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72 Ways to Die ~ The Slayer Sagas ~ Episode Ten: The Death Locker – Part One

The Team are camped outside the P.A.I.N HQ, ready to strike.

Zero72: Right, so we're all clear on the plan?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I think so, Zero, but where are we going to get a 300-ton tub of ice-cream at this time of night?

Zero72: (sighing, to Envelope) Did you even listen to the plan?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Sure, I did. It's just I fell asleep when you started talking about what the plan actually was.

Zero72: Right, I'll go over it again for anyone who missed it the first time. (Pause, deep breath.) We wait till the guard at the door leaves his post then go in there and kill everyone till we get to Megaman.

Pillow: What happens when we gettity-get to Megaman?

Zero72: Uh...we kill him too.

Casket: I can see that this plan is heavy on the killing and low on the thinking scale.

Zero72: Well, we don't have to kill *everyone!* Just those who get in the way of us reaching Megaman.

“Stakes”: Uh-huh. (Pause) So many levels are there?

Zero72: Huh? (Pause) Oh, you mean floors?

“Stakes”: Yeah, sure, floors. But if you kill the end-of-world boss, you'd better share the points between us.

Zero72: (confused) You've lost me.

Root: (pointing) Look! The guard's left!

Zero72: Let's do this...

The Team run into the main reception area of the HQ, holding various weapons.

Receptionist: Ye-e-e-s? How may I be of assistance?

Zero72: We've come to see Mr. Megaman.

Receptionist: I see. Do you have an appointment?

Root: (pointing a missile launcher at his head) This is our appointment.

Receptionist: I see. (Pause) One moment. (he picks up the phone next to him and taps some numbers in) Ah, Mr. Megaman, there are some people here to see you. (Pause)

Uh-huh. (Pause) Okay then. (he puts down the phone)

Casket: (impatient) Well?

Receptionist: He said to go straight up.

Zero72: Thank you. (they start to move towards the lift)

Receptionist: Oh, one more thing.

Zero72: Yes?

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Receptionist: (drawing a gun) This! (he shoots three times, hitting "Stakes" with all three bullets – in the chest)

"Stakes": (annoyed) You really shouldn't have done that!

"Stakes" bares her fangs then jumps at the receptionist, throwing him to the floor.

Zero72: (urgent) Quick! Everyone! Get in the lift, now! (they all rush into the lift except "Stakes") Stakes, Come on!

"Stakes": (standing up, wiping her bloody lips with her hand) Coming! (she runs into the lift with the others)

The lift closes and goes up. The phone at the reception rings. After a while, the (now very-pale) receptionist stands up and answers it.

Receptionist: Oh, Jessica, hi! No, can't see you tonight. Work's murder! (Pause) Well, bye-bye now. (he puts the phone down and collapses)

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,
Don't worry if you get a fright,
The Team will save you from any trouble,
Though they may reduce your house to rubble.*

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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 ex-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.

The Team are squeezed into the lift which moves upwards.

Zero72: What is it about me and lifts?

The lift stops.

Pillow: First Floor!

Root: But we wanted to go to the sixth floor.

Casket: Well, it doesn't look like this lift is going any higher.

Zero72: Come on, everyone out.

The Team squeeze out, all at the same time. They begin walking down the silver corridor that they are in to the next lift. All of a sudden, a number of odd-looking people appear from the various rooms which lead off from the corridor.

Casket: Er, who are you?

Captain with Stupidly Large Head: We are Team Anime-Rejects and you shall not pass.

Zero72: Okay and what shall we do instead? (Pause) Have a game of chess, perhaps? How about Scrabble? I *love* Scrabble.

Lieutenant Strange Space-Hat Girl: You shall die-ey-ey-ey-ey-ey-ey-ey!

Weird Tiny Animal Inexplicably Floating: All your bases are belong to us!

"Stakes": Sheesh, let's get this over with.

The team fight the enemy team to the sound of Japanese pop music and lots of strobe lighting. They ultimately win, leaving Anime-Rejects defeated on the floor.

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Zero72: To the lift! (they all run to the lift and get in, it closes and moves off)
Captain with Stupidly Large Head: They'll be back. WOH-PAH!
Lieutenant Strange Space-Hat Girl: Ey-ey-ey-ey-ey-ey-ey-ey!

Cut to inside the lift. It stops at Floor 2.

Pillow: Second Floor!

The door opens revealing a small room containing some very hungry lions.

Ravenous Lion: RARRR!
Zero72: Close the door, quickly!

Casket closes the door and the lift continues to ascend. It stops at Floor 3.

Pillow: Third Floor!
Count Ferrell-Envelope: Will you stop doing that? I'm nervous enough as it is.

The door opens to reveal another long corridor with a lift at the end.

Zero72: Come on. (they all get out)

They begin to walk along the corridor.

Root: Do you get the feeling we're being watched?
Count Ferrell-Envelope: Yeah... and that guy over there watching us doesn't help matters either. (he points to a crazy old man who is standing outside one of the doors)
Crazy Old Man: Oh, doncha be minding me. (Pause) I just thought you might be wanting a shortcut to the sixth floor, y'know?
Zero72: A shortcut, you say?
Crazy Old Man: Yeah, you just got through this door and there are some stairs leading straight up to it.
Zero72: (looking at the door) This door marked "BLATANT TRAP"
Crazy Old Man: Aye, that's the one.
Casket: Well, I'm convinced.
Count Ferrell-Envelope: Let's get going then. (they start to move)
Root: Stop! (they all pause) Don't you get the feeling that there's something a little fishy about this?
Zero72: Well, I haven't seen SomePerson for a while and he's the only person I know who could be classified as "a little fishy"
Casket: (grinning, indicating the Crazy Old Man) Come on, could you distrust a face like this? (the Crazy Old Man leers horribly)
Root: Okay, let's get this over with.

