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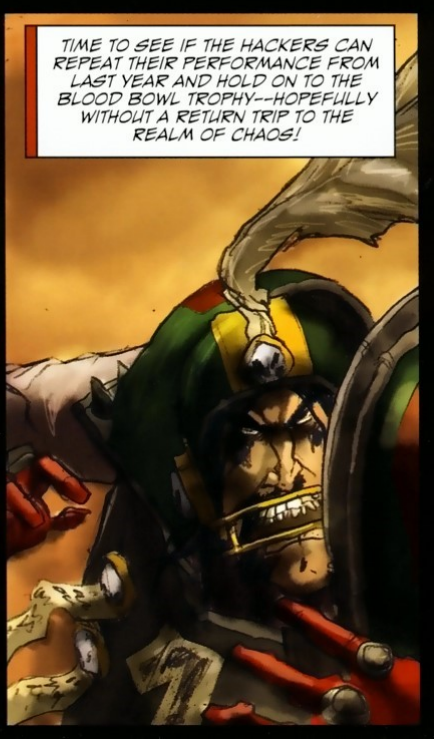
BACK AGAIN FROM OUR COMMERCIAL BREAK, WELCOME TO THE SECOND GAME IN THE SEMI-FINAL ROUND OF THE BLOOD BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP!


WE'RE STILL SCORELESS HERE IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE MARQUEE MATCH-UP OF THE DAY: THE BAD BAY HACKERS VERSUS THE CHAOS ALL-STARS!


THE HACKER/ALL-STAR CLASHES ALWAYS MAKE FOR MEMORABLE GAMES! AND THE WINNER OF THIS GAME GOES ON TO FACE THE CHAMPIONS OF DEATH IN THE FINAL GAME!


THAT'S RIGHT! WHO COULD FORGET LAST YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, IN WHICH THE HACKERS DEFEATED NOT ONLY THE ALL-STARS BUT AN INCARNATION OF THEIR BLOOD GOD KHORNE!


TIME TO SEE IF THE HACKERS CAN REPEAT THEIR PERFORMANCE FROM LAST YEAR AND HOLD ON TO THE BLOOD BOWL TROPHY--HOPEFULLY WITHOUT A RETURN TRIP TO THE REALM OF CHAOS!


MANY OF THE HACKERS' WORST ENEMIES HAVE HAILED FROM THE ALL-STARS, INCLUDING THE EVIL WIZARD SCHLECTER ZAUBERER AND HALL-OF-FAMER BLITZER SKRAGGER!
DID THEY EVER FIND SKRAGGER'S SHRUNKEN HEAD AFTER THE HACKERS TORE IT OFF THE SHOULDERS OF THE MUTANT TROLL ICHORBOD?
PASSWORD?
LAST WE SAW OF THAT UNDEAD HEAD, IT WENT SCREAMING INTO THE COMMUNAL BOG OUT BACK OF THE CHILI SUPREME RAT-ON-A-STICK STAND!
I KNOW! I MAKE SURE TO USE THAT ONE EVERY TIME I GO!
HEY!
LOOKS LIKE CAVRE'S IN TROUBLE!
HE IS IF HE LETS TINY MCFEARSOME GET HOLD OF HIM!
PASSWORD!


CAVRE THROWS A BULLET OF A PASS TO SPIEL, WHO'S ONLY STEPS AWAY FROM THE END ZONE!
SPIEL STIFFARMS GOLMUTH THE HORNY FLAT ON HIS BACK! AND STORMS ACROSS THE GOAL LINE!
TOUCHDOWN, HACKERS!
WHOO-HOO!!!
WHY DO THEY CALL HIM TINY AGAIN?
HE'S THE RUNT OF THE FAMILY!
DON'T KNOW PASSWORD?
UH-OH


YOU SHOULD SEE HIS FATHER! HE PUTS THE 'FEAR' IN MCFEARSOME!
THEN YOU PAY!!!
NOOO!!!


