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VAMPIRELLA®



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HER ORIGINS ARE SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

SOME SAY SHE'S A POWERFUL ENTITY FROM ANOTHER REALM; OTHERS TELL TALES OF A CHILD BORN OF A DEMONIC MOTHER IN HELL'S FIRE AND DISPATCHED TO CLEANSE THE WORLD OF EVIL.

BUT ALL THESE STORIES SHARE A COMMON REFRAIN: VAMPIRELLA HAS COME TO BATTLE THE FORCES OF DARKNESS – FROM VAMPIRIC LEGIONS, TO SUPERNATURAL EVILS THAT BEGGAR DESCRIPTION.

AND NOW, SHE FACES A TERRIBLE THREAT THAT EVEN THE BLOOD-DRENCHED POWERS OF THE NIGHT HAVE COME TO FEAR...

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CLUB CARMILLA
SEATTLE, WA.

IT'S
OVER.

HOW
BADLY YOU
DIE IS UP
TO YOU.

HER NAME IS LE FANU.
HUNDREDS OF YEARS
OLD, TURNED BY
DRACULA AND FOR
MORE THAN A CENTURY,
ONE OF HIS MOST
TRUSTED LIEUTENANTS.

YOU THINK YOU'RE
IN A POSITION TO
MAKE DEMANDS,
VAMPIRELLA?

YOU'VE
TAKEN WHAT'S
MINE.

ONCE, ONE OF HER
MASTER'S FAVORED
CONCUBINES,
AND NOW?

RETURN
IT.

PLEASE
I WANNA GO
JUST LET ME
GO.

SHE'S SOMETHING
FAR STRANGER.

OR I'LL
TURN THIS
MEWLING INFANT
INSIDE OUT
WHILE YOU
WATCH.

I TOOK THIS FROM HER WHEN I TOOK HER HAND.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE NOTICED, LE FANU.

WHATEVER IT IS, SHE'S DESPERATE TO GET IT BACK.

...BUT OUR LITTLE DANCE IS BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE.

IN YOUR CONDITION, I DOUBT EVEN YOU WILL SURVIVE A BUILDING FALLING ON YOUR HEAD.

IT'S NO JOKE. I CAN HEAR THE BONES OF THIS BUILDING GRINDING AND MOANING.

THEN YOU'RE A FOOL. I AM THE RED RIGHT HAND TO DRACULA HIMSELF.

IF THIS GOES ON MUCH LONGER, WE'LL ALL BE WEARING THIS PLACE AS A HAT.

HAVE TO PLAY FOR TIME UNTIL I CAN GET THE GIRL CLEAR.

LET LE FANU RANT A BIT.

GOAD HER.

SALOPE MALFAISANTE! I'VE SEEN THE FACE OF THE WORM. NEXT TO THAT, YOU ARE LESS THAN NOTHING. INSIGNIFICANT.

AH--!

BECAUSE INSIDE, SHE'S ROTTING. SOMETHING ANCIENT AND TERRIBLE IS DEVOURING HER.

YOU'VE ASSAULTED MY PERSON. YOU'VE MURDERED MY CHILDREN.

YOU'VE TAKEN WHAT'S MINE.

DRIVING HER MAD!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE FACING.

NO MORE GAMES. GIVE ME THE BAG.

RED RIGHT STUMP. MAYBE.

DEFY HER. PUSH HER UNTIL SHE MAKES A MISTAKE.

DARK MOTHER,
WHAT IS
HAPPENING
TO HER?

AAAAA!

SPLUCH

SHLURRP

THE VENOM FROM THE
TENTACLES ALMOST DROVE
ME INSANE, SENT ME
SPINNING INTO THE ABYSS.

GET
AWAY GET IT
AWAAA!

THEY'LL KILL AN
UNPROTECTED
HUMAN.

GIVE IT
BACK!

GIVE IT
BACK!

SHE'S UNRAVELING.
THERE'S SIMPLY NO
MORE TIME.

ALL
RIGHT.

YOU
WANT
IT...

IT ALWAYS COMES
DOWN TO THIS.

...TAKE
IT.

MOVE.

...YES!

COUNTERMOVE.

A CONTEST
OF SPEED.

A BATTLE
OF WITS.

YESSSSS!

WHAP



NO MERCY,
NO QUARTER.

YOU HIT THE
ENEMY AS HARD
AS YOU CAN.

NNNGH!

WHUD

AND YOU DON'T
STOP HITTING...

