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AMERICAN VAMPIRE

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SEE, THE
TROUBLE
WITH YOU
KIDS...



IN REAL
LIFE...

AAAAAGH!

Death Race

Part: Fears of Fears

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"THE MONSTER
ALWAYS WINS IN
THE END."









"MY FOLKS OWNED A SMALL BOARDING HOUSE ON THE EDGE OF THE CITY."

"NOTHING SPECIAL, BUT THEY TOOK CARE OF IT, MADE IT A HOME FOR ANYONE PASSING THROUGH."

"THAT IS, UNTIL ONE DAY, BACK IN 1936, A BUNCH OF STRANGERS KNOCKED ON THE DOOR."

PARDON ME...

**MURDER AT THE
PEABODY HOTEL!**

SORRY, DIDN'T HEAR YOU...

...COME IN.

WE'D LIKE
SOME ROOMS,
PLEASE...





"THEY SAY YOU CAN'T
REMEMBER MUCH
BEFORE YOU'RE
FOUR YEARS OLD.
AND MAYBE MY BRAIN
ISN'T NORMAL, BUT
ME, MY MEMORIES
OF THAT PLACE...



"THAT
DAY.



"THEY'RE THE
STRONGEST
ONES I HAVE.



"AND WHAT I
REMEMBER
MOST ABOUT
WHAT THOSE
BLOODBUCKING
PIECES OF
SHIT SAID WAS
ONE NAME:



"SKINNER
SWEET.



"SKINNER SWEET. THE AMERICAN
VAMPIRE. THE ONE THEY WERE
HUNTING. THE ONE THEY KNEW HAD
TO BE BEHIND THEIR TROUBLES.
THE ONE WHO'D BROUGHT THEM
THERE, INTO MY HOME..."



...INTO
MY LIFE.



HEH
WELL, SON,
I GOTTA
SAY--

SKOFFE
SKOFFE

--I DO
RESPECT THE
WAY YOU HOLD
A GRUDGE.



I KNOW THE VENOM IN
THOSE FANGS OF YOURS,
IT'S GOING TO FREEZE ME
UP SOON, BUT BEFORE IT
DOES, AND BEFORE I KILL
YOU, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT
SOMETHING I CAUGHT
ON THE TV NOT
LONG AGO.

IT WAS THIS
SPECIAL REPORT,
SEE, ON THE TEENAGE
BRAIN. THERE WAS
THIS EXPERT ON IT.



HIS THEORY
WAS THAT THERE WERE
THREE THINGS YOUNG FOLKS
LIKE ME CAN'T UNDERSTAND.
THINGS AGAINST THE RULES
OF OUR BRAINS.



I
NEVER WAS
ONE FOR
RULES.

ME
NEITHER.

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BUT IT GOT ME THINKING. AND WHAT I REALIZED FOR ALL THE THINGS THE TEENAGE BRAIN CAN'T THINK ON, THERE HAVE TO BE THINGS THE GROWN-UP BRAIN CAN'T THINK ON, TOO.

AND IT OCCURRED TO ME, THAT ONE THING OLD FOLKS FIND IMPOSSIBLE TO UNDERSTAND IS--COOL.

COOL?

COOL. WHAT'S COOL AND WHAT'S NOT. BECAUSE BEING COOL IS NOT GIVING A FUCK. AND MAYBE YOU NEED TO BE YOUNG TO BE THAT WAY.

TAKE YOU FOR EXAMPLE. MAYBE YOU WERE COOL ONCE. MAYBE EVEN AFTER YOU CAME BACK AS A BLOODSUCKER. LIVING IN LAS VEGAS, NOT SCARED OF ANYONE.

BUT SEE, THE THING IS, SWEET, I'VE BEEN AFTER YOU A LONG TIME, AND I'VE SEEN A CHANGE IN YOU.

SAW IT IN THE FILES ON YOU, TOO, THE ONES I STOLE FROM THE VASSALS. BUT THE FILES ON YOU, THEY END IN 1948. AFTER THE WHOLE INCIDENT ON TIPPAN?

TAIPAN.

THAT'S WHAT I SAID. IT'S ALMOST LIKE AFTER WHATEVER HAPPENED OVER THERE, FOR SOME REASON, YOU JUST STOPPED BEING DANGEROUS ANYMORE.

IS THAT SO?



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ORDERS?
YOU TAKE
ORDERS FROM
OLD MAN
HOBBS
NOW?



THIS WILL
STAVE
OFF THE
PARALY-
SIS.

WAIT
HERE.

GET THE EXTRACTION KIT READY.
WE NEED TO GET THAT GOLD
OUT OF HIS BLOODSTREAM
BEFORE IT DOES ANY
MORE DAMAGE.

YES,
SIR.

AND GET ME A PROTEIN
POUCH FOR AGENT SWEET.
THEY'RE IN THE SECOND
CAR--

WHAT
THE--AGENT
DAVIS...?



"WHERE'S THE
BLOODY
SECOND CAR?"

YOU DON'T
THINK THEY
HAVE A TRACER
ON THIS CAR,
TRAVIS?

I MEAN THEY
COULD BE--

WE'LL
TORCH IT
TONIGHT.
STEAL
ANOTHER.

RIGHT, OF
COURSE.

THE COOPER
HOUSE IS RIGHT UP
THIS STREET ANYWAY.
THEY SHOULD BE GONE
FOR THE MONTH, AND
THEY HAVE AN EXTRA
IN THE GARAGE.

COOPER.
SKOFF
SKOFF
SURE.

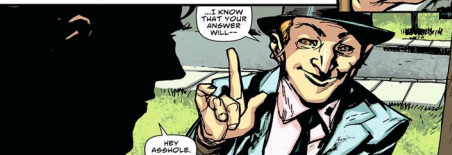




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just north of the
Mexican border.









HENRY!

NO, NO,
NO

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