

THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST

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STORY

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"Well to you from earth and sea,
for the devil sends the beast with
wrath, because he knows the time
is short. Let him who have
understanding reckon the number
of the beast, for it is a human
number. Its number is six hundred
and sixty six."

(Revelations)

On a dark urban alley, not a
soul around, only darkness,
garbage and rats. A light of fire
flickered in the darkness behind a
dirty window. Fire engulfed the
building.

At a church, an alarm sounded.
An exotic light blue van fire
engine, painted with angels, with
hoses and ladders on the side and
a gigantic cross on top, heated up
its engine.

Felix Felton, male, white, 50s,
semi-circle baldness, glasses, and
other devil busters, with blue
helmets and white cross uniforms
rushed into the van.

Ed Stone, male, black, 40s,
leather jacket, side burns, goatee,
chewed bubble gum watching the
fire consume the building.

Will Doors, 30s, white, short
hair and long beard, colored

glasses, arrived on a bike with a
back pack.

The devil busters arrived at the
scene and joined the firemen.

Felix slipped and bumped a
fireman. Ed was annoyed. Will
laughed.

Felix reminded the chief
fireman that the devil was back to
burn the earth to ashes and that
only holy water would do. The
chief kicked out the devil busters

from the scene, threatening to put them in jail if they bothered again.

Will reminded Ed of the similar timing of the fires. Ed told him that this serial arsonist had his crime days on a count down.

Felix preached that the devil was back to collect from whoever sold their souls to fear and desire.

After death, the sold souls

awaited the fires which were a

window to hell. Only holy water could shut this gate and avoid the return of dammed souls. This happened every 100 years following years ending in 666 or 999 which were the same physical number depending on one's direction of view.

Inspired by Felix, Will tracked the timing of all fires and concluded they may have occurred around six hours, six

minutes and six seconds and that all rooms where the fire started had computers. Will told Ed it may be a software virus that ignited the fires with a short circuit from overheating of the computer.

Skeptical of the religious and scientific theories, Ed trusted his gut instincts and tried to track down arsonists booked by the police in the past “because there

was always a past criminal behind every future crime.”

Witnesses in several fires saw men in dark suits entering the buildings before dawn. Ed added Will and Felix to the list of suspects.

Will hacked randomly into business headquarters on the 6:06:06 time to try to detect the virus in action. After several

failed attempts he tracked a
suspicious pattern.

Felix warned his followers that
if the fires didn't receive holy
water, damned souls may cross
back and seek new life eating out
hearts of pure humans that haven't
sold their souls to the devil of fear
and desire.

A new fire broke out at the
office building that Will had
tracked the suspicious software-

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hardware pattern. Felix and his man were barred from the scene.

Ed followed Felix around and finally accused him when he found him buying a new suit and heavy weaponry. Felix warned him that the worst was still to come.

Ed followed Will around and tried to arrest him when he found him testing with chemicals and fires. Will presented his theory of

fire by overheating of the silicon
circuits from activity spawned by
the software virus, with a
meltdown generating a short
circuit spark. Will warned Ed that
a lot of fires were still to come.

A cute teenage girl was attacked
by a yuppie young man in an
expensive car and impeccable
dark suit. He ate her heart right
out of her chest.

Ed heard about the crime from his homicide colleagues and together they arrested Felix.

After hearing and not believing Felix's devil stories, they released him after a witness confirmed Felix was not the attacker of the girl. Felix plead for Ed to allow him and his men to spray holy water on the fires or more dammed souls would be on the hunt for more innocent hearts.

The whole police station laughed
at Felix.

Ed discovered that the
description of the man that killed
the girl matched the man seen
going into the building that
caught on fire before dawn. He
went on the hunt for the serial
arsonist turned killer tracking
down the owners of the expensive
car seen at the crime scene.

Several didn't match the

description, but finally one did.

He followed the suspicious

zombie-devil eyed man.

Felix and his men failed again
to reach a fire break out and were
sent to jail.

Will found the virus, hacking on
the internet, and managed to
download a copy and run a test on
a computer. He caught on tape the
computer ignite on fire at exactly
six hours, six minutes and six

seconds. Will's girlfriend saw it and now believed that Will was the arsonist.

Ed lost the yuppie zombie-devil and was called backed to the police station where he found Will and Felix arrested and charged respectively with murder and arson.

Ed, Will and Felix exchanged information and conclude they were after the same guy. Ed

believed he was a serial arson and murderer. Felix, that he was a returned dammed soul. Will, that he was the most clever hacker he had ever seen. Perhaps they believed their explanations might overlap. Ed thought his man may very well have satanic motivations and be a computer hacker. He agreed to release Will and Felix if they helped him track down the zombie-devil.