...UNTIL THERE'S
NOTHING LEFT
TO KILL.

NNGGGAH

KRAK

KRUNCH

COME ON.
MOVE!

AIR HISSES FROM HER
DEAD LUNGS, INFERNAL
ANGER KEEPING HER
ANCHORED TO EXISTENCE.

OH, SHUT UP.
IF YOU'RE GOING
TO DIE AND BE
REBORN...

--KAFF--
THINK YOU'VE
WON?

--YOU'LL
NEVER--GGGLKK--
NEVER WIN.

IN
THE WORM,
I SHALL BE--
HHHHUCCCCCH--
REBORN--

...THEN
GET ON
WITH IT.

KKKRAAAK

KKKRAAAK

SPANG
SPANG

MAIS,
NON...

WHATEVER IT IS
THAT'S IN HER,
IT'S FIGHTING
TO STAY ALIVE.

KKKKRASH

AAAAAA!

SHHHHUNK

I CAN FEEL IT,
SOMEWHERE BEHIND MY
EYES, RAGING AGAINST
THE INEVITABLE.

HHHHRRRRGH!

SPPPLUCH

HUMMING, LIKE A
ROOMFULL OF BEES.

GGGGGULLLLK





KA-WHOOOOOM





BE
STILL.



NO GOTTA
GET OUT OF
HERE LET ME
GO...



OH.



I HATE DOING THIS.
SLIPPING INTO A HUMAN'S
MIND AND BENDING IT
TO MY WILL.

IT'S A
VIOLATION.

I SHOULD STAY ON
TARGET. FOCUS ON
THE ENEMY.

BUT I CAN'T JUST LEAVE
HER LIKE THIS, LOST AND
VULNERABLE.

COME
WITH ME.
YOU'LL BE
SAFE.

'K. COME
WITH YOU.
BE SAFE.



SEATTLE, WA.
DOWNTOWN.

SAFE.

AFTER WHAT THE GIRL
HAS SEEN TONIGHT,
SHE'LL NEVER FEEL
SAFE AGAIN.

THE GRAND HYATT.

AND SHE'LL BE RIGHT.
SHE'S SEEN, WITH HER
OWN TWO EYES, THAT
MONSTERS LURK IN
THE SHADOWS.

SO WHY DID
YOU BRING
HER HERE,
VAMPIRELLA?

FROM DEEP INSIDE, AN
ANSWER, THE HUNGER
TALKING: "SHE'S FOOD.
TREAT YOURSELF TO A
SNACK."

NO. SHE'S AN
INNOCENT. AND
SHE MAY HAVE
SEEN SOMETHING.

SOMETHING THAT WILL
TELL ME WHAT THIS IS,
AND WHY LE FANU
WANTED IT SO BADLY.

FEELS WEIRD. BLOOD
WARM. LIKE THERE'S A
HUM, A VIBRATION
FROM INSIDE--

--ELECTRIC, LIKE
HOLDING AN
INSECT HIVE--

NNNGHHH!

FALLING.

CAN'T SEE.

ROARING IN
MY EARS.

BUZZING IN
MY SKULL.

HOWLING LIKE
AN INFANT
BIRTHED INTO
THE ABYSS.

A NEWBORN, LEFT
GASPING ON THE
SHORES OF HELL.

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

THIS PLACE
IS DEAD.

NOTHING BUT
DUST AND BONE
AND EMPTINESS.

SNFF
SNFF

IT'S BEEN
FAR TOO LONG,
VAMPIRELLA.

AND ONE
FAMILIAR
SCENT.

MADNESS AND
DECAY, AND
EVERLASTING
HUNGER.

DRACULA.

WHAT?
NOTHING TO SAY
TO AN OLD
FRIEND?

SURE.
I'VE GOT
SOMETHING
TO SAY.

HOLD STILL.
THIS'LL ONLY
HURT FOR A
MINUTE.



OH, VERY WELL.
LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.



YOU--
NNGH!
STILL DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?

YES. LET'S.



THE RULES DON'T APPLY HERE.
DON'T BELIEVE ME? *TIME* FLOWS DIFFERENTLY HERE, VAMPIRELLA.
IT CAN BE SLOWED DOWN, IF YOU KNOW HOW.



