

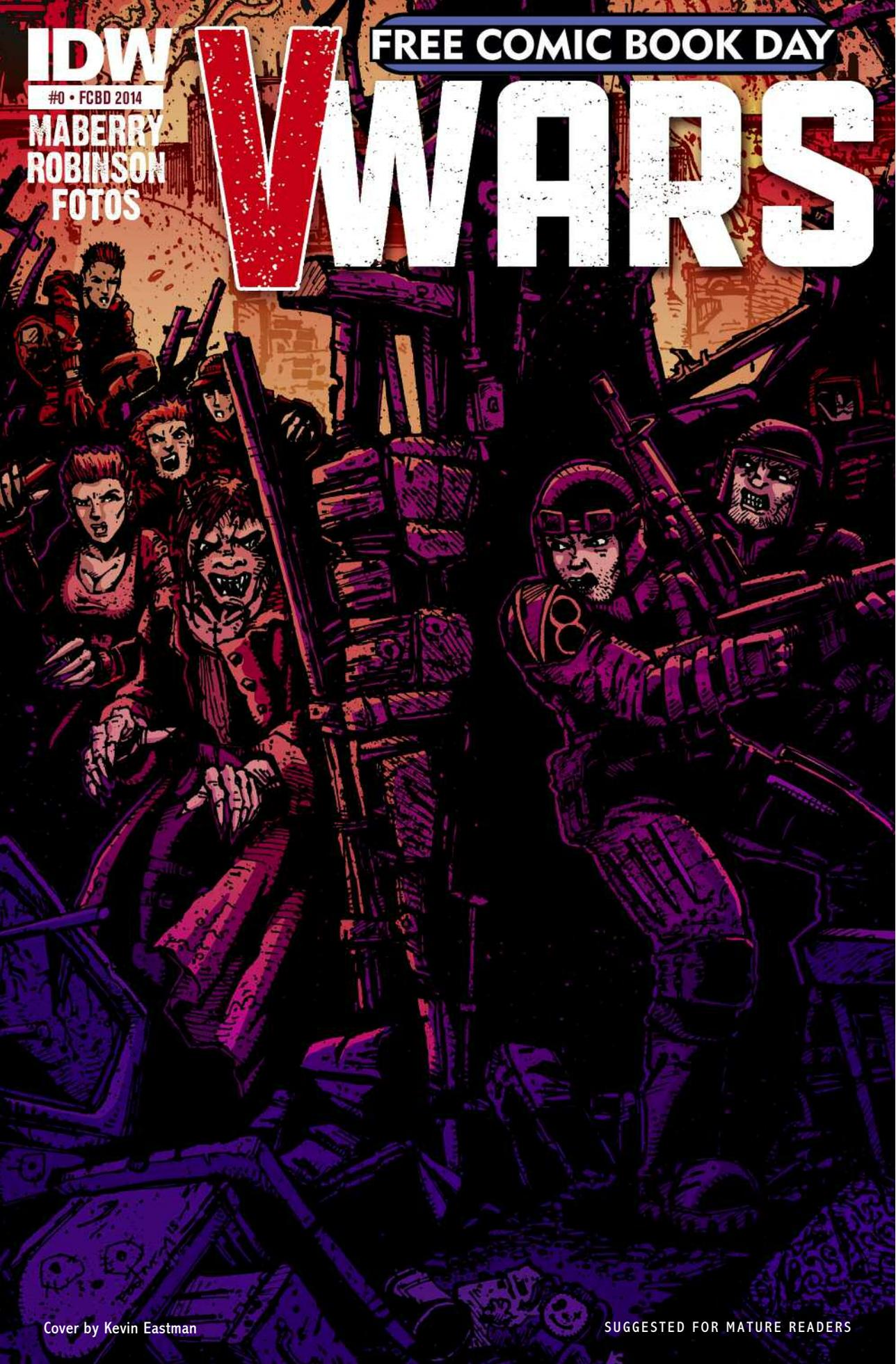
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- CDC confirmation pending.
- Melting Arctic ice possible origin point for release of the IIv1 virus.
- Virus triggering dormant genes from junk DNA, genes that once created vampires.
- Infection rates currently low but reports from major populations worldwide continue to come in.
- Without methods of containment, looking at a global pandemic of epic proportions.
- Characteristics of transformation vary and appear regionally based. Common theme appears to be unnatural and unstoppable hunger.

They are here.

They hide among us.

They hunt us.

They feed on us.

The ARE us.

..... end transmission

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Eight months ago, all I had to worry about was grading papers and university politics.

Then HIV1. The ice virus.



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A disease released from melting polar ice. It triggered junk DNA. It activated a gene that we didn't even know we had.



The gene that causes VAMPIRISM.

Turns out they aren't a myth. So much for my folklore degree. So much for Hollywood.



BLAM

Vampires were real. Maybe a mutation. Maybe a variation on homo sapiens. The science is still fuzzy. Tests are ongoing.



