

"VAMPIRELLA VS. FLUFFY" (Comic Review)

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Vampires have been around for many a day. From Dracula to Brad Pitt, they've been burning up our screens, as well as our hearts. Save for a few minor indiscretions, these creatures of the night have always been a horror favorite. They are deadly, brutal, elusive, and sometimes, completely smoking hot. The latter, of course, being Vampirella, one of the few and far between female vampires who proved herself not only being just as vicious as her male counterparts, but has a shelf-life that outlasts most of them as well. After shuffling back and forth between several companies, our sexy lady of the night has found a new home at Dynamite Comics and is back to starring in strange, grotesque tales of fear. Her recent adventure finds her pitted against a parody of a long time vampire crusher, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, the equally under dressed, Fluffy the Vampire Killer.

The one-shot opens with two frisky teenagers pawing away at each other in the back seat of a car. Suddenly, their steamy, full night of romance is interrupted by ghostly puritans! Don't adjust your TV set, you read that right: Ghostly Puritans and they mess the two up. Word soon spreads through town about the mutilations, just in time for a hot new teacher to arrive and set up shop in the local high school. Of course the attacks, and the teacher, do not fail to reach the ears of the local occult know-it-all named Fluffy, who immediately believes the two might be linked. As she and her quick witted, firm-abbed friends start collecting clues, the teacher—now revealed to be Vampirella—starts her own hunt for the deadly Puritans. As interests and short skirts clash, Vampirella and Fluffy soon find themselves face to face with ghosts, angels, and each other. May the Dark Mother have mercy on them all.

Hilariously tongue-in-cheek, VAMPIRELLA VS. FLUFFY is a fantastic take on the popular Buffy franchise. All your favorite characters are included and parodied, including Angel, who is paralleled with Cherub and Xander Harris, replaced by Xtanley. While the comic could have benefitted from use of the actual BUFFY characters, the parody is just as good as the original and the super ridiculous names really work as statement on how over-the-top these characters were. The author, Mark Rahner seems to have really done his research on both the Fluffy characters and Vampirella. The art is solid and doesn't hold back on Vampirella's, let's just say, more endowed areas. In stores now.



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