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The heroes of Baldur's Gate are hired to defend a temple dedicated to Kelemvor, God of Death, and are joined by a fervent follower of the church named Nerys. It doesn't take long for them to see why they're needed – They're soon attacked by werewolves and skeletons sent to retrieve a relic held by the church. That relic, a small locket, comes from the Realm of Terror known as Ravenloft, and its master has pulled our heroes into its clutches. Taken from the Realms and looking for a way to get home, our heroes are drawn deeper into the darkness.

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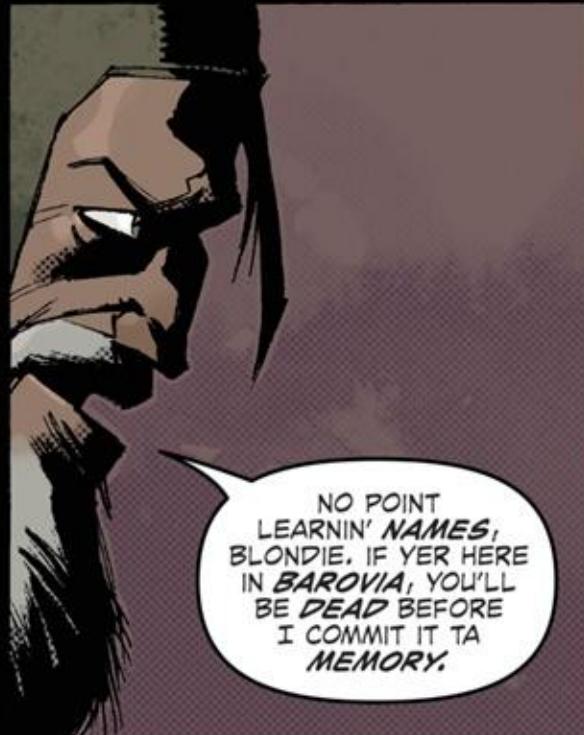
**VINE** IS THE LIFELOOD OF THE BAROVIAN PEOPLE. IT IS ONE OF THE ONLY INDULGENCES LEFT TO THEM. WITHOUT IT, MANY OF THEM WOULD LOSE THEIR LAST SHRED OF HOPE AND SUCCUMB TO UTTER DESPAIR.

MANY OF THE MALICIOUS SPIRITS ROAMING THE DEMIPLANE OF DREAD CAN SENSE WHEN MORTAL CONFIDENCE IS FLAGGING AND TAKE GREAT DELIGHT IN TOYING WITH THEIR PREY, TRYING TO PUSH THEM PAST THE BOUNDS OF SANITY.



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Part Three: Field of Regrets







KELEMVOR,  
LORD OF THE  
DEAD, HEAR MY  
PRAYER...

YOUR SERVANT IS LOST  
IN A PLACE OF EVIL AND THE  
UNDYING DARK FORCES COALESCE  
AROUND US, AND I FEAR MY HOLY  
MAGIC WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO  
SAVE ME AND MY FRIENDS.

GRANT ME  
STRENGTH TO  
DEFEND THE LIVING  
AND SMITE THE  
UNDEAD...

YES, MINSC.  
CAN I HELP  
YOU?

DID YOUR  
GOD TELL YOU  
GOOD STUFF?

IT DOESN'T  
QUITE WORK  
THAT WAY...

IF KELEMVOR IS THE  
GOD OF DEATH, DOES  
THAT MEAN HE'S JUST  
A BIG OL' DEAD  
GUY?

NO, HE IS  
A GOD. HE IS  
BEYOND LIFE  
OR DEATH.

NEAT!

THIS LAND  
BREATHES WITH  
DARK FORCES  
ANATHEMA TO  
MY FAITH.

IF KELEMVOR  
WERE HERE, HE WOULD  
WIPE THIS BLASPHEMOUS,  
DARKENED BLOT OUT  
OF EXISTENCE.

