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## THE PAST



In the back room of a music club, a young Vampi helps her friend Suicide recover from his scuffle with the notorious racist gang, The Dead Presidents.



Little do Vampi and Suicide know, that at the same time, the Presidents are right outside at the bar, sending frighteningly mixed messages to their friend Miki as her band sets up to perform.

## THE PRESENT

Vampi's mission to regain the Ladder from Archangel has proved fatal. Shelley—the guard who agreed to help her—was tortured and killed for betraying her boss.



Fairchild—another turncoat—was brutally murdered as well. Vampi herself was beaten, shot, thrown into the river and left for dead.



But Vampi is more than human. And she's been working for someone else all along. BioCorp, Inc. are the makers and rightful owners of the Ladder—the blueprint for human DNA. Vampi put her life on the line for them—and because of her sacrifice, they're not going to let her die.

While the BioCorp medics work to revive Vampi, the board members argue over what to do about the still-missing Ladder. What they don't know is that one of their own members is a spy for Archangel.

Nor do they know that two of Archangel's men, Shockrock and Deadbolt, have now broken into the same chamber where a groggy Vampi has just awakened.







WERE ON  
FULL-SCALE  
BLACK ALERT,  
JACOB.

TOTAL  
SECURITY  
SHUTDOWN.

TOO  
LITTLE,  
TOO LATE,  
DUVAL.

ARCHANGEL'S  
TRIGGERED THE  
MELTDOWN  
DEVICE.



AND  
WE'VE GOT  
A SECURITY  
BREACH IN  
MED-LAB 1!

VAMPI'S  
STILL IN I.C.U.  
--WE'VE GOT TO  
GET HER OUT  
OF THERE  
NOW!



FORGET  
HER! SHE'S  
STILL IN A  
COMA!



I'M NOT  
DESERTING  
HER, GRAYSON!



SHE'S  
PROBABLY DEAD  
ALREADY.

GRAYSON'S  
GOT A POINT.

"BUT GO AHEAD  
--SEND IN A  
TACTICAL OPS  
TEAM..."

"MAYBE THEY'LL  
MAKE IT IN TIME..."





"...TO RETRIEVE  
THE *BODY*."

















ARCHANGEL'S  
GIVEN US ONE  
LAST CHANCE!



AND  
WE AIN'T  
GONNA BLOW  
IT.

IT'S  
YOU OR  
US!



UN-FREAKIN'-  
BELIEVABLE!

SHE GOT  
AWAY!



OH  
YEAH?


CHECK  
THIS OUT...



...A TRAIL  
OF BLOOD.  
AND IT'S  
FRESH.

WE CAN  
STILL FIND  
HER...





"...WHEREVER  
SHE RUNS."

JACOB SACRIFICED  
THOSE GRUNTS  
FOR ME.

I KNOW HE'D  
WANT ME TO  
SAVE MYSELF.

BUT MY  
LUNGS ARE  
READY TO  
BURST.

IF IT WASN'T  
FOR JACOB, I  
WOULDN'T EVEN  
BE BREATHING...



--SO I'M **NOT**  
LEAVING WITHOUT  
HIM.

**JACOB!**



YOU'VE  
GOT TO  
GET EVERYBODY  
OUT OF  
HERE! **NOW!**

VAMPI?



MY GOD,  
I THOUGHT  
YOU WERE  
STILL IN A  
COMA.



WE'RE  
ALL GONNA  
DIE--

--IF  
WE'RE STILL  
HERE WHEN  
ARCHANGEL'S  
GOONS  
ARRIVE!



WE  
NEED TO  
EVACUATE KEY  
PERSONNEL,  
JACOB.

AND I  
SHOULD, UH,  
SUPERVISE THE  
EVACUATION.

JUST GO,  
GRAYSON.

DUVAL,  
DO WHATEVER  
YOU HAVE  
TO.



I CAN'T  
LEAVE.

I'VE GOT  
TO STOP THE  
COUNTDOWN BEFORE  
THE MELTDOWN  
DEVICE IS  
ACTIVATED.

