



IN PIECES ON THE GROUND

PART ONE



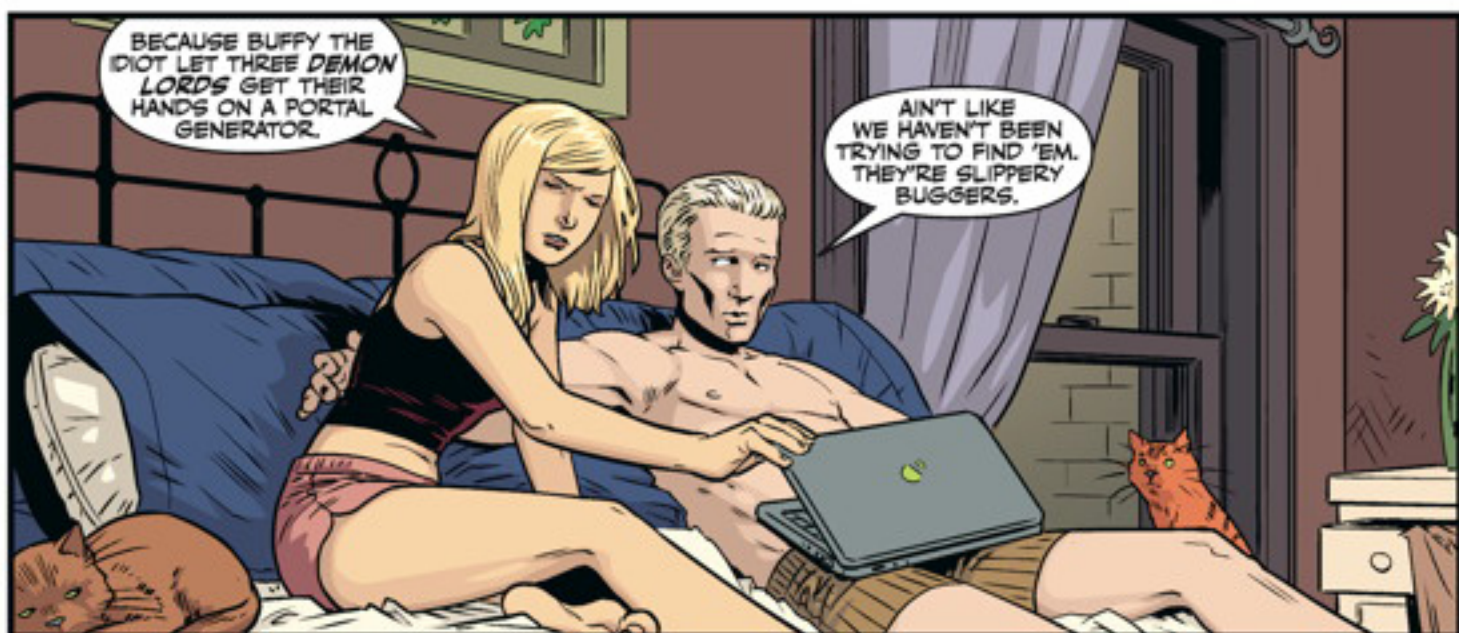
...JOINT U.S./ARGENTINIAN AIR FORCE STRIKE SEEMS TO HAVE KILLED THE GIGANTIC HORNED GORILLA TERRORIZING THE CITY OF BUENOS AIRES.

OUR EXPERT SUPERNATURAL ANALYST, GRAHAM MILLER, SAYS IT'S NOT YOUR IMAGINATION: WE ARE EXPERIENCING AN UPTICK IN EXTRADIMENSIONAL ATTACKS.