UNTIL HE ARRIVES, WE WILL  
USE HAMSTER POWER TO  
PUNCH EVIL IN ITS STINKY,  
MUSHY FACE!

SQUEE!

INDEED.

THE WEREWOLF CAVES  
NEAR LAKE BARATOK—

STAND DOWN,  
OR I'LL SLAY  
YOU WHERE YOU  
STAND...

KIRIL, DON'T  
DO THIS. DRON  
AND I ARE PART  
OF THE PACK. WE'VE  
RETURNED TO TAKE  
OUR PLACE AT  
YOUR SIDE.

HA! YOU  
THINK IT'S THAT  
SIMPLE?

YOUR PLANS  
TO LEAVE BAROVIA  
VANISHED, SO WE'RE  
GOOD ENOUGH FOR  
YOU AGAIN?

DON'T  
ACT LIKE YOU  
WOULDN'T HAVE  
DONE THE  
SAME!

WRONG! I'M  
SMART ENOUGH TO  
ACCEPT MY FATE  
HERE IN THE DREAD  
REALM. THERE IS  
NO ESCAPE.

WE MADE  
A MISTAKE.

THAT  
YOU DID,  
UTNA.

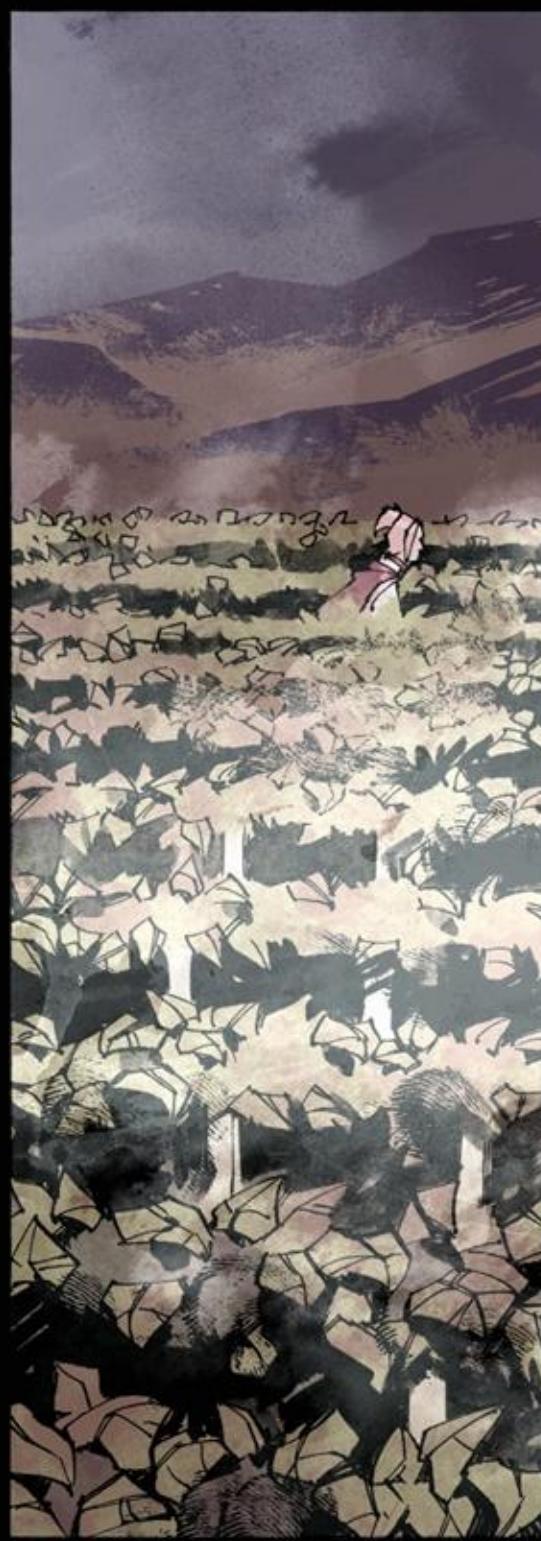
WHERE'S THAT  
FEEBLE WARLOCK WHO  
LEAD YOU ASTRAY? HE WAS  
SO SURE HE COULD TRICK  
COUNT STRAHD AND  
BREAK FREE...