They open the door, walk through it and shut it.

Crazy Old Man: Bwahahahahaha! A-hahahahahaha! Ha – Ha – HAA! (he coughs violently) Oh, I've gotta stop doing that.

Cut to inside room. It is filled with vampires.

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Zero72: (grimacing) Yeah...you know, I'm pretty sure this is a trap now.

Root: (sarcastic) Oh, you think?

Zero72: Deploy the holy water.

The Team put goggles on and then bring out a fire-extinguisher marked "Holy Water – Do not Ingest" They proceed by spraying it in the faces of the vampires.

Spotty Vampire: (screaming) Arrggh! My eyes! My beautiful eyes!

Snotty Vampire: (screaming, sniffing) Arrggh! My dose! My bootiful dose!

Cynical Vampire: This isn't "Holy Water", it's citric acid! (Pause) Worst Episode Ever.

Root: (squirting it in his face) Still, does the trick. (Cynical Vampire screams)

Cut to outside the room. Crazy Old Man is sitting down, smoking a cigarette. The Team leave the room and start to walk towards the lift.

Pillow: I like killying vampires.

"Stakes": Why am I not surprised?

Pillow: Pfft... Whatever!

Root: (to Zero72, pointing to Crazy Old Man) What about him?

Zero72: The damage that cigarette he's smoking will do on his lungs is punishment enough.

They get in the lift and it closes.

Crazy Old Man: Heh, fools. This isn't a cigarette, it's a harmless stick of dynamite.

Cut to inside the lift. An explosion sound is heard in the distance.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: What was that?

"Stakes": Well, it wasn't me.

The lift stops.

Pillow: Fifth Floor!

Zero72: Eh? What happened to the Fourth Floor?

Casket: (annoyed) Are you crazy? Four's an unlucky number! You can't just make a fourth floor! (Pause) Just think of the terrifying consequences there would be!

Zero72: I thought that was Thirteen.

"Stakes": Thirteen's a lucky number among demons, witches and librarians.

The door opens. They step out into a large circular room. In the middle of it stands Fallengel. He is accompanied by two heavily armoured demons.

Fallengel: Ah, the Slayer. (smiling) It's a great honour to finally meet you. (Pause)

It's such a shame that our relationship will be over so soon, isn't it? (he nods at the demons) Let's get this over with, shall we?

Zero72: If you insist. (he nods at the Team)

One of the demons flies at Count Ferrell-Envelope, grabs his arm and breaks it.

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Poorly Named Demon: DIE!

Root: (jumping on its back) Why don't you?

The demon staggers back, Root jumps off and Envelope fires a bazooka at the demon with his other arm.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: See you in Hell!

The demon screams and is thrown across the room. The other demon makes its way towards Casket and Pillow.

Positively-Psychotic Demon: I'm hungry!

Pillow: I have a chocolate bar in my bag.

Casket: Or you could try eating this! (he throws a grenade into the demon's mouth)

Positively-Psychotic Demon: Oh, cru...(he explodes)

"Stakes" fights Fallengel for a few minutes then is overpowered. He pins her to a wall.

Fallengel: (drawing a stake) You know... I've always hated vampires. (suddenly he drops the stake in pain and looks down to his chest to see Zero's sabre protruding from it)

Zero72: You know... I've always hated businessmen.

Fallengel dies.

Zero72: Everyone okay?

Count Ferrell-Envelope: The demon broke my hand.

Zero72: Anyone else? (there is silence) Good, let's go kill Megaman.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (annoyed) Good? The bastard broke my hand!

Zero72: We heard you the first time.

They move to a flight of the stairs and walk up it until they reach a gold-plated door.

Pillow: (to Casket) After we get married, can we have a gold-plated door for our room, Casky?

Casket: Sure, I'll just steal this one on our way out.

Zero72 pushes part them and opens the door. The room inside (Megaman's Office) is darkened. The Team enter and Zero fumbles for the light switch, eventually finding it and turning it on. The room is as it has been in the previous episodes except Megaman's chair is facing the window with its back to Zero and the camera.

Zero72: The game's over, Megaman.

Megaman: Ah, Zero72, so glad you could stop by...

Zero72: I've only come by to put an end to your schemes, Megaman.

Megaman: ...Fortunately for me, this just goes to show how stupid you are...

Pillow: Stupid? What do you mean?

Megaman: ...Did you really think that I'd wait around here for you to come and kill me?....

Zero walks up to the chair and spins it round. There is merely a tape-recorder on it.

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Megaman's Voice: ...Well, while you've been engaged with trying to find me, I've been involved with a little project of my own...

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I don't like the sound of that.

Megaman's Voice: ...Yes, I'll be draining all of the power from the Death Locker through my suit and into my body while you're still looking for the exit...

Root: Oh no!

Megaman's Voice: ...I'll be the most powerful man alive. (Pause) Sorry, you couldn't live to see it...

Casket: (to Zero) What's he mean?

Zero72: (looking under Megaman's desk) We've got to get out of here!

Pillow: Why?

Zero72: This place is going to explode!

They all run out of the office. Cut to beneath the desk, a timer can be seen counting down.

Timer: 10...9...8...7...

Caption: To be Continued...

Cut to credits.

The P.A.I.N Files – Gadget No.21846531

Device Name: P.A.I.N Self-Destruct Mechanism.

Creator: Unknown.

Appearance: Looks like a electronic timer. Usually concealed under a desk.

Function: To destroy the entire P.A.I.N HQ upon activation.

Can be destroyed through: It can only be destroyed by destroying itself. Once it's started, there's no stopping it.

Special Features: Radio-Mode, Slow-Destruct Mode and Implode Mode.