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72 Ways to Die ~ The Slayer Sagas ~ Episode Three: Double Damage

Zero72 is standing outside Nutter's House (Team HQ). FatWhitey and Blinx are also outside.

Zero72: Well, I'm going to miss you both. (to FatWhitey) Where you headed, Whitey?

FatWhitey: (looking out at the open sky) Wherever the oxen run wild and free, I'll be running. Wherever the bird flies over the restless sea, I will fly. Wherever the mole burrows through the restraints of liberty, I will burrow.

Zero72: Open Discussion Pub?

FatWhitey: Yeah. (a car beeps) Well, that's my ride. Gotta run! (he runs off)

Blinx: Well, it's been a pleasure seeing you again, Zero.

Zero72: (shocked) Huh?

Blinx: Whatever is the matter?

Zero72: You haven't misspelled a single word. In fact, you're speaking quite eloquently.

Blinx: Oh, Zero – Zero – Zero. I am disappointed in you. Just because I misspell the odd word, doesn't mean I misspell words all the time, now does it?

Zero72: Hmmm...

Blinx: (frustrated) Oh, alright! I admit it! I swallowed a dictionary!

Zero72: (grinning) I knew it!

Blinx: Anyway, the open road beckons. I've got to keep one step ahead of the law so I really must be off. You'll be okay?

Zero72: Sure. As long as evil remains recognisable then I'll be here to catch it!

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ – Research Facility.

Megaman: Send in the Clones!

Deathgo: Clones A-D, enter!

Enter clones of Envelope, Pillow, Casket and "Stakes".

Megaman: Excellent, excellent. These will fool him. By the time, he realises that they're not his friends – he'll be dead! (Pause, realising a clone is missing) Where's the Root clone?

Deathgo: Ah, I tried to clone her sir but her DNA was unclonable in the same way that the Slayer's is.

Megaman: Hmm, how very mysterious. Ah well, beggars can't be choosers. These will be enough to deal with him. You have told them the plan, haven't you?

Deathgo: Yes, sir.

Megaman: Excellent. Then let's start some double trouble.

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 Dr.Scotch's office. "Stakes" is sitting down. Scotch is looking severe.

"Stakes": What did you want to see me about, sir?

Dr. Scotch: My rum's missing.

"Stakes": (patronising) Oh, did the poor old drunk want the student to go and buy him some more rum?

Dr. Scotch: (angry) No, I want to know if you stole my rum!

"Stakes": (loud, innocently) Stole your rum? But...Dr. Scotch. Are you saying you drink rum in office hours when you should be helping your students?

Dr. Scotch: (furious) Damn it, Susan! I told you before – I don't care about the bloody students. I just want my liquor!

Cut to news report.

News Reporter: "I just want my liquor!", the desperate words of an angry, angry man. We turn to our new reporter, Susan Smiles, who is at AREF on the day when education took a back seat for depravity.

Cuts back to office. Dr. Scotch is shaking "Stakes" who has been in a daydream.

Dr. Scotch: SUSAN! SUSAN! Christ, are you even listening to me?

"Stakes": Huh?

Dr. Scotch: I was just saying that I found my rum in your bag and... (seeing that "Stakes" is holding a tape recorder.) What were you planning to do with that?

"Stakes": Give it to the media.

Dr. Scotch: (taking the tape recorder and discarding it) Get out, you're suspended.

"Stakes": (disgusted) What?

Dr. Scotch: You heard me.

"Stakes": But sir...

Dr. Scotch: Get out.

"Stakes" storms out. Before leaving she takes one last look round at Scotch. Her eyes are red and she reveals her vampire teeth. Then she leaves.

Dr. Scotch: (looking at the water bottle which he has been drinking from) What the hell do they put in this stuff?

Cut to Team HQ. There is a knock on the door. Zero goes to the door and opens it. The clones stand outside.

Zero72: Hey, guys! (Pause) You're back early.

Envelope Clone: Yes – lessons were cancelled. We had to come home.

Zero72: Really, why?

Casket Clone: Too many students.

Zero72: (confused) Oh...right. Come in, anyway.

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The clones enter.

Pillow Clone: So, Zero. What have you been uppity-up to?

Casket Clone: Yes, Zero. What's...up?

Zero72: Nothing much. Been watching some TV. Planning some battle plans for any evil which might attack us.

“Stakes” Clone: We no evil.

Zero72: Huh? No, I know you're not evil. Why should I think you were evil?

Casket Clone: Aren't we all a little evil? Ha...ha...ha.

Zero72: Um...no.

Envelope Clone: What Clone C means is that we all do things we later regret.

Zero72: Clone C? Who the hell is Clone C?

“Stakes” Clone: Zero hate us?

Zero72: Have you been at Nutter's stash of magic mushrooms, again?

Cut to AREF Library. Nutter is stacking books. His mobile phone rings.

Nutter: (picking it up) Oh, hello Zero. Yes, I'm just working in the library like I usually do in the week. (Pause) What? (Pause) No, lessons weren't cancelled. (Pause) Maybe they're just bunking off. You should tell them that... (The real Pillow walks in)... Wait a minute! Zero! I think that... (the line goes dead) Zero?

Cut to Team HQ. Zero is looking at the phone.

Pillow Clone: (holding a pair of scissors) Oopsie! Looks like I just cut the phone line by mistake.

Cut back to AREF Library.

Nutter: Oh, dear lord! Zero must be in some serious trouble! (noticing that Bracket is standing next to him) No, Bracket. You can't help. (he runs off)

Bracket: Curses! Foiled again! (Pause) Oh well, at least I have my anchovies. (he gets out a tin of anchovies, opens it, takes one out and puts on his tongue.) Ooh, yeah – that's the stuff!