All we know for certain is that they're real. They're HERE.

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And anyone could become infected at any time.



Anyone.

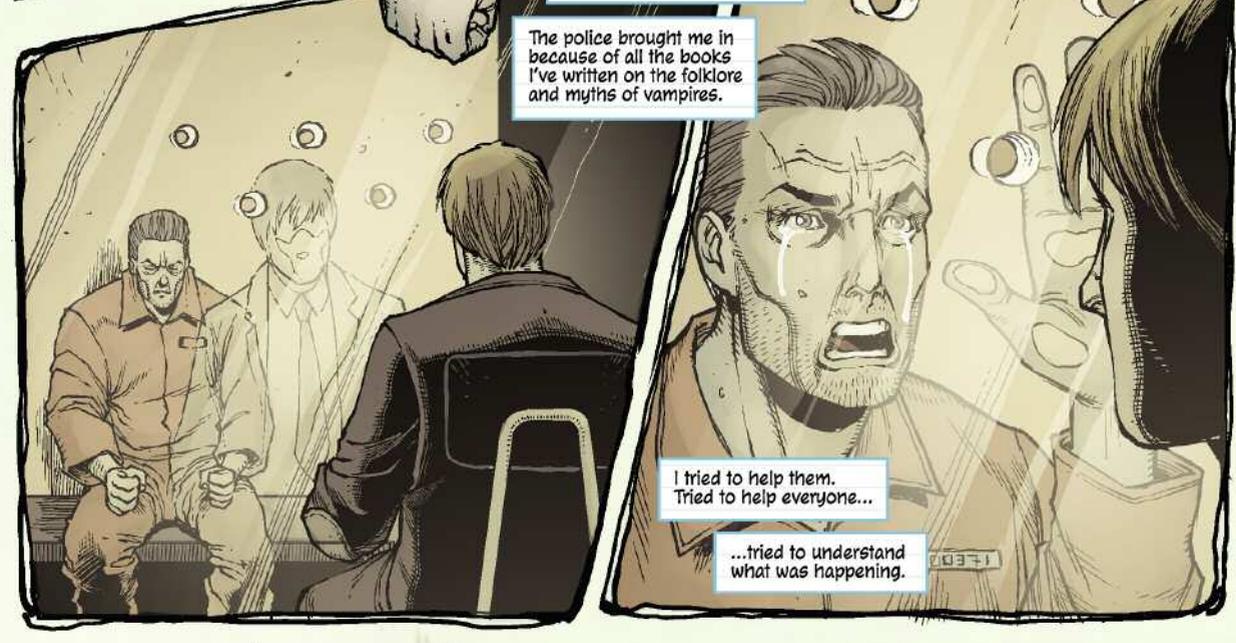
We all carry the gene.

It started slow. With one man. A barista in New York named Michael Fayne.

He went crazy and started killing women. Tearing them apart

Drinking their blood.

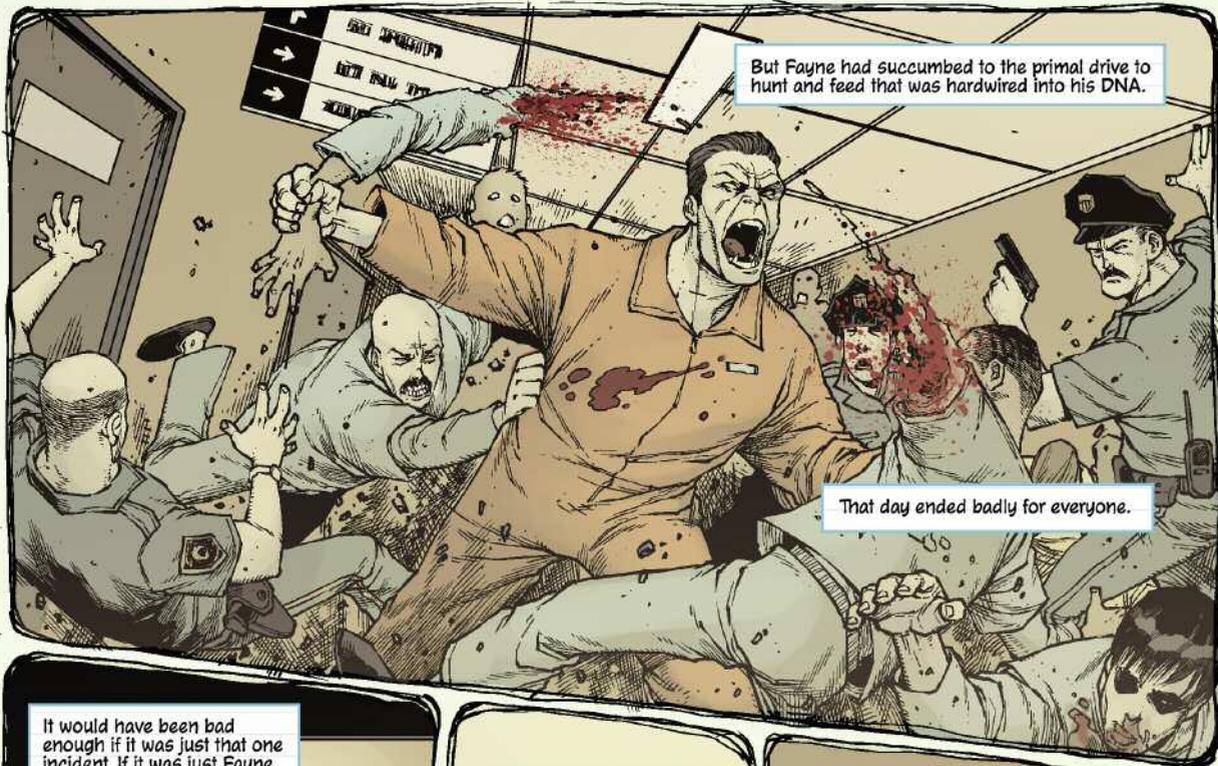
Fayne let himself be arrested. He was terrified of what he was becoming. He didn't want to hurt anyone.



