

Dylan Dog: Dead of Night one page synopsis

After witnessing the death of her father in her own home at the hands of a mysterious beast, ELIZABETH RYAN asks private investigator DYLAN DOG and his assistant MARCUS to look into the matter. Dylan initially dismisses Elizabeth's claims, indicating he thinks she's crazy. Marcus has been pushing Dylan to take more interesting cases than the usual divorce claims and is intrigued when Elizabeth shows Dylan an old business card of his she got from a priest that identifies Dylan as "Investigator of the Supernatural"

Meanwhile at the VARGAS' club for vampires "Corpus House", he dispatches a lieutenant, LORCA, to look into the matter when he hears something called "the heart" may be involved. That night Marcus is killed in Dylan's office by a large, mostly offscreen, form. This spurs Dylan to go back to Elizabeth, willing to take her case.

He finds evidence which leads him to the CYSNOS clan of werewolves who run a meatpacking plant. He tells GABRIEL CYSNOS that he believes Gabriel's daughter Mara was responsible for killing Elizabeth's father. Dylan is attacked by Gabriel's son WOLFGANG, though Dylan fends him off with silver knuckles.

Dylan finds Mara dead, but chases a pale teenaged vampire at the scene. He returns to Elizabeth who admits her father smuggled artifacts, one of which, a cross with red stone, has gone missing. Dylan explains to Elizabeth that the living dead are all around them and that he used to be their "impartial investigator" until he paid a price.

Dylan and Elizabeth go to the morgue where Marcus wakes up a Zombie. After a stop at "Big Al's Body Shop" where Marcus is fitted with a new arm, they go to Corpus House where Dylan accuses Vargas of complicity in Mara's death. Leaving, Dylan sees the teenaged vampire from Mara's (SLAKE) and attempts to interrogate him only to both face attack by a large TATTOOED ZOMBIE who kills Slake.

Further investigation reveals Slake and Mara were in a relationship. Despite mourning the death of his girlfriend Cassandra at the hands of the vampire elders several years prior, Dylan and Elizabeth become close and sleep together. Dylan learns from an old vampire BORELLI that the artifact is called the "Heart of Belial" and can control an awful creature. Marcus learns the likely location of the Tattooed Zombie from a Zombie support group and he and Dylan go to an old power plant to investigate.

They find and kill the Tattooed Zombie, but Dylan realizes someone has been controlling it and he believes it's Vargas whom he tortures into giving up a clue which leads Dylan to the location of the Heart of Belial at the tomb of the vampire Sclavi.

Vargas and his gang show up just as Dylan has retrieved the Heart, which they confiscate. Vargas admits to Dylan that he killed Cassandra. He's now captured Elizabeth whom he plans to use as the vessel for Belial. He buries Dylan and Marcus in a tomb and leaves. Marcus burrows their way out. They rush to Corpus House, but Dylan begins to realize something.

Helpless Elizabeth turns out to be from a long line of monster hunters. She kills Vargas' bodyguards wounding Vargas and taking the Heart. Dylan (and Marcus), arrives at Corpus House and realizes who Elizabeth really is. It turns out she was the one who was controlling the Tattooed Zombie, but she hired Dylan because he was the only one who could find the Heart. Now she's going to wipe out all the undead using Vargas as the vessel. Dylan tries to stop her, but she stabs Vargas with the Heart and he begins to transform into Belial. Elizabeth tries to control him, but Belial brushes her off. She flees. Dylan stabs Belial with a metal rod, but Belial just grows stronger. Outside, though, Elizabeth is surrounded by Wolfgang and his werewolf clan and is killed. Belial is now mortal and when a bolt of lightning strikes the rod, he dies.

Dylan thanks Wolfgang and gives him the Heart for safekeeping. Dylan and Marcus walk down the street discussing their new partnership.