Cut to Team HQ. Zero is looking tired.

Zero72: (yawning) Man, I'm tired. I need some sleep but I should probably keep an eye out for evil.

Casket Clone: Don't worry, Zero. We can keep both of our eyes open for you.

“Stakes” Clone: You sleep now.

Zero72: Well, if you guys insist. (Pause) I'll be upstairs if you need me. (he leaves upstairs)

Envelope Clone: Whilst he sleeps, we strike.

Pillow Clone: We're gonna killy-kill-kill-kill Zeor!

Cut to AREF Building corridor. “Stakes” is talking to Envelope.

“Stakes”: So then Old Scotch says “you're suspended” and I'm like “No” and he's like “Woah!” and he's like “Get Out!”. It's so unfair!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Yeah. He is pretty strict when it comes to his alcoholism.

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Nutter runs up to them.

Nutter: (screaming) EVIL CLONES ARE IN THE HOUSE AND THEY'RE GOING TO KILL ZERO! WE'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM! (he runs off)

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (moaning) You'd think it would be possible to have one normal conversation without mojo-man running in and screaming about evil beings but...no.

“Stakes”: We'd better go help Zero.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: Yeah. I suppose so. (they follow Nutter)

Cut to P.A.I.N HQ. Megaman is drawing up some plans. Fallengel walks in.

Fallengel: Need any help, sir?

Megaman: (grinning) No, no, Engel. I'm just busy planning for the big “ZERO IS DEAD! LOL!” Party.

Fallengel: You're that sure that the clone-plan will be a success?

Megaman: Sure, why shouldn't it be?

Fallengel: Well, it's just that this series is about Zero72 and we've still got another eight episodes before it ends.

Megaman: I was kind of thinking they'd just fill the rest of it out with flashbacks from his past.

Fallengel: (nodding) Mmm, that might work.

Megaman: Excellent! (Pause, returning to his plan.) Now where should I put the “Rest in Pieces” balloons? Above or below the buffet table?

Cut to Nutter's house – Zero's bedroom. The clones stand over Zero's bed. He is sleeping.

Envelope Clone: Now, we finish this.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (smashing the door down) No, now we finish this!

Envelope fights his clone, Pillow fights her clone. “Stakes” and Nutter attack Casket's clone.

Pillow: (hitting her clone over the head with a chair) Eat this!

Pillow Clone: (falling to the floor) Ow, It tastes of tree.

Count Ferrell-Envelope: (pulling a gun) You wanna see some real Bullet-time? (he shoots his clone)

Envelope Clone: (dying on the floor) I probably deserved that.

Casket Clone: I'm gonna kill you punks.

“Stakes”: Bite me! (she punches him through a wall)

Nutter: Well, all's well that ends well.

“Stakes”: Enough with the ‘well's already!

Count Ferrell-Envelope: I can't believe I just shot myself!

Zero72: (waking up, seeing the Team) Yo, what's up, guys? (Pause, looking round) Hey! What happened to my door?...and my wall?...AND MY CHAIR?

Nutter: Sheesh. Here we go again...

Cuts to P.A.I.N HQ – Research Facility. Deathgo is tied to a metal chair. Megaman is standing beside it.

Megaman: (sighing) Mr. Deathgo. I thought your plan was supposed to work.

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Deathgo: To be fair, Megaman, it was your plan. I merely put it into action.

Megaman: (laughing) Did I say you could talk, Mr. Deathgo? Did I? Because I don't remember saying you could talk.

Deathgo: Can I talk?

Megaman: (slapping him) No, you cannot talk! (Pause) Now let me get to the point – three of your clones are dead, one is missing and you left your name on the zombie-box. In other words... you messed up. (Pause) That's why I'm replacing you with an old friend of mine. (Dr. Scotch walks in) Dr. Scot Scotch. (Pause) Now the question is... what should I do with you, Ivanovich?

Cut to train. A man is sitting at a window seat.

“Stakes” Clone: (sitting down) I sit here.

Man: Well, hi, missy. And where are you headed?

“Stakes” Clone: Clone D hungry. Where me eat?

Man: Well, there's plenty of fast-food joints around. You could try one of them.

“Stakes” Clone: Clone D prefer slow food.

Man: (laughing) Ha ha, you're funny, Clonedy. (Pause) But where are my manners, I'm Walter.

“Stakes” Clone: You lost your Manor?

Cut to Team HQ. Lounge area. Zero is reading.

Pillow: Hey, Zeer. What you ready-reading?

Zero72: It's a letter from my old friend, MtlAngelus.

Pillow: Oh, that's nice. (Pause) Wait a minute – isn't he dead?

Zero72: (looking up) Doesn't seem to be stopping anyone else from contacting me.

Pillow: So, what's it about?

Zero72: He's having a housewarming party. He's allowed one living guest. He picked me.

Pillow: Oh... where's the party?

Zero72: Hell.

Pillow: (grinning) Oh, Zero. When you said a housewarming party, I didn't think you meant it literally!

They all laugh.

Casket: Actually, it's pretty cold in Hell. (Pause) Lousy central heating. (they all stare at him blankly) What?

Caption: To be continued...

Fade to black.

The P.A.I.N Files – Project Report: #123

Project Title: The Binary-Gamma Project

Stages: 3.

Project Leader: Professor Ivanovich Deathgo.

Objective: Destroying the Slayer known as Zero72.

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Summary: Stage 1 allowed Deathgo to conduct the necessary research into cloning that would be needed for Stage 3. Stage 2 involved distracting subjects who were to be cloned through use of zombies. Stage 3 involved the cloning of the subjects and the dispatching of them on their mission to kill Zero.

Current Project Status: Terminated due to Project Failure in Stage 3.