I WAS  
WRONG.













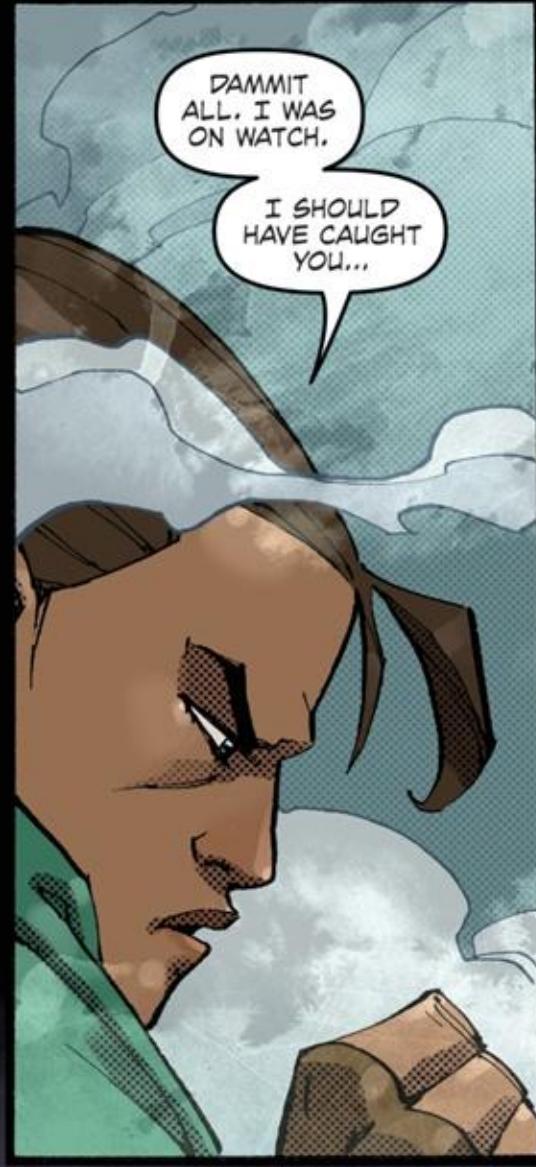












LEAVING  
ALREADY? PA SAID  
YOU COULD STAY  
TWO NIGHTS...

YOUR  
HOSPITALITY  
IS APPRECIATED,  
BUT WE SHOULD  
MOVE ON.

THE SOONER  
WE DISCOVER THE  
FORCES THAT BROUGHT  
US HERE, THE SOONER  
WE CAN RETURN  
HOME.

IF YE'RE WISE,  
YE'LL STICK TO THE  
ROADS AN' KEEP YER  
WITS ABOUT YE.

EVIL DOES  
NOT STAY ON PATHS  
WELL-TRAVELED;  
AND NEITHER  
SHALL WE.

SUIT YERSelf,  
BALDY. DON' SAY  
I DIDNA WARN  
YE...

HERE'S A  
BOTTLE TO HELP  
KEEP YOU WARM  
ON THE JOURNEY  
AHEAD.

THANKS.

N°2  
RED DRAGON CRUSH

CAN WE GO  
ALREADY?

DELINA, ARE  
YOU ALRIGHT?

JUST...  
JUST LEAVE ME  
ALONE...



A GOOD  
NIGHT'S REST AND  
A BRACING SHOWER  
TO CLEANSE OUR  
SPIRITS...

EVIL BEWARE!  
WE ARE CHIPPER  
AND READY FOR  
BUTT-KICKING!

SQUEE!

TO BE CONTINUED...