

NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET THE BEGINNING: DARK GENESIS

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Issue One -- "Remembrances Of Things Best Forgotten" --

As the story opens, we are in the Springwood Municipal Building, at the trial of Freddy Krueger. Let free on a technicality, Freddy is hunted down by an angry mob of parents, as well as Police Lieutenant Thompson and Lieutenant Blocker. Dousing the evil man with gasoline, the mob sets his boiler room on fire, and watches as he burns to death. We see them through Freddy's eyes as he dies, swearing at them that he'll come back. Then we're with Freddy as he rises up and into another plane of existence -- someplace hauntingly familiar but just beyond the edges of our minds. As we explore the place with Freddy, his burned body is being locked in the back trunk of a wrecked Cadillac. As the hood closes, so too is Freddy trapped within an oozing, pus-filled embryonic sack. As he retracts into a fetal position, Freddy accidentally pokes himself with his claws; claws which have mysteriously reappeared on his hand. He claws his way through the viscious fluid and out into. . . Hell!

Issue Two -- "Burnt Offerings" -- Freddy becomes acquainted with a demon who claims to be the devil, although we're not quite sure whether he is or not. He puts Freddy through some tests, the prize of which are the souls of all 20 of the children he killed previously. Upon winning, Freddy greedily sucks in the souls, and they become a twisted torturous mass within the scar tissue on his body. Meanwhile, the young Nancy Thompson enrolls in the newly re-opened Grade School while her father conducts a search (!) for the culprits behind the torching of Krueger's boiler-room.

Issue Three -- "The Devil And Freddy Krueger" -- As Freddy becomes more powerful in the afterlife, he begins to invade the dreams of the Elm Street parents. Marge Thompson counters the fear by drinking, while Mr. and Mrs. Lane grow more aggravated with each other and erupt in violence in front of their son Rod. Lieutenant Thompson makes peace at the confessional, only to be turned away by the priest for being unclean, and Lt. Tim Blocker dies mysteriously in the dentist's chair. Freddy seems drawn more and more to the Thompson house, and discovers that the reason he is is that his glove is stored in its basement.

Issue Four -- "Phantom Living " -- Freddy kills Rod Lane's father when he falls asleep on the road, and Sarah Kincaid is the next to fall to Freddy's evil machinations. Meanwhile, Lt. Don Thompson and his wife Marge split up due to pressures whose causes neither of them will admit. Freddy learns how to completely bend reality to his own ends within the dreamworld, and sets out after young Joey Cruse. The boy faces down Freddy in his dreams, but is so scared upon awakening that he becomes mute. A few nights later, Freddy invades the dreams of Tina Grey, Glen Lantz, Rod Lane, and Nancy Thompson. The Nightmare proper begins.