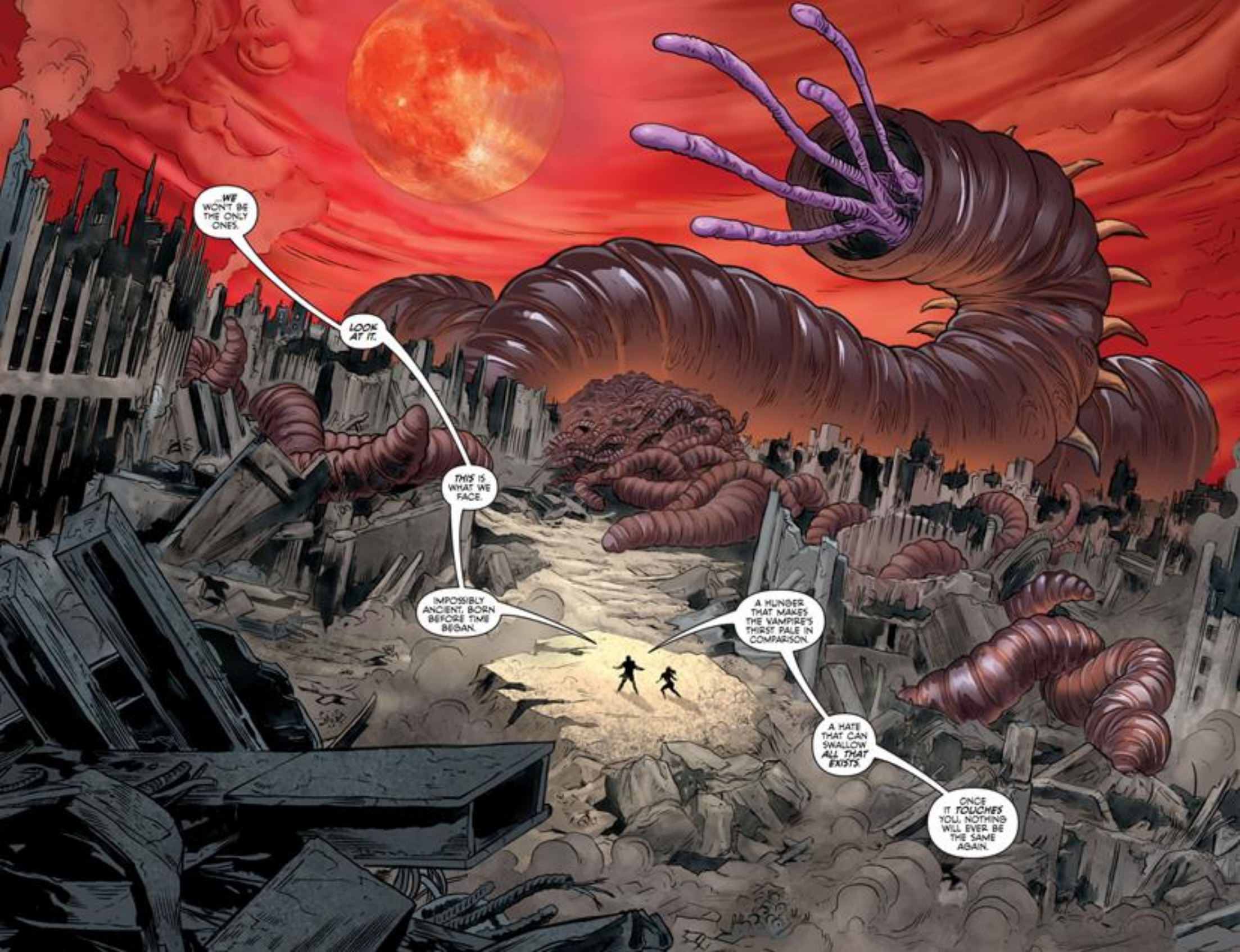
YOU'RE GOING TO HOLD STILL. YOU'RE GOING TO LISTEN.

YOU'RE SO FOCUSED ON YOUR MISSION, YOU CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES.

WE'RE BOTH IN THE BELLY OF THE WORM, NOW.



AND IF WE'RE NOT CAREFUL...



WE
WON'T BE
THE ONLY
ONES.

LOOK
AT IT.

THIS IS
WHAT WE
FACE.

IMPOSSIBLY
ANCIENT, BORN
BEFORE TIME
BEGAN.

A HUNGER
THAT MAKES
THE VAMPIRE'S
THIRST PALE IN
COMPARISON.

A HATE
THAT CAN
SWALLOW
ALL THAT
EXISTS.

