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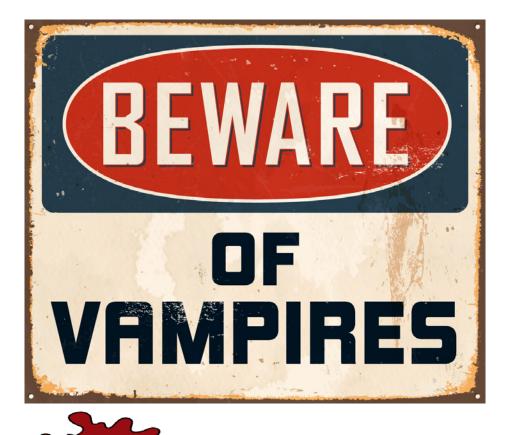


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CHAPTER 1: HISTORY

We drove up to the house around noon. Curtis and Hughes were waiting, already geared-up and ready to go. According to their intel report, this was the nest for a new Swarm of bloodsuckers outside of Newton, CA. Local records show the house had been abandoned for twenty years, after the last family that owned it passed away. It was a perfect spot for a nest.

Without any prodding, the men checked their weapons.

Once everyone was ready, we stood in a semi-circle around Father Santiago as he called upon the Lord to bless us in accomplishing his divine will upon earth. Being an atheist myself, I think it's all bullshit, but many of the men find it comforting. Considering the high rate of attrition in our line of work, I keep my trap shut on the subject.

Afterward, I walked around the house, checking to see how many entry points it had. Other than the front and back doors, the place was boarded up tight. Good. In case it got dark before we took them all out, I didn't want any Squids to escape into the woods nearby.

I signaled to Curtis for him to get things underway—I wanted this nest cleared before dusk. If we didn't, then we'd be up shit's creek when the Master woke up. If we could catch it while the sun is still up, we'd have a chance to kill it. If not, some of the men were going to die before the Master went down. They all knew that when they signed on, but I hoped we could avoid it.

What's the point in getting paid 500 grand a year if you're not alive to spend it?

From Legend to Reality

Throughout the stretch of man's history, there have been legends about vampires—every culture has

its own myths about these creatures, but the majority of such tales are just that: myths. However, those myths are sometimes based on actual events and, unfortunately for mankind, vampires are real.

Vampires exist to this very day, killing humans for the blood the monsters need to live.