A nun was attacked by the yuppie zombie-devil and saw her own heart ripped out of her chest before dying.

A nice traffic officer helped a beautiful smiling young blind girl cross the street. She attracted him to an alley and took off her dark glasses. Not only she was not blind, she had the zombie-devil eyes. The surprised traffic officer was kicked in the balls, had his

nose bitten off and then his heart
eaten out of his chest.

Ed was informed about the two
heart-eaten murders in opposite
sides of town. Now he believed
he might be dealing with several
members of a satanic cult that
believed the same bullshit Felix
preached. Will convinced him
that their best lead was the
computer virus and that he might
be able to track down the

computer source. Felix bought into the new high-tech strategy of the forces of evil.

While Will hacked in the computer, Ed and Felix kept an ear on the 911 fire call center. Will had little luck before dawn. A new fire broke out. Ed's car didn't work and they were rescued by the devil buster van.

Ed suspected Felix sabotaged his car as they sped to the new fire break out. Felix said if they didn't spray holy water new dammed souls would walk out of the fire.

At the fire scene, firemen bared the devil buster van. Will spotted a woman in a dark suit jumping out of the building. She was taken by a fireman to an ambulance. Ed found the woman suspicious. The

ambulance took off. The devil
busters followed.

Inside the ambulance, a cute
nice nurse took care of the dark
suit conservatively groomed
woman. She was scared for a
moment by her zombie-devil
eyes. The woman put her hand
over the nurses face and thanked
her. Than kissed and grabbed her.
The kiss was so intense the nurse
got into it. The woman ripped the

nurses' shirt and bra off and
sucked on her tits so intensely she
ended up biting her nipple off. As
the nurse screamed first of
pleasure than of pain the zombie-
devil woman plunged her bloody
jaws deeper into her chest.

The devil buster van pulled
behind the ambulance as it drifted
and hit a post. The zombie-devil
woman got out of the driving door
covered in blood. The driver of

the ambulance had his chest also
ripped opened.

Felix commanded his men to
spray her with holy water. Ed
approached her saying she was
under arrest and got tossed away
with incredible force. Will wanted
to help but didn't know what to
do. Felix jet her with holy water
and she fainted in shock. Ed and
Will were amazed that she was
dead.

Felix showed Ed and Will the books, manuscripts and news clippings of fire break outs in the years following 666, 999, 1666 and finally 1999. He warned them that the more zombie-devils on the loose the more fire outbreaks and heart eating crimes would occur. He feared that he and his men wouldn't be able to stop it at this point unless more people joined in.

The mayor and chief of police,
listened to Felix's stories and Ed's
factual reports and not only didn't
buy it, they thought Felix was
insane, Will was a hacker not to
be allowed near a computer and
that Ed was overworked and
needed rest and psychological
help.

The fire breakouts intensified.

The zombie-devils were in a heart

eating rampage. The city was in
chaos.

Felix, Ed, Will and other devil
busters couldn't keep up spraying
the zombie-devils with holy
water.

The army quarantined the city.
They believed a biological virus
that affected the brain was
sending people on a rampage of
arson and murder. No one could
leave. They would all have to

burn to ashes to protect the rest of the country. A general suggested sealing the city with a wall and nuking them. The president ordered the wall built but held out on the nukes only as a last measure.

The mayor and chief of police begged Felix, Ed and Will to do something about it. Will suggested an anti-virus but had no idea how to write the program.

Felix suggested using all priests available to transform the entire water supply in holy water. Ed suggested destroying all computers which were not only the source of the fires, but the host of the virus and a major source of spreading fear and desire that Felix believed was the motivation for soul sellouts to the devil. Will made the point that in 666, 999 and 1666 there were no

computers and points out that
trying to kill fear and desire
would generate more fear and
desire and eventually to a brain
sell out. Not impressed with
Will's explanations, the Mayor
ordered all computers destroyed
and made Felix the chief of the
firemen. Ed was made the chief of
police with the mission of having
all computers destroyed and all
computer programmers arrested

including Will which he never ruled out as the possible author of the computer virus.

Felix was now in command of the fire department and went on a rampage of holy water devil-zombie whacking. As they jumped out of burning buildings they were shocked on their feet with jets of cold holy water and fainted to their deaths.

Will escaped and saved his girlfriend, mother and sister from the zombie-devils. He took them to the top of a water reservoir.

Trying to track down the source of the first fire incident, Will discovered that Bob Cage a known hacker from his hacking circle was fired from the corporation which headquarters were the first to burn to ashes and that Bob was the son of Felix

Felton and Sorrine Cage, who
died in 1999.