DOES McFEARSOME LOOK LIKE HE'S SKINNIER THESE DAYS?
THUD!!
SQUISH
NOT RIGHT NOW! HE JUST PUT ON 250 POUNDS OF DEAD WEIGHT!
LEMME GET YOU RECEIPT.
THAT PUTS THE HACKERS UP THREE TOUCHDOWNS TO NOTHING, AND WE'RE STILL IN THE FIRST HALF!
THAT'S SIX PLAYERS WE'VE LOST ALREADY!
DR. PILL SAYS KIRTA'S GOING TO MAKE IT.
TRUE! BUT THE ALL-STARS AREN'T LOOKING TO SCORE--JUST KILL!
GOOD FOR HER, BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP US.
RIGHT! IF THEY CAN MURDER THE OTHER TEAM, THEY WIN BY FORFEIT!
WE'RE DOWN TO THE LAST PLAYER ON OUR BENCH.
WHO'S THAT?
OH NO.
OH YES.


MR. MÖRDER! YOU'RE UP!
WHAT? AFTER HOW HE TRIED TO KILL DUNK?
NOW 'EZ UP? WOT IF 'E DON' WANNA BE UP?
SHUT UP.
AFFER ALL DA TRUBBELS YOU GIVE 'IM OVER 'OFFNUNG?
SHUT UP.
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
DO YOU SEE ANYONE ELSE LEFT ON THIS BENCH, MR. FULLBELLY?
UNLESS YOU'RE VOLUNTEERING TO TAKE HIS PLACE.
NOW, PEGLEG, LET'S NOT BE HASTY.


AND WOT IF 'E DON'T WANNA PLAY FER YA AFTER 'OW YOUZ TREATED 'IM?
I'LL DO IT.
WHAT?
I SAID I'LL DO IT.
I'M BEING PAID TO DO A JOB. HERE'S MY CHANCE.
SHUT UP, AND LET ME DO MY JOB.
WELL...
ONCE YOU PUT IT DAT WAY, OF COURSE!
GO, GO, GO!
YOU LEAVE MR. HOFFNUNG ALONE, MR. MÖRDER, OR THERE WILL BE THE DEVIL TO PAY.
I DOUBT IT. AFTER ALL...
THE DEVIL PAYS ME.


WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HERE?
JUST FOLLOWING ORDERS.
STAY AWAY FROM DUNK!
EVEN IF I WAS HIRED TO REMOVE HOFFNUNG--AND I'M NOT SAYING I WAS--YOU THINK KILLING ME WOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
KILL AN ASSASSIN AND THE FEE GOES BACK TO THE CLIENT.
THEY JUST HIRE ANOTHER KILLER THE NEXT DAY.


THEN WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT WHO'S HOLDING YOUR STRINGS--AND CUT THEM.
KNOCK THIS OFF. WE HAVE A GAME TO PLAY.
BUT HE'S TRYING TO KILL YOU!
SO'S EVERY PLAYER ON OTHER SIDE OF THE FIELD. THEY'RE TRYING TO KILL US ALL.
HIM INCLUDED.
THE ONLY WAY ANY OF US IS GOING TO SURVIVE THIS GAME IS IF WE WORK TOGETHER.
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST YOU.
RIGHT. IT'S JUST BUSINESS.
HERE'S SOME MORE BUSINESS FOR YOU.
AS LONG AS YOU WEAR THAT UNIFORM, YOU'RE A HACKER.
SO?
THAT MEANS NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU WANT TO KILL ME...


BOOM
THE ALL-STARS WANT TO KILL US ALL MUCH WORSE.
GIVEN HALF A CHANCE, THEY'LL KILL EVERY DAMNED ONE OF US.
WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER OR DIE ALONE.
SAVE THE RAH-RAH FOR THE FANS.
LET'S PLAY.


AND THE ALL-STARS' TEAM CAPTAIN DOOM VON BOOM KICKS OFF TO GET THE GAME STARTED AGAIN!
WAIT! THE HACKERS JUST SCORED! SHOULDN'T THEY BE KICKING OFF?
I =HIC= GOT IT!
THAT'S CHAOS FOR YOU!
WHOOPS!
THUD!
IN ONE CHAOS GAME, I SAW THE BALL SPLIT INTO TWO DIFFERENT BALLS--TWICE!
SLIPPERY DAMN--
UH-OH.
YOU JUST NEVER KNOW IF THERE'S ANY METHOD TO THEIR MADNESS--OR IF IT'S JUST MADNESS!


BA-DA-BAAAM!
WITH EXPLOSIONS LIKE THAT, WHO CARES?
DESPITE THAT BEAUTY OF A BLAST, THE ONLY HACKER STILL DOWN IS GETRUNKEN!
AND IF HE CAN CRAWL OFF THE FIELD, HE MIGHT STILL LIVE!
I THOUGHT I LEFT A WAKEUP CALL...
THAT SOUND YOU JUST HEARD WAS THE BARTENDER AT THE SKINNED CAT SIGHING WITH RELIEF!
I'LL KILL YOU!
OOFF!


WHOA! WHAT A CHEAP SHOT!
HATE THIS BLOODY GAME!
AWESOME! YOU DON'T SEE HITS LIKE THAT EVERY DAY!
KILL YOU AND BE DONE WITH IT!
ESPECIALLY NOT FROM PLAYERS ON THE SAME TEAM!
STOP IT!
LOOKS LIKE REPORTS OF THE ON-FIELD RIVALRY BETWEEN HOFFNUNG AND MÖRDER HAVE NOT BEEN EXAGGERATED!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DID TO PISS YOU OFF, BUT--
KILLYOU KILLYOU KILLYOU!
IT'S A SHAME TO SEE THAT KIND OF IN-FIGHTING WHEN THERE'S PLENTY OF OUT-FIGHTING TO GO AROUND!
THUMP
UH-OH.


THE ALL-STARS MUST BE BUYING THOSE BOMBS IN BULK! WHERE ARE THEY ALL COMING FROM?
NO HURT DUNKEL!
NEVER MIND THAT! WHERE'S THE REF?
GO BYE-BYE.
DIDN'T YOU SEE? McFEARSOME HAS BEEN SNACKING ON THE BEASTMAN REF FOR THE LAST FIVE MINUTES!
BA-DA-BIIING!
MMM! I HEAR ONCE YOU GET PAST ALL THAT FUR THOSE BEASTMEN TASTE JUST LIKE CHICKEN!
THAT'S WHEN YOU EAT THEM RAW! COOKED, THEY TASTE LIKE BEEF!


LOOKS LIKE MÖRDER HAS HAD ENOUGH!
THIS AIN'T WORTH IT.
YOU SEE THIS ALL THE TIME! BLOOD BOWL LOOKS GLAMOROUS ENOUGH ON CABALVISION!
HOLD IT!
THUMP
RIGHT! WHO CAN BLAME A YOUNG FAN FOR GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THE CARNAGE!
BA-BOOM!
WE SPLIT UP, THEY'LL KILL US ONE BY ONE!
THEY WON'T REST UNTIL WE'RE ALL DEAD!
WE'RE DEAD EITHER WAY!
THEN YOU REALIZE ALL THAT BLOOD OUT THERE'S NOT JUST A CONDIMENT!
I HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT HOW WE MIGHT STOP THIS.
ARE YOU WITH ME?
YEAH, FOR VAMPIRES LIKE YOU IT'S A MAIN COURSE!
FOR NOW.


M'GRASH! PUSH 'EM BACK!
HARD!
THEN COME RIGHT BACK!
LOOKS LIKE THE ALL-STARS ARE HEADING BACK TO THEIR DUGOUT FOR MORE AMMUNITION!
PUSH!
BACK!
HARD!
THE REST OF YOU! HUDDLE UP!
TOO BAD THE HACKERS HAVE NOTHING TO FIGHT BACK WITH!
NOTHING BUT K'THRAGGSH!
YER NOT GETTIN' THROUGH!
PUSH!
BACK!
HARD!
STILL, HE'S ONLY ONE OGRE!
THANKS FOR GROUPING UP, HACKERS!
BOOM
WHERE'S THE REST OF THE TEAM?
THAT MAKES THIS MUCH EASIER!
READY!


STEADY!
EMBRACING THEIR DOOM!
PUSH!
BACK!
HARD!
THEY LOOK MORE DETERMINED THAN DAMNED!
OI!
WOW! WHAT A REVERSE!
HELLO? ALL-STARS? SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR YOU!
GO!
WHOA! IF ANY OF THOSE GET THROUGH, YOU KNOW WHAT?
COME!
RIGHT!
BACK!
OH! YES, I KNOW!
WUH-OH.


THAT'S GOING TO LEAVE A MARK!
BA-DA-
BOOM-
BOOM-
BOOM!
MORE LIKE A CRATER!


NO ONE'S MOVING IN THE ALL-STARS' DUGOUT, ER, CRATER!
DID THAT GO LIKE YOU EXPECTED IT?
NO.
MUCH BETTER.
HACKERS WIN!
SEE? DON'T PANIC, STICK TOGETHER, AND NOTHING CAN STOP US!
WITH THAT VICTORY, THE HACKERS EARN THE RIGHT TO PLAY IN THE BLOOD BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!
NOTHING AT ALL, EH?
THAT'S RIGHT! AND THEY'LL BE DEFENDING THEIR TITLE AGAINST THE CHAMPIONS OF DEATH!
HM?
DOWN AS MANY PLAYERS AS THEY ARE, CAN THE HACKERS REPEAT THIS YEAR? OR WILL THEY FIND THEMSELVES FIRST-ROUND DRAFT PICKS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CHAMPIONS OF DEATH TEAM?
BE SURE COME BACK FOR THE BIG GAME TO FIND OUT!
WHERE'S MY KNIFE?


MY LITTLE GIRL'S A CHAMPION AGAIN!
AND I WON MY BETS!
ALTHOUGH TO PAY FOR YOUR DOWRY, I'LL HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME WAY TO FIND MORE...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THAT, DAD.
DON'T INSULT ME, GIRL.
YOU MAY BE RICH AND FAMOUS, BUT I'M STILL YOUR FATHER.
THE DOWRY FUNDS THE WEDDING, AND I'M DETERMINED TO GIVE YOU THE KIND OF CELEBRATION YOU DESERVE.
YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANY OF THAT AFTER THE NEXT GAME.
WE'RE SO SHORT-HANDED NOW, WE'RE SURE TO GET KILLED.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, COACH! I KNOW JUST THE MAN.
HE'S A REAL BEAST, KNOWS THE GAME UPSIDE-DOWN, AND HE'S READY TO RISK LIFE AND LIMB FOR A SHARE OF THAT CHAMPIONSHIP CASH.
AND WHO MIGHT THAT BE, MR. SCHOENHEIT?
DAD, NO.
ME!


HEY!
FOT YA COULD LOSE ME?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
YA BLEW IT-- AG'IN. DA CLIENT'S FYUR-EE-US!
THE GAME IS INSANE. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS.
YA GOTTA KILL 'IM INNA GAME! DAT'S DA DEAL.
YOUZ GOTS ONE LAST SHOT AT DIS, DURIN' DA CHAM-PEEN-SHIP.
FORGET IT. I QUIT.


YA CAN'T! DERE'Z NO OUT ON DIS CONTRACT.
YA KILL 'OFFNUNG, OR YOUZ DEAD.
AND YOU SET IT UP THIS WAY?
I'LL HONOR MY CONTRACT.
DUNKEL HOFFNUNG WILL DIE.
URK
I'M AFRAID IT'S TIME FOR US TO PART WAYS THOUGH.
GAK
AFTER THIS, I FEEL I NEED NEW REPRESENTATION.
JUST AS SOON AS I TAKE CARE OF THIS LAST BIT OF PRIOR BUSINESS.