MELTDOWN  
DEVICE?!





YOU'VE GOT  
A NUKE IN  
THIS PLACE?

BioCorp Meltdown  
Meltdown Sequence Engaged  
Time remaining: 8 minutes, 23 seconds

...THE  
OUTCOME IS  
INEVITABLE.

IN A  
MATTER OF  
MINUTES BIOCORP  
WILL BE  
HISTORY.

BUT  
WHAT ABOUT  
SHOCKROCK AND  
DEADBOLT?

THEY'RE  
STILL IN THERE,  
ARCHANGEL.

SHOULDN'T  
WE WARN  
THEM?

WARN  
THEM?

IT'S A  
SUICIDE  
MISSION,  
MY DEAR  
ENDURA.

THEY'VE  
OUTLIVED  
THEIR  
USEFULNESS.

OR,  
TO BE  
MORE  
PRECISE,  
THEY WILL  
HAVE...



--ONCE THEY  
EXTERMINATE  
THE BITCH!

ALL  
THOSE  
BLOODY  
FOOTPRINTS--  
YOU MADE IT  
SO EASY,  
MAN!

ITS  
LIKE YOU  
WANTED US  
TO FIND  
YOU!



JACOB!

GET  
DOWN!



THIS WAY,  
CMON!

NOW!



THEY'RE  
KILLING  
EVERYONE!



WHERE  
YOU GOING?



YOU'RE  
WASTIN' YOUR  
BREATH,  
MAYBE  
YOU CAN  
RUN...



...BUT  
YOU CAN'T  
HIDE!







DAMMIT,  
WHY DIDN'T  
YOU TELL ME  
THAT'S THE  
ONLY WAY IN  
OR OUT?!

WE'RE  
TRAPPED!

THAT  
DOOR'S  
REINFORCED  
STEEL--

"--IT SHOULD  
BUY US SOME  
TIME."



TIME?!  
THAT'S RUNNING  
OUT FASTER THAN  
THE AMMO.



THERE'S  
GOT TO BE  
SOME WAY OUT  
OF HERE!



THERE  
MIGHT BE  
A WAY.

NOT  
EXACTLY A  
STRATEGY...

REDOWN  
SEQUENCE  
00:15

...MORE  
LIKE KAMIKAZE  
TACTICS.



WHATEVER  
IT TAKES TO  
STOP THEM, WE'VE  
GOT NO CHOICE  
NOW...



...SO LET'S TALK  
ABOUT SUICIDE?

IT LOOKS  
BAD--BUT YOU  
GOT OFF LIGHTLY,  
CONSIDERING...

STILL  
PLAYING  
DOCTOR,  
VAMPI?

TIME TO  
PARK YOUR  
ASS BEHIND  
THE SOUND  
-DESK.

THERE'S  
THE SMALL  
MATTER OF  
A GIG,  
REMEMBER?

YOU CAN  
PRACTICE  
YOUR BEDSIDE  
MANNER  
LATER.

Oh,  
YOU'RE  
SHARP,  
MIKI.

YEAH--  
A REAL  
RIOT!

SPEAKING  
OF FUNNY,  
HANDSOME--I JUST  
RAN INTO A COUPLE  
OF YOUR OLD  
BUDDIES.

HUH?  
WHAT'RE  
YOU RAMBLING  
ABOUT NOW?

"BUNCH OF CRACKERJACKS  
IN YANKEE DOODLE DANDY  
DRAG--RING ANY BELLS?"











"--TIME TO KICK  
SOME SERIOUS  
ASS."

YOU  
GOT *THAT*  
THE *WRONG* WAY  
'ROUND.

ANY LAST  
WORDS?

REALLY?

I GUESS  
THAT MEANS  
ARCHANGEL NEVER  
TOLD YOU ABOUT  
THE MELTDOWN  
DEVICE.

HUH?

JUST  
WHAT IS  
THE MELTDOWN  
DEVICE?

THE  
ULTIMATE  
FAIL-SAFE.

