

DEAD BATTERY-SYNOPSIS 7/30/2012

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It is after the Monster Wars. Man has won control over the vampires, zombies and werewolves that threatened all of humanity. Since they were so many in number, the monsters were assimilated back into society.

Zombies for manual labor, vampires because of their intelligence for technical and scientific advances and werewolves were pretty much left at their own since they were only a problem once a month or every full moon.

To monitor and maintain the peace with the living these creatures were implanted with neurological tracking chips. That way they could be neutralized if something in their control mechanism malfunctioned. Assigned to patrol these creatures were the public servants of the Dead Battery. The living were policed by the Live Battery. Law Commissioner Beacon was over both divisions.

Luke Helm, is a veteran public servant on the Dead Battery beat. His wife was killed by a zombie and that part of him which died enables him to carry out the executions required of the job without emotion. Of late there has been a number of attacks that haven't shown up on the public servant's radar. Helm is partnered with Thomas Foster, an officer from the Live Battery in an experiment to join both divisions.

Foster does not understand the Dead Battery's brutal approach to law enforcement. Helm continues to dole out justice to the creatures who become a threat to the general public. Helm is notified by the city coroner Paddy to watch out for monsters with neurological chips which are not showing up on the radar. Helm discounts this warning until a fellow public servant Officer Ho is torn apart by a zombie that he did not detect on his viewer.

The next time Helm encounters a zombie, he fires his deionizer below the head destroying its body. He takes the head back for Paddy to

dissect. Foster goes to visit his sister Cara, a three time felon in the Live Battery penal system. She begs him to have the Commissioner spare her life. Foster tells her it is under control.

Paddy makes a startling discovery while doing an autopsy on the head Helm brought him. He calls Helm on the phone to arrange a private meeting. Helm gets the message on his answering machine. Paddy goes to his car in the parking garage. When he starts up the engine a zombie that was in the back seat attacks the doctor from behind. Helm goes to meet Paddy at the specified location. When the doctor does not show up Helm calls Paddy's wife who informs Helm that Paddy never came home.

Helm contacts Foster about the coroner's disappearance. When they get to the Dead Battery precinct they learn that Paddy was torn apart inside his own car. Helm advises Foster that Paddy was researching why the monsters neurological chips were not showing up on Dead Battery sonar. Paddy is replaced by a new coroner Alicia Reynolds. Helm tells her that Paddy had discovered something about the chips that made him a liability. Reynolds dismisses it as nonsense.

While Helm is with Foster he notices that his partner periodically leaves to make private phone calls. Helm and Foster are called to the scene of a zombie prostitution ring. During the chaos Helm notes that none of the undead perpetrators give off a signal. He and Foster are able to capture or destroy most of the creatures involved. One of the criminals is a human named Troy. When he is being arrested he tells Helm that he has information that could save the world.

Helm meets Troy in a Live Battery visitation pen. Troy informs Helm that somebody in the Dead Battery is putting executed felons back on the streets as monsters. This clicks with Helm as to why the monsters he recently encountered did not give off a signal. They never had one. Helm asks Reynolds to meet him. He finds she is also a widow. They find solace in one another. Reynolds returns to the lab looking for evidence that would collaborate Helm's story.

She happens across files for bodies to be signed off to an organization working with the Battery called Relife. At first she figured this to be a rehabilitation department. Then she contacts a friend from her days at the Live Battery who confirms that all of the bodies transferred to Relife are criminals which were sentenced to death.

Foster gets Reynolds' urgent call on the police radio for Helm. He tells Reynolds that he will pass the message. Foster calls up another party on his mobile phone and informs them that Reynolds knows about Relife. Commissioner Beacon reluctantly orders Foster to bring Helm in. Foster takes Helm to a hidden level beneath the penal tower. He forces him at gunpoint into a high tech laboratory operating there.

A giant metal containment unit with tubes running in it from separate pods holding zombies, vampires and werewolves is the Relife chamber. A conveyor belt provides a steady flow of bodies into its steel walls. Foster cuffs Helm and takes him before Beacon. Foster's sister Cara is being held along with Reynolds by Beacon's zombie henchmen. Beacon tells Helm that he and his scientific team found a method to transfer undead DNA into the living to create a new hybrid. Beacon can control the Relife creatures with voice suggestion that only they can hear.

Beacon plans to kill off all the humans and rule over a race of the undead that will do only his bidding. This will fulfill his desire for absolute control. Foster asks Beacon where does that leave him and his sister. Beacon takes out a gun and shoots Foster in the chest. He laughs and orders the zombies to place Cara then Reynolds on the conveyor belt. Beacon tells Helm that he is going to turn Reynolds into a zombie and have her tear him apart.

Helm headbutts one of the zombies guarding him. He drops to the floor and yells at Foster to get his deionizer from the holster. He brings his cuffed hands forward and orders Foster to shoot them. Foster

fires the deionizer dematerializing one of Helm's hands. Helm is able to use his normal hand to wield the deionizer at Beacon. When Beacon thinks that Helm is going to blast him into smithereens, Helm picks up Foster's gun and shoots Beacon until he falls back onto the Relife conveyor belt. The commissioner is brought into the containment unit. Helm aims his deionizer at the controls and blows them to pieces.

DNA from all of the specimen pods pumps into the Relife chamber. Beacon emerges out the other end as a monstrous combination of zombie, vampire and werewolf. This time Helm points the deionizer at Beacon and fires. Beacon's mutilated molecules separate into a cloud of particles. Helm gets Foster up and together they free Cara and Reynolds. They exit the penal tower as it bursts into an underground explosion. They limp out into the street as the moans of unchecked zombies start to fill the air.

Helm notes in a voice over. We were in control after the monster wars. Now due to one man's quest for power we find ourselves at war once more. We will gain control again.