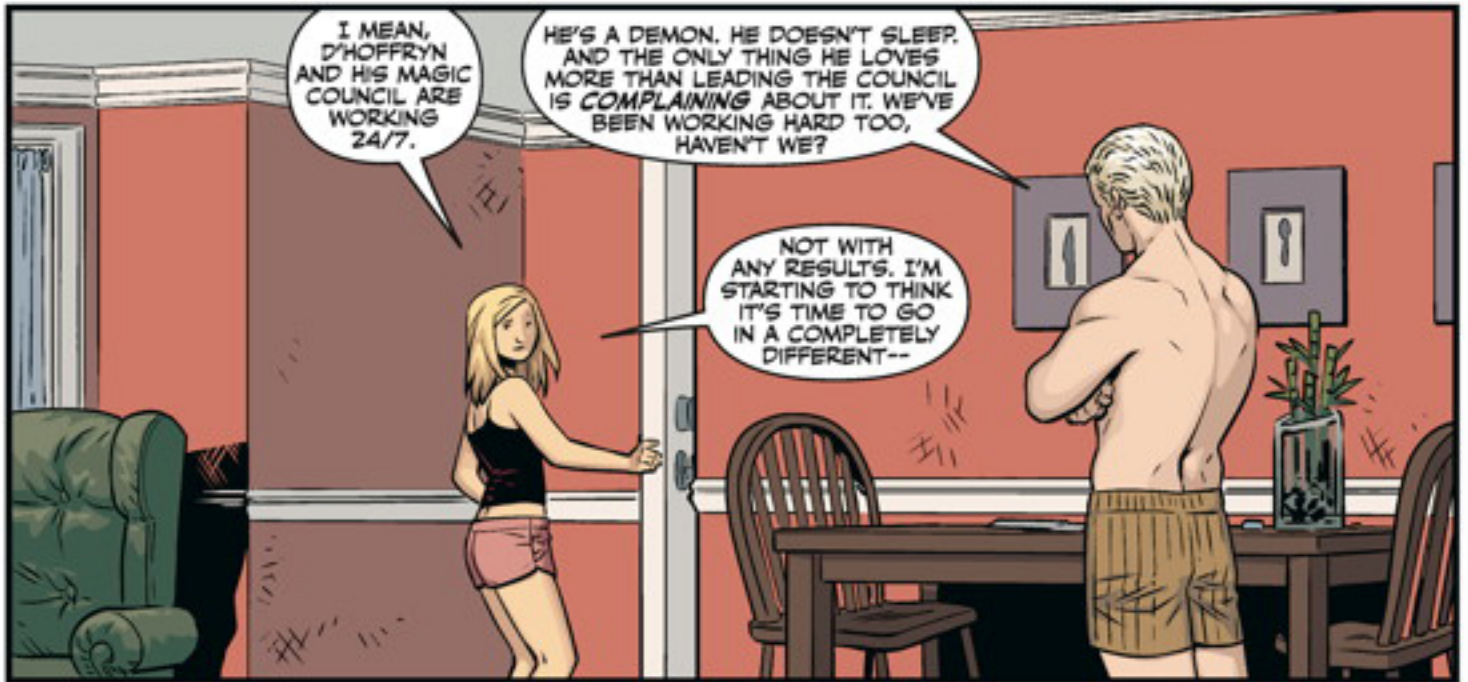
THAT'S TRUE, CHUCK. AND WHAT'S DISTURBING IS THAT THEY'RE HAPPENING WHERE YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT IT. THE ICE DEMONS IN ONTARIO, THE FLYING CENTIPEDES IN ITALY...

...SOMEHOW THESE CREATURES ARE INVADING OUR WORLD IN THE ABSENCE OF HELLMOUTHS OR OTHER PREEXISTING GATEWAYS. WE NEED TO FIND OUT HOW.



BECAUSE BUFFY THE DIOT LET THREE DEMON LORDS GET THEIR HANDS ON A PORTAL GENERATOR.

AIN'T LIKE WE HAVEN'T BEEN TRYING TO FIND 'EM. THEY'RE SLIPPERY BUGGERS.





NO! OF COURSE NOT! COME ON IN. UH, SPIKE, THIS IS SATSU, MY OLD... SLAYER... FRIEND.

I KNOW. WE MET DURING THAT TO-DO WITH THE SEED OF MAGIC. CHEERS, SATSU.

I'LL JUST GRAB ME TROUSERS, SHALL I?



I SHOULD PROBABLY EXPLAIN WHY HIS PANTS ARE IN MY BEDROOM. WITHOUT HIM IN THEM.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO. IT'S BEEN A WHILE. WE BOTH HAVE LIVES. I'M INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE TOO.

DOES HE KNOW ABOUT US? BECAUSE THAT'S NOT WHY I'M HERE, AND IF HE DOESN'T, YOU'RE KINDA MAKING IT OBVIOUS.



I DO INDEED, AND AM CERTAINLY NOT ONE TO HOLD YOUTHFUL EXPERIMENTATION AGAINST ANYONE. FEEL FREE TO SHARE STORIES IF YOU'D LIKE.

DO NOT FEEL FREE.

YOU BOTH SEEMED SO COOL AND MYSTERIOUS WHEN WE MET.



WAIT, SO WHY ARE YOU HERE? WITHOUT CALLING FIRST, WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN THE CONSIDERATE AND FAR LESS EMBARRASSING THING TO DO?

SORRY FOR THAT. I KNEW THE ONLY WAY I'D GET TO FINISH WHAT I HAVE TO SAY IS IF I CAME IN PERSON. BUFFY, I WANT YOU...



...TO HELP THE U.S. ARMY.



EEEEEE!
HARMONY AND
HER PALS DO
VEGAS!

HARMONY.
VICKI.



"PALS"? LAST
TIME WE SAW
EACH OTHER,
YOU BASHED
MY HEAD
IN!

PSSH. YOU'RE
HOLDING THAT
AGAINST ME? WE
GOT UNICORNS
OUT OF IT.



OUR DEAL
SAYS NO MILITARY.
SO GET ON YOUR
CHOPPER AND
AIRWOLF OUTTA
HERE.

WHAT
THE HELL IS
"AIRWOLF"?
NEVER MIND.
WE'RE GOING. JUST
REMEMBER--YOU
HURT OUR PEOPLE,
IT'S WAR.



STUPID
BLOOD SACK.
STILL DOESN'T
GET IT.

FOR
SOME OF US,
IT'S ALWAYS
WAR.