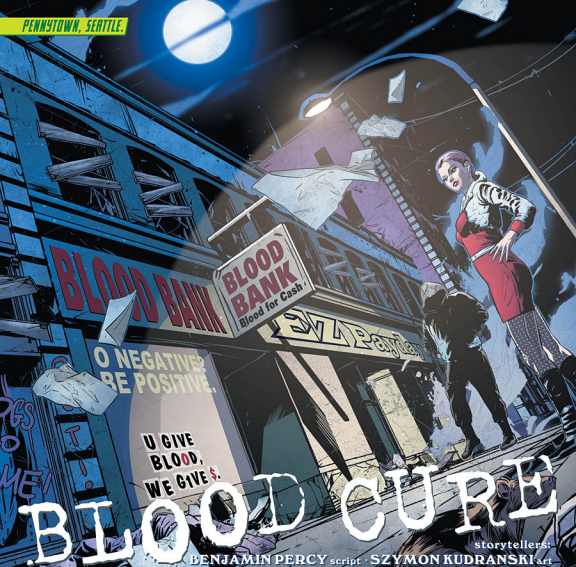


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# BLOOD CURE

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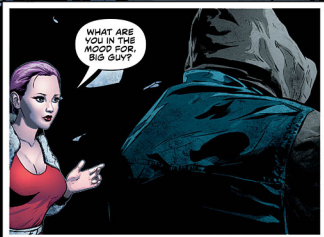
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GOOD EVENING.  
IS THIS YOUR FIRST TIME  
OR HAVE YOU DONATED  
BEFORE?



GIVEN PLENTY  
OF BLOOD. TAKEN  
SOME TOO.



THIS  
QUESTION  
RIGHT  
HERE...

"HAVE YOU EVER  
BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH,  
OR HAVE YOU EVER BEEN  
IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE  
WITH A CHRONIC OR  
ALIEN ILLNESS?"



DO I REALLY  
NEED TO ANSWER  
THAT?



I NEED YOUR HELP,  
FRIEND. DO AS YOU'RE  
TOLD AND I WON'T  
MAKE A SNACK OF  
YOUR FACE.



"HANG UP THE  
CLOSED SIGN.



"UNLOCK THE DOOR TO  
THE DONATION ROOM.



"READY THE  
NEEDLES.



"BECAUSE I'VE  
GOT SOME NEW  
DONORS I WANT  
YOU TO MEET."

ONE WEEK LATER.

WHAT ARE THE LATEST NUMBERS, HENRY?

IT'S ONLY A GUESS. SOME OF THE WARGS ARE REGISTERED, SOME ARE IN HIDING.

I'VE BEEN DATA-CHARTING LUKONEX UNITS, POLICE REPORTS, HOSPITALIZATIONS, AND I'M THINKING WE'VE GOT NINE HUNDRED WARGS IN THE SEATTLE METRO?

DRAGON PALACE

MAKE THAT NINE HUNDRED AND ONE.

HOW'S MY JERRY-RIGGED INSULIN PUMP WORKING OUT? IS THE LUKONEX FLOWING? YOU FEELING LESS WOLFY?

I'M TIRED ALL THE TIME, BUT I'M UNDER CONTROL.

DOG TIRED?

THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA FOR THE MENU DOWNSTAIRS. MY ONE ARROW PLUS YOUR TWO BALLS EQUALS A CHOLESTEROL-SOAKED SHISH KEBAB.

KEBABS ARE MEDITERRANEAN, WHITE BOY, DRAGON PALACE DOESN'T SERVE FUSION.

ENOUGH WITH THE FOREPLAY. WHY'D YOU CALL ME OVER HERE? YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE MARROCK IS HIDING?

NEGATIVE. BUT THERE ARE SOME BREADCRUMBS IN THE FOREST THAT MIGHT BE WORTH FOLLOWING.

"LUKOS IS TRANSMITTED BY BLOOD OR SEXUAL CONTACT, RIGHT? WELL, NOT MANY ATTACKS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

"AND--CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, ROMEO--BUT MOST PEOPLE ARE PRETTY GOOD ABOUT KEEPING IT WRAPPED THESE DAYS.

"IN OTHER WORDS, THE NUMBERS DON'T ADD UP. HOW IS THE INFECTION SPREADING?"



"I DID SOME DIGGING. SEVERAL NEWLY REGISTERED WARGS RECEIVED BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK.

"THERE'S A KIND OF BLOOD CRISIS GOING ON RIGHT NOW. NOT ENOUGH DONORS.

"SO THESE PAY-BY-THE-PINT CENTERS ARE POPPING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE, ENTICING PEOPLE TO OPEN UP THEIR VEINS.

"THE CENTERS PRICK AND BAG, TEST FOR DISEASE, THEN SELL TO DESPERATE HOSPITALS."

"BET I COULD FIT YOUR WHOLE HEAD IN MY MOUTH.

"YOU'VE MENTIONED THAT SEVERAL TIMES, MISTER MARROCK.

"JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO KEEP DOING AS YOU'RE TOLD.



"KEEP SPREADING THE INFECTION. KEEP BATHING THIS CITY IN OUR BLOOD.