The police brought me in because of all the books I've written on the folklore and myths of vampires.

I tried to help them. Tried to help everyone...

...tried to understand what was happening.



But Fayne had succumbed to the primal drive to hunt and feed that was hardwired into his DNA.

That day ended badly for everyone.

It would have been bad enough if it was just that one incident. If it was just Fayne.

But the I1V1 virus was out there, already spread around the world, already transforming the infected.

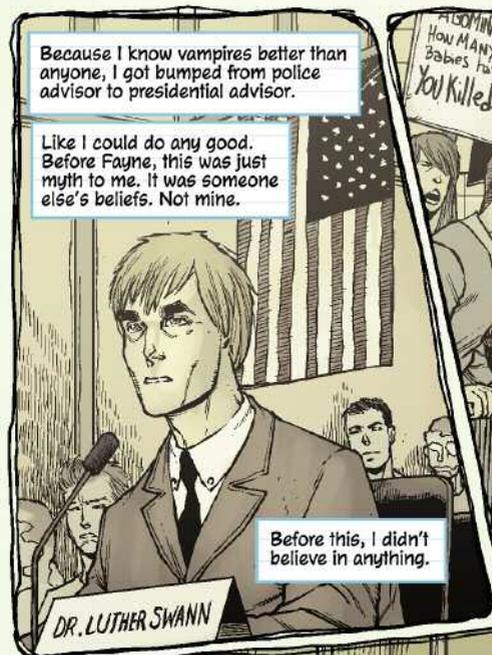


Maybe there was a point where science could have stopped it.



If so, that moment passed before Fayne became patient zero. After that—it was far too late.

People reacted exactly the way people do. With fear. With hatred. With intolerance.

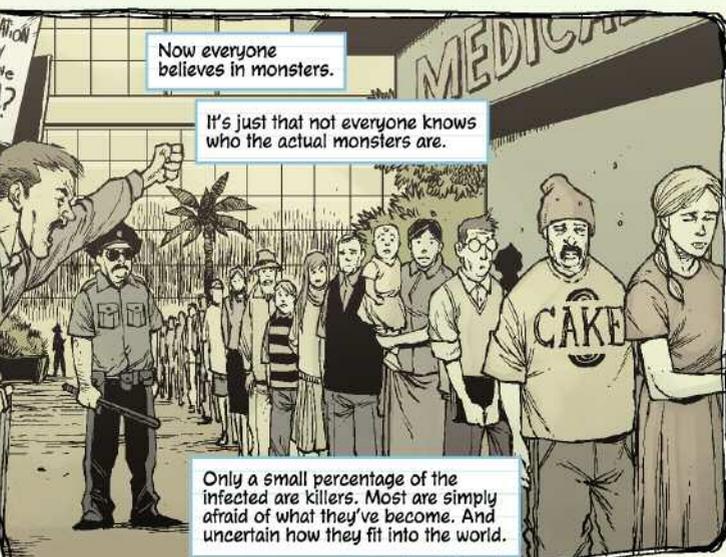


Because I know vampires better than anyone, I got bumped from police advisor to presidential advisor.

Like I could do any good. Before Fayne, this was just myth to me. It was someone else's beliefs. Not mine.

Before this, I didn't believe in anything.

DR. LUTHER SWANN



Now everyone believes in monsters.

It's just that not everyone knows who the actual monsters are.

Only a small percentage of the infected are killers. Most are simply afraid of what they've become. And uncertain how they fit into the world.



They come in all shapes and sizes. Just like in folklore. Some can pass as human. Some can't.

Impundulus, Hannya, Alps, Blautsaugers... so many more. Hundreds of species. It's like they stepped right out of the pages of my textbooks.



Many embraced the change but didn't go hunting.

Sometimes I think they're the only sane ones left in this world.



God knows not all of the humans are sane.