IT'S A  
DOOMSDAY  
DEVICE--AND  
YOUR BOSS  
ACTIVATED  
IT.

UH...  
CAN'T WE...  
TALK ABOUT  
THIS?

TALK?  
OH SURE.

BETTER  
BE QUICK  
THOUGH...



--THE  
COUNTDOWN  
HAS BEEN  
ACCELERATED  
BY A FULL EIGHT  
MINUTES!

MELTDOWN  
SEQUENCE  
00:04

JACOB  
WAS TRYING  
TO HALT THE  
COUNTDOWN.

--UNLESS SOMEONE  
TALKED HIM  
INTO IT.

HE  
WOULDN'T  
DELIBERATELY  
ACTIVATE THE  
MELTDOWN  
DEVICE...

BUT WHEN  
YOU MORONS  
TRIED TO KILL HIM,  
IT WAS EASY TO  
CONVINCE HIM TO  
USE THIS GIZMO  
TO ACCELERATE  
IT INSTEAD.

I CAN THINK  
OF ONLY ONE  
PERSON WHO  
COULD DO THAT.

MELTDOWN  
SEQUENCE  
00:01

OBVIOUSLY SHOCKROCK  
AND DEADBOLT FAILED TO  
DISPOSE OF HER.

MELTDOWN  
SEQUENCE  
00:00



BUT  
WON'T THE  
MELTDOWN  
DEVICE KILL  
HER TOO?

THE MELTDOWN  
DEVICE IS A  
DEFENSIVE  
WEAPON

IT'S A POWERFUL  
ELECTROMAGNETIC  
PULSE GENERATOR,  
DESIGNED TO FRY  
EVERY ELECTRONIC  
COMPONENT IN THE  
BUILDING

IT DESTROYS  
INFORMATION

NOTHING  
ELSE

...INCLUDING THE  
BIOTRONIC CHIPS  
IN THOSE TWO SCOTS  
PROSTHETICALLY  
ENHANCED BODIES.

SHOCKWAVE  
NO!

SHE KNOWS  
IT'S THEIR ONLY  
REAL WEAKNESS

SOFT  
DOTTED  
LINES

...AND HER  
ONLY CHANCE

YOU'RE  
GONE YOU  
BITCH!

CLEVER  
GIRL

BIG  
TALK.  
BUT  
THAT'S ALL  
IT IS, YOU  
BASTARD-







--TALK!





SO MUCH  
FOR THE  
"KAMIKAZE  
TACTICS",  
JACOB.



WE'RE  
BOTH STILL  
IN ONE  
PIECE.

BUT  
EVERYTHING  
I'VE WORKED FOR  
...IT'S ALL GONE.  
THE MELTDOWN DEVICE  
HAS ERASED ALL  
THE BIOCOP  
DATABASES.

MAYBE  
I WAS WRONG  
LETTING YOU  
USE IT THAT  
WAY.



MAYBE  
I WAS TOO  
HASTY.

DON'T  
CRAP OUT  
ON ME NOW,  
JACOB.

'CAUSE  
WE STILL  
HAVE TO WORK  
TOGETHER, IF WE'RE  
GONNA BEAT  
ARCHANGEL.



YEAH, RIGHT  
--YOU SAW WHAT  
HAPPENED TO  
EVERYONE  
ELSE.

BEAT  
HIM?

DON'T YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT'S JUST  
HAPPENED  
HERE...?



"ARCHANGEL HAS WON!"

SO, VAMPI SURVIVES--  
AGAIN.

YES, SHE  
SURVIVED--  
THAT'S ALL.

SHE  
PRACTICALLY  
DESTROYED BIOCORP  
WHEN SHE LIQUIDATED  
THOSE TWO  
IDIOTS.

AND THE  
LADDER'S  
STILL MINE.

BUT  
SHE WON'T  
GIVE UP.

OR  
HADN'T YOU  
THOUGHT  
OF THAT?

THOUGHT  
OF IT?

MY DEAR  
ENDURA, I'M  
COUNTING  
ON IT.

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