs: I still am. This is mine. (he swigs the rest down) Ahh, Delicious.

Susan Smiles: You know - I really hate you.

Spare-Ribs grins. A stake flies past him and hits above his head. Move to Zero and Envelope who are standing in the doorway.

Zero72: (to Envelope) You missed?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Hey, I'm not used to long-range slayings!

Spare-Ribs growls and flies out the skylight in the ceiling. He is immediately grabbed round the throat by Casket.

Casket: Going somewhere, vampire?

Spare-Ribs struggles and bites Casket's hand. He lets go and Ribs falls back into the station room. Envelope advances on Ribs but is thrown across the room. Zero runs at Ribs, jumps and rams a stake into Rib's heart. It has no effect.

Zero72: Huh?

Spare-Ribs: (removing his coat, pointing) Stake-proof vest, Slayer. Tough break.

Spare-Ribs hits Zero in the face. Zero staggers back, Ribs kicks him and continues to assault him into a corner. Once there he bends over him.

Spare-Ribs: Time to meet your maker, Zero.

Susan Smiles: (screaming) Tony, No!

Spare-Ribs: (turning around, shouting) Won't you ever shut up?

While he is turned. Zero swiftly draws his sabre.

Zero72: Heads up!

He slices Ribs head off with the sabre. Ribs body falls to the floor.

Zero72: (grinning) No sabre-proof neck, eh? (shrugs) Too bad.

Susan Smiles: (shrieking) Oh my god! Oh my god - oh my god - oh my god!

She runs through into the next station room.

Zero72: (to Casket who has appeared next to him) You clean up here. Help Envelope, he's injured. I'll get her.

Casket: (nodding) Right!

Zero pursues Susan. They run through various rooms until they reach the back-exit. She pushes out of the door and runs down the hill. Pillow knocks her down.

Pillow: (to Zero) Finish it, Zero!

Susan Smiles: (covering her face, crying) No, please. No. No. Don't. Don't.

Pillow: (louder, more impatient) What are you waiting for? Finish her off! (Pause, Zero still hesitates) You already said it wasn't Susan anymore! Kill it!

Susan Smiles: I'm sorry... so sorry...sorry. Don't, don't k...kill...me....Sorry...

Pillow: Don't listen to her! She's lying! (Susan has broken down in tears. angrily) If you won't do it then I will. (Pillow moves towards Susan)

Zero72: (pushing Pillow away) No! Don't!

Pillow: Why?

Zero72: Because I believe she's a good person.

Pillow: She's a vampire!

Zero72: A good vampire then.

Pillow: There are no good vampires!

Zero72: (to Pillow) You're sounding an awful lot like BetongÅsna, Pillow. Don't make a habit of it. (turning to Susan) Here, give me your hand.

Susan Smiles: (unsure) My h..hand?

Zero72: Come on, I'm not going to hurt you. (she extends her hand. He pulls her to her feet)

Look, I'm going to give you a choice. Now, if you want to kill people then I'm going to kill you but if you'd rather not...

Susan Smiles: I don't want to hurt anyone...I never wanted to hurt anyone.

Zero72: Well in that case, you can follow your own path and we can keep you under observation if you want. (Pause) However, if you want, I'd really like to have you on the Team.

Susan Smiles: (smiling, hugging Zero) Oh, Zero, thank you! Thank you! I swear I'll be as much help as I can! I'm so happy!

Pillow: (disgusted) You're letting *her* on the Team? After what she did.

Zero72: Pillow.

Pillow: No, no. You keep away from me. I've had it with you and your god-damned compassion. Your goody-goody goodness. (she runs off crying)

Susan Smiles: I'm sorry.

Zero72: It's not your fault. (Pause) She'll be fine. Come on.

He walks off with her. "Lean on me" plays. Cut to Team HQ.

Nutter: (singing) *Lean on meee! When you're not stroooong. When you need a friend - I'll heelp you caaaaaarrrry on! Leeaan on meeeee! When you aree....*

The entire Team: (walking in) Nutter?!?

Nutter: Oh crap.

Fade to black.

Zero72's Creature Feature

Creature Name: Flashback.

Appearance: Old clips that you've seen before cut together with some bits missing.

Comes Out during: Episodes which may not make sense to newcomers to a series.

Diet: People's concentration.

Comes from: Media Hell.

Allegiance: They mean well but are ultimately evil.

Population: Everywhere and growing. They've even started to be used when you don't need to know what happened in previous episodes.

Can be killed by: Leaving the room. Coming in after the titles have finished.

Zero72's Comments: "What do I think of flashbacks? Ask me again yesterday."