ONCE
IT TOUCHES
YOU, NOTHING
WILL EVER BE
THE SAME
AGAIN.



I SHOULD
KILL YOU FOR
WHAT YOU DID
TO MY POOR
LE FANU.

SHE
GAVE YOU AN
INCREDIBLE GIFT,
AND YOU DON'T
EVEN KNOW
IT.

WHATEVER HE'S DOING
TO HOLD ME IN PLACE
LETS ME GO.



GIFT?

YOU
SON OF A
BITCH.

SHE HELD ME
DOWN. WRAPPED
ME IN THOSE...
TENTACLES. INVADDED
MY MIND, AND TRIED
TO DRIVE ME
INSANE.

IT'S STILL ALL I CAN DO
TO KEEP FROM TEARING
HIS HEAD OFF.



YES!
IT WAS A
TEST.

ONE YOU
PASSED! YOU
SURVIVED HIS
TOUCH.

AND
YOU HAVE
THE KEY
NOW.



THAT MAKES
YOU SPECIAL. THAT
MAKES YOU *VITAL* IN
THE WAR THAT'S
COMING.

SOMEONE
HAS TO WEAR
HIS CROWN,
VAMPIRELLA.



AND
WHOEVER WEARS
IT WILL UNLOCK THE
GATES OF THE ABYSS
AND DAMN THE
WORLD.

BUT
WHAT IF SHE'S
STRONG
ENOUGH?

WHAT
IF SHE CAN
WITHSTAND
HIM?

SHE
COULD SAVE
US ALL.



IT TAKES A MOMENT
TO REMEMBER WHO I AM,
WHERE I AM.

CHRIST.
YOU SCARED
THE HELL OUT
OF ME.

...MY
APOLOGIES.

SERIOUSLY,
YOU'VE BEEN
OUT FOR A
LONG TIME.
ARE YOU
OKAY?

HOW
LONG WAS
I...?



TWO DAYS.
WHAT
HAPPENED?



I CAN BARELY SUPPRESS A
SHUDDER WHEN I TOUCH
LE FANU'S ARTIFACT. IT
CLAWS AT MY MIND,
RELENTLESS AND INSISTENT.



THE GIRL, ON THE
OTHER HAND, CAN'T
CONCEAL HER FEAR.

I HAD
TO MEET
AN OLD
FRIEND.



LOOK, YOU
SAVED MY LIFE.
I COULDN'T
JUST LEAVE
YOU HERE.

BUT WHAT
THE HELL ARE YOU?
YOU'VE GOT FANGS
AND A FRIDGE FULL
OF BLOOD. YOU'RE...
YOU'RE A...



HER HEART POUNDS LIKE
A KETTLE DRUM. PULSE
THUNDERING. ADRENALINE
FLOODING HER BODY.

A VAMPIRE?
OF SORTS.
I'M FINE
NOW. YOU
SHOULD GO,
MISS...?

SOMETHING IN
HUMANS MAKES
THEM FEAR ME,
INSTINCTIVELY.



MOST HUMANS,
ANYWAY.

SOFIA,
MY NAME'S
SOFIA.
PEOPLE I KNOW
WALKED INTO THAT CLUB AND
NEVER CAME OUT. THAT EVIL
BITCH WITH THE TENTACLES
TRIED TO KILL ME.
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED
HELP LIKE IT OR NOT, I'M
NOT GOING ANYWHERE.



AS
YOU WISH,
SOFIA.



IF
YOU'RE GOING
TO ASSIST
ME...

...YOU
CAN HELP ME
ACCESSORIZE



IT'S TOO
CONVENIENT.

DRACULA'S
SUDDEN "HELPFUL"
WARNING.

...WOW.



PLAYING ON MY
DESIRE TO SAVE
HUMANITY.

KLK

THE BUZZING IN MY
SKULL, THUNDERING
MORE STRONGLY NOW.




DRAWING ME
INEXORABLY IN,
LIKE THE PULL
OF A MAGNET.

DANCING TO
DRACULA'S TUNE.



A TRAP,
OBVIOUSLY.

CHAK



SO BE IT.

IF DRACULA
THINKS HE
CAN TRAP
ME, FINE.

HE'S GOING TO LEARN
THAT HOLDING ME IS A
DIFFERENT PROPOSITION
ALTOGETHER.

SO, WHAT
NOW?

NOW, WE GO
HUNTING.

VAMPIRELLA in...
(Crown of Worms, part 3)

"THE LESSER EVIL"