1. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND ON THE BRA SET-UP (EARLY 20TH CENTURY)

In 19th century Europe, industrialization by machines which utilized steam engines has progressed quickly. And European strong economic countries like U.K., France, Germany, Italy, Russia and etc. began to invade Africa and Asia. While U.K. and France made great success with effective policies, Germany and Italy got behind in their plantation plans; Austria=Hungary Empire, Ottoman Turkey Empire were in trouble to handle the single race independent struggles inside. Those led to gradual power gap and created hostility among them.

It was the only defense plan for those empires to form an alliance with other countries. Germany, Italy and Austria formed a triple alliance, so U.K., France and Russia did a triple entente. The tension between them brought the balance in Europe, however, the technology development and over-militalization helped creating dreadful weapons which turn Europe into a huge arsenal.
That situation continued for a certain period and people were no longer expecting any big war. But in June, the World War I bursted out. They used all those new weapons such as German U boat, poison gas, air fighters and tanks.

In December 1916, Germany conquered Romania and Central Imperial Force (Germany / Austria alliance) occupied the Eastern Europe.
But this war started to finish after U.S. participation in 1917.

This game is being set up in 1917 and has following stories as connections with the real history.

1. Elizabeth executes the assassination of Austrian Prince
   Elizabeth Bartley has a hatred against the Imperial family of Austria / Hungary Empire since she was captured and confined by Hungarian King on December 30th, 1810.

2. Outbreak of the World War I
   It was needed for reviving Satan Dracula's soul to make all over Europe a killing and confused field (= the environment which is easy to revive) as well as millions of dead (= sacrifice). Then, Elizabeth guided to the war by black magic.

3. End of the World War I
   In 1917, Elizabeth was killed and Dracula failed to revive. Satanic grudge faded away from Europe, after this year it's gone to a place of death.
2. VAMPIRE HUNTER VS. SATAN DRACULA THEIR HISTORY OF FIGHTS

We made a chronicle which shows three stories of "past, present, future", total 9 series of "Dracula" like "Star Wars" series. (We created some of them. Please check before quoting.)

A) Past (Beginning of fight)
1. The first Dracula subjugation (in the 15th century)
   - Main character...Ralph C. Belmonde
   - Title..........The legend of Satanic castle
   - Contents........The first fight between Dracula and humans. Sypher, Grant and Arcado left to subjugate Draki = Dracula but never come back. At last, Ralph of hunter clan, the Belmonde family rose up.

2. The second Dracula subjugation
   - Main character...Christopher Belmonde
   - Title..........The legend of Dracula (Game Boy)
   - Contents........Satan Dracula revived as a vicious sorcerer. Christopher of the Belmondes’ tries to kill him.

3. The second Dracula subjugation <the sequel> (in the middle of 16th century)
   - Main character...Christopher Belmonde
   - Title..........The legend of Dracula 2 (Game Boy)
   - Contents........15 years has passed since then. Christopher’s son (unmatured vampire hunter) disappeared and four mysterious castles suddenly showed up. Christopher rose up again.

B) Present (fatal duel)
1. Satanic castle subjugation (in the middle of 17th century)
   - Main character...Simon Belmonde
   - Title..........Satanic Castle Dracula (FC disk, SFC, etc.)
   - Contents........The count Dracula, who had been killed by the hero Christopher Belmonde, was revived by heretics. Simon from Belmondes’ rose up. The first title of Dracula series.
2. Curse of Dracula (in the middle of 17th century)
   - Main character...Simon Belmonde
   - Title............Dracula 2 <the cursed seal> (PC disk)
   - Contents........Dracula was reviving again despite he must have had been killed. Simon set out to release the cursed seal which was killing his body.

3. The second Satanic Castle subjugation (in the middle of 18th century)
   - Main character...Lihiter Belmonde (the ground son of Simon)
   - Title............???
   - Contents........???

C) Future (the new fight)
1. Dracula goes to England (the end of 19th century, 1897)
   - Main character...Kincy Morris and others
   - Title............Dracula (1897) by Bram Stoker
   - Contents........The first Dracula title. He leaves his home town Transilvania for searching new blood.

2. The Revival of Dracula (early 20th century)
   - Main character...Johnny Morris, Eric Ricard.
   - Title............Vampire Killer (ND)
   - Contents........Please refer the set-up information.

3. Satan of the 20th century (in the middle of 20th century, 1940)
   - Main character...???
   - Title............???
   - Contents........???

3. WORDS
   A) Belmonde family
   People regarded them and were afraid of them as if they were vampires because of their tough mental power and unlimited abilities. Then, the legendary family lived remote from the world.
   The literature tells that they became famous as a legendary noble family of mercenaries ever since they'd appeared when the crusades had been sent. People began to call them as a noble vampire hunter family since they had subjugated Dracula at Wakiana in 15th century.
They had some branch families, many vampire hunter talented persons were especially from Helcing, Morris and Ericson family. (three Belmonde families)

B) Vampire Hunter

The talent of vampire hunter owed a lot to heredity than to trainings. It was the most important thing not to be influenced by Dracula’s aura rather than mental power or body. As one way of telling the talent of vampire hunter, “the weapon chooses the man”. This means that the mysterious powered weapon itself chooses the next user (=vampire killer) when the current user is dying.

Belmonde family had bore a lot of vampire hunters, however extremely long period of fights against Draculas resulted in lowering their talent and they just disappeared in 19th century.

C) Vampire Killer

There was a magical whip which Morris family had owned for a long time for beating vampires (monsters).

The higher the user’s (Johnny Morris) mental power rises, the stronger the whip becomes. (In the game, the rise of mental power is displayed by the crests.)

Three magical whips were confirmed since 15th century.

"Excalibur" owned by Belmonde family.

"Vampire Killer" owned by Morris family.

"Death mercury" disappeared.

They say that Excalibur attacks as a fire ball when the user concentrates.

Belmonde family seemed to use this very often in 18th century.

D) Arcarde spear

This magical spear was used by Eric Ricard.

When the user (Eric) is in good mind condition, pale flame comes out from the tip of the spear.

Nobody knows where it came from. But influential opinion is as follows;

In the end of 15th century, Urado Zepeche (Dracula)’s head was chopped off by the spear and they put the head on that spear to expose it before the castle gate until it got rotten.

It is not sure either that it has something to do with Alcarde who fought with Ralph C. Belmonde in the first Dracula subjugation.
E) Dragon Crest

"Alcarde spear" was sealed in the deep end of Ricard family's temple. The dragon-shaped crest was curved on that door. The key, which a mysterious old guy had given to Eric, keeps quiet about it.

No one knows whether both Zepeche family (Dracula family) and Bartley family have dragon crest is just a coincidence or not.

F) Dorotea Zentes

The mysterious old lady is a Elizabeth's servant as well as a witch.

Although she must have been executed with Elizabeth, she revives in the early 20th century. She uses monsters to beat vampire hunters who chase Elizabeth.

G) Dracula's castle (Satanic castle)

Konami's first PC disk "Satanic Castle Dracula" has the first appearance of this castle. Dracula's castle in Bram Stoker's "Vampire" designed after Castle Brun which is called "the retreat no one can invade" stands on the top of the mountain, no one has ever reached, by the upper stream of Argesh River. In the game, The Dracula castle is more like Poenari.

4. CHARACTERS

A) JOHNNY MORRIS

Date of birth : Dec. 12, 1895       Age : 22
Date of place : Texas                Height : 183 cm
Weight : 75 kg                        Blood type : B
Character : Bright and powerful. Frank. Short tempered.
Favorite foods : Beef barbecue. Milk.
Disliked foods : Chicken meat. Wine