




TRAGEDY ALWAYS
LEAVES SOMETHING
BEHIND.



EVERY TIME, THE
LOWER THE SORROW,
THE BIGGER THE POST-
IMPACT EMOTIONAL
CRATER WILL BE.

EVEN WITH PLACES, TRAGEDY
STILL LEAVES BEHIND A KIND OF
PSYCHIC SCARRING ON AN AREA
AFTER SLICING ITS WAY THROUGH.




HUMANS USUALLY CAN'T SENSE
WHEN THEIR ENVIRONMENT HAS BEEN
TRAUMATIZED, AND AS A RESULT, IS
DEFIANT FROM THE PAIN--

--ROILING OVER WITH MAGIC
AND MONSTERS AND NATURAL
DISASTERS.

BUT I
CAN.




SO I CAN TELL YOU
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY
NEW ORLEANS IS THE
WAY IT IS.



PEOPLE LIVING HERE INSIST THEY ENTOMB THEIR DEAD ABOVE-GROUND BECAUSE OF THE HIGH WATER TABLE, BUT THE TRUTH ISN'T NEARLY SO PRAGMATIC.

IT'S EUROPEAN INFLUENCE--WHAT WAS EN VOGUE OVERSEAS AT THE TIME OF COLONIZATION.




THEY JUST LIE ABOUT THE WATER TABLE TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT THE EARTH HERE INSISTS ON SPITTING OUT ANY HUMAN BONES YOU TRY TO PUT IN IT. IT JUST WON'T ACCEPT ANY MORE TRAGEDY.


YOU CAN'T BURY THE DEAD HERE.



MADAME TOUSSAINT? I BELIEVE YOU REQUESTED MY SERVICES.



SO WHEN I GOT A DESPERATE CALL ABOUT COMING HERE TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THIRTEEN CHILDREN OVER THE LAST YEAR--



--I VOWED TO MYSELF THAT I WOULD AT LEAST FIND THEIR BONES.



I DID NO SUCH THING!

GO AWAY!

SLAM



Sigh



WAAAAA
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM



WELL, SOMEONE CALLED ME.



SO WHETHER OR NOT YOU MADE THE CALL, IF THERE'S SOMETHING HERE THAT NEEDS MY ATTENTION...

...I'LL HANDLE IT REGARDLESS.



A LAMIA,
HALF-WOMAN,
HALF-SNAKE.



THEY EXCLUSIVELY FEED
ON HUMAN CHILDREN.



I HAVE
A GOOD
THING GOING
HERE!



SWALLOWING
THEIR PREY
WHOLE...



...LAMIA
DIGEST EVEN
THE BONES.

I BET.
THIS PLACE
MUST'VE BEEN
LIKE A VEGAS
BUFFET FOR
YOU.

