

"The Devil Eyeballs DareDoll Dynamo!"

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DareDoll Dynamo primps in the dressing room, then talks to Norman on the psychic t.v.

CRIMEBASE

Dynamo! You look electric! Welcome to the team!

DYNAMO

Thanks. It's good to be here.

CRIMEBASE

We have an important assignment for you.

DYNAMO

Okay. I'm ready.

CRIMEBASE

Chad Peeper sent us a ransom note.

DYNAMO

Uh huh. And who's the lucky hostage?

CRIMEBASE

It's not a person, but a priceless artifact, Dynamo. An irreplaceable item of antiquity called the Devil's Eyeball. Chad's note is demanding a million-gazillion dollars and that new video game to "present the Devil's Eyeball." Whatever that means. No one's seen this thing since the Great Museum Raid of 1933, so as you can imagine, we're a little skeptical.

DYNAMO

Very curious.... Yes, I've heard of it. In fact, the Devil's Eyeball is the subject of my Master's thesis.

CRIMEBASE

Yes. That's why we selected you for this particular assignment. Your studies will make it unnecessary to fill you in on its extensive back story and easier for us to plunk you right in the middle of the sexy, sexy action!

DYNAMO

Wow. It sounds like I'm in for a

real workout today.

CRIMEBASE

You could say that, yes. And there's something else, Dynamo.

DYNAMO

Yes?

CRIMEBASE

Chad's note asks for you specifically to deliver the ransom.

DYNAMO

I don't like the sound of that, Norman. (slams her fist into her palm) In fact, this could be a trap!

CRIMEBASE

We don't doubt that for a minute, Dynamo. In fact, allow me to end now with a few scenes from tonight's exciting show.

The t.v. offers a few alternative takes from the remainder of this chapter; Dynamo is of course imperiled in all of them! Dynamo finally tires of the preview, turns off the t.v. , and exits.

Dynamo enters the Factory and almost immediately finds Chad Peeper (or is found by him!), but not before affording the viewer a look at her lovely legs as she walks the "maze."

PEEPER

DareDoll Dynamo! I must say, this is an expected surprise!

DYNAMO

You sent CrimeBase a note that you are ready to present the Devil's Eyeball.

PEEPER

I meant to type "prevent."
"Present" was a typo.

DYNAMO

Give it up!

PEEPER

Funny, I was about to say the same thing to you.

The Peeper moves closer toward her, all the while hiding something behind his back--and none too stealthily!

DYNAMO

Let's have that Devil's Eyeball,
Peeper.

PEEPER

You asked for it!

The Peeper smashes the priceless artifact at Dynamo's feet, and she is overcome with laughing gas.

DYNAMO

Laughing gas!
(begins to chuckle despite
herself)

PEEPER

Oh, it's no joke, Dynamo. That gas
should tickle your funny bone for
the next 20 minutes or so, leaving
you completely powerless.

The Peeper takes her in his arms as a tango partner might.

Dynamo is led away.

Dynamo is next discovered tied to a trellis, with a carnivorous plant nibbling away at her. The Peeper enters with something that looks like a metal detector.

PEEPER

This DareDoll Detector should find
and neutralize all of the
superpower particles in your
uniform, leaving you as helpless as
a kitten.

DYNAMO

And as tasty as plant food!

PEEPER

Exactly! Remember, Dynamo. It
doesn't matter that you have good
taste, as long as you taste good!

The Peeper scans her body with the Detector, then turns it off.

PEEPER

Well, that should do it. I've
scanned you from the crown of your

beautiful head to the toe of your shiny boots. Unless you've got a knife hidden up your sleeve, I'd say you're in for a long meal.

DYNAMO

I've been nibbled by sharper teeth.

PEEPER

Oh, this carnivorous plant has no teeth, Dynamo. It will devour you through a process of slow ingestion! Virtuous you lived, and succulent you shall perish!

DYNAMO

What's that? A quotation from the Latin?

PEEPER

Exactly! And now, I must depart. I'll return when you're a little easier to swallow.

He smirks at her for an awkwardly long time in silence. Finally, he exits.

The plant continues to taste Dynamo's body. It ingests a garment or two. Dynamo struggles, and then a lightbulb appears over her head:

DYNAMO

(voice-over, lost in thought)

That fiend! That grinning devil! But wait a minute...a knife up my sleeve. Hmmm. My boot knife is housed in a steel-toe sole. Maybe his DareDoll Detector failed to deactivate it!

A knife pops out of the toe of her boot (an animated effect). Dynamo uses it to cut her way out. She steps free but it's not long before the Peeper appears to blowdart her in the back of the neck. She falls to the floor and is tied hand and foot.

Dynamo wakes in the cage next to the DeJuicer. The Peeper climbs into the Dejuicer.

DYNAMO

This is your weirdest scheme yet, Chad!

PEEPER

Perhaps, but it can't fail! Unlike
all of the other ones!

He taps out a code on his wrist, which cues a light show,
fog. Finally the fog clears to reveal that he is now
Dynamo's evil twin! He (she?) climbs out....

PEEPER

(usual baritone voice)

Ta ta, darling. With this guise I
should have no problem crashing
CrimeBase! Take care, Doll!

He exits as the real Dynamo swoons in her cage, drained....