Felix's fire engine was mobbed
by zombie-devils and he ran for
his life as they tore apart and ate
out several devil-buster hearts.

There were trashed computer
equipment every where. Ed
helped policeman toss out the
window several computers from
the police station. Confident the
building was now safe he was

surprised by drive-by arson

zombie-devils that tossed molotov

cocktails into the building.

Will dug the graves of Bob

Cage and Sorrine Cage which

were next to each other. He found

that Sorrine's chest bones were

crushed and scrapped by what

seemmed bite marks and found a

small memory chip inside Bob

Cage's skeleton at the digestive

system level. Ed showed up

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behind him, saying he too found out the Bob Cage - Felix Felton connection and they exchanged info on what they knew. Felix showed up at the cemetery and spilled out his demons, believing that his son was possessed by the devil himself to do his evil work.

The mayor and the chief of police were barricaded at the city hall. A mob of zombie-devils broke into the building and had a

heart eating party with the mayor
and his subordinates.

Will managed to get access to
the content of the memory chip
and discovered it contained a
sophisticated program of
subliminal messages to entice fear
and desire on people surfing the
net, listening and viewing radios,
television, cellular phones etc,
making them seek security against
what they feared and to get and

protect what they desired. Then
on the six hour, six minutes and
six seconds, the subliminal
messages would convey to them
that their defenses were breached
and that they would lose what
they desired and that they would
face what they feared making
them build up more defenses to
the point where they would be
willing to sell their souls to evil to
get what they wanted and to

protect against what they feared.

This repeated to the point where they would go crazy. The solution was then conveyed to be to destroy what they feared and desired: to burn their source of money and eat the heart out of who they desired, allowing them to purify themselves. In fact it was a virus program that ignited the fires and sparked the psycho rampage of the pre-programmed

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zombie-devils. The holy water death was also caused by pre-programmed subliminal hypnosis of Cage's program. It was his weapon to control his zombie-devils. Will said after all he was right. Ed replied that he was right because it had been the work of a twisted psycho serial criminal. Felix said it only proved his point that his son was the messenger of the devil.

Zombie-devils gathered outside,
Felix kept them away with a holy
water gun. Ed helped with a
baseball bat.

Will said he could write an anti-
virus program to be delivered in
the same subliminal pattern
through the airwaves of music. Ed
believed it should tell them right
from wrong, lawful from
unlawful, that the faith in the law
should be unconditional. Felix

says only unconditional faith in
the word of god could save them.

Will said unconditional freedom
was the key. Will wrote a
program. Rewrote it again. Tried
something else and then broke the
computer, saying if faith and
freedom were unconditional why
would they need a program for it.

He put on a cheerful song and
turned up the volume. The
zombie-devils were just too

many. One broke into the house.

Ed tried to stop the zombie-devil

but Will just looked him in the

eyes and hugged him. The

zombie-devil seemed harmless.

They high-five. Will walked out

into the zombie-devil crowd

hugging, shaking hands, kissing

and high-fiving. Felix, euphoric,

followed him. Ed, couldn't

believe it at first but gave it a

shot.

Will whistled a cheerful song,
Felix and Ed followed, so did all
the ex-zombie-devils. They
walked around town gaining more
supporters. Will's mother,
girlfriend and sister joined. Ed
hooked up with a cute ex-zombie.
Felix found a charming ex-
zombie lady. The zombie-devils
were harmless after all. The
whistling grew to an euphoric
party. The city was in chaos,

burned and destroyed. But it
seemed not to matter for the
survivors who just had the party
of their lives.

Outside the city walls the
General looked through
binoculars and said the whole
town was now dominated by the
zombies. The president looked
and commented they appeared to
be having a good time. The
General asked if he wanted to join

them. The President nodded. They both had zombie-devil eyes.

An airplane dropped a nuclear bomb over the city. Felix, Ed and Will were thrown in the air, but seem not to care, they just laughed their hearts out. Ed commented that they had just been nuked. Felix said he knew it. Will said he guessed they were going to die. The others said they also knew it and they just couldn't

stop laughing, as they got

meltdown by the nuclear heat.

"On 9th of September of 1999,

the city of Freeshire was nuked by

the army. A subliminal program

to erase its existence from our

memory was spread through the

airwaves and internet by the

government. This story was based

on true facts documented on a

disk smuggled out of a top secret

government archive by an

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investigative-reporter hired as a
Janitor. He died mysteriously
from a bullet wound in his head.
This motion picture is dedicated
to his memory and to those that
died in the blast."

The End.

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