



The Most Important Face-Off

of all time:



Zombies vs. Vampires

Vince D'Amato took a great idea and made it into a sham for the sake of the dollars shelled out by suckers like us who foam at the mouth over the slightest whisper of "living-impaired" beings with his 2004 straight-to-video release "Vampires vs. Zombies." That, at best, F-movie left its target audience with a bitter taste, unfortunately not the savory taste of brain matter, in its mouth and one gigantic question hovering bat-like in the air: who would win in a fight between vampires and zombies?

Zombies leave bad aftertaste

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Zombies are pansies. All of that lace around their pale necks must force them in that totally flamboyant and otherwise ridiculous fashion they are so attractive. For the most part, and it's more enjoyable to cavort with "pets" rather than participate in the slaughter, which is one of the reasons it shames in all of monsterdom. They are gifted with many capabilities that would prove utterly useless to a fragile human. While they lack flight, speed, strength and intelligence would be good against any opponent, for some inexplicable reason only the oldest vampires possess those qualities to any practical degree.

It seems that for the most part the zombies have gone for the most part of their undeniable sex appeal. They ask the question "How/why the hell do you seduce a zombie?!" and the zombie priest and zombie from "Dead Alive" did share a moment but that was based on mutual attraction and a certain amount of animal tranquilizers. Other than isolated incidences, zombies are a whit for sexual contact and are most part immune to the kind of "roofies" commonly used by vampires to subdue their victims. What would controlling the mind of a zombie do anyway?

In K. Hamilton's "Anita Blake" she depicts a myriad of vampires with a varied list of abilities. One ability is that of a zombie. Vampire monster who has the ability to

effectively rot on a whim. Although utterly impossible, this fraudulent capability brings up the question of whether or not a vampire could bite a zombie. The answer is a resounding no.

You see if a vampire were to bring its head into effective biting range, the zombie would undoubtedly and unknowingly bite the vampire. How would this happen if the vampires are so unearthly fast? The answer is simple, Horatio: zombies don't think about their actions... they don't think at all and base everything on instinct.

The reality of the situation is that by the time the vampires had to deal with the zombie menace it would have reached pandemic proportions. With the zombies' awesome powers of super strength, slow walking and stupidity, coupled with their insatiable appetite for flesh and the ability to convert their victims quickly and easily, the zombies would have no problem slowly overwhelming the relatively few vampires left to fend them off.

If it were a one-on-one struggle, the zombie would be destroyed with the utmost efficiency. When dealing with zombies, however, it is never a one-on-one conflict and therein lies the awesome power of the zombie.

Not only would fighting off a zombie horde be the equivalent of fighting a land war with China, but the vampires would have the misfortune of having to sleep all day... while the zombies are forced to kill, and thus bolster their numbers, around the clock. Sucks to be a vampire, doesn't it?

Vampires make afterlife hard

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Vampires, with their superior strength, cunning, ability to change into animals and seduce beautiful damsels, would obviously win in a fight against zombies.

First, let us look at the Anne Rice vampire. Sex, money and more sex abound within this vampiric society. The zombies would be hard-pressed to fit in so well and so beautifully with the humans, making them an easy target during the unforbearing daylight hours. With the vampires safely asleep in their coffins during the day, the zombies would be forced to fight them at night. This would leave the zombies victim to their poor eyesight against the wonderful night vision of the vampires. Poor vision, you ask? Well, they are made of rotting flesh.

Moving on to the breed of vampire that spawned from the "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" universe, we see that the power of the vampire increases not only with its creation, but also with the size of the "lobotomy forehead" it receives when it gets angry.

For example, it seems that once you become a vampire, you know karate. This is a staple in the modern vampire's powers. Not only do you know karate, you're really damn good at it, too. This power only doubles or even triples when you put on your "lobotomy forehead," a.k.a. get really pissed.

The "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" vampire, coupled with the Anne Rice vampire, could easily outwit and outmatch the zombies in a fight.

Now, let's look at the zombie itself.

Not much going on there, is it? Rotting flesh, stunted motor skills, as well as the inability to speak. What would the zombie do? Say "murr" and twitch a little? The vampire could easily take out the zombie. Indeed, as we have seen in such movies as "28 Days Later," anyone can kill a zombie! However, only a strong "slayer" can stand a chance against a vampire.

However, I will admit that the zombies do have the exponential breeding rate going for them. But, while it is said that zombies would win by their sheer numbers, I doubt this greatly. Even though the zombie "disease" would spread much faster than the vampires could sire more of their kind, the vampires would still win. With the vampire's long life-span, ability to regenerate and thus superior knowledge of all kinds of stuff, they would be able to deal with such a fast-spreading disease such as zombies quite easily.

So, it should be clear by this point that vampires would win in a fight because of their incredible and intuitive karate skills, as well as their superior knowledge of lots of cool, timeless things. Vampires are like the Yodas of the undead. Wise, full of proverbs and they know some kick-ass fighting techniques. Some breeds of vampire even find themselves with psychic powers after a long period of time, making them even stronger and more Jedi-like.

You see, because of the vampire's strength, intelligence and overall suave style, it would beat the zombie into the ground any day.

Instant fear leaves Americans unable to choose wisely

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There is a more powerful force than any sort of truth. It is not just talking about fear; I am talking about instilling fear that it is just a matter of time before a mushroom cloud erupts in our own back yard, and that we could die at the hands of a terrorist at any

time. I remember seeing news anchors fall on television, I remember realizing that this is a vulnerable, and I remember realizing that I am vulnerable. It was a scary feeling, it felt like a time to

sweep my criticism of George W. Bush, and trust the president to do his job as commander-in-chief: protect our country.

This fear has made us blind to the truth. In the days leading up to March 20, 2003, and in the days since then, George W. Bush has showed the American people how he feels about the trust we put in him after the World Trade Center fell, issuing statements ranging from outrageous lies to borderline propaganda. He and his administration have taken advantage of our fear, and hijacked it for their own purposes.

The first place young children will look to for truth is their parents. When children are afraid,

their parents' first job is to comfort them and make them feel safe. Likewise, when we are attacked, we want to rally around our leader, and we want to be told everything will be ok.

George Bush told us he would do just that, and a year-and-a-half after 9/11, we attacked Iraq. Those of us who supported the war did so because the shadow of September 11th still hung over our heads, and in truth, it didn't matter so much to us who the bad guys were, so long as we got them.

Imagine if France attacked another country and told the world that there were weapons of mass destruction there, pointed at France. How would we feel if it

turned out there was no evidence of any weapons being built there? Would we not be a little suspicious of France's motives? If France claimed that they were "liberators" and not occupiers, would we not still be a little suspicious of whether their motives were actually imperialistic?

I love my country, and I wanted to believe the president was doing the best he could for us. But I am not a child anymore, and I know better than to believe a comforting lie, one that soldiers died for. They may have died fighting for what they believed was right, and they may have died heroes, but they died on the basis of a lie, and that is a tragedy.

You can change things. You can show this administration that you are not afraid. If you vote for John Kerry, he will do a real job of protecting this country. Anybody who has watched the debates knows that he has provided facts, while Bush has provided mostly repetitive rhetoric, designed to make Kerry look incompetent without giving any factual evidence that he is. This is just another scare tactic, designed to remind us that we should be afraid, unless we have Mommy Bush and Daddy Cheney to protect us. We are at war, and we need a president that will finish this responsibly. We need a president that will not sacrifice truth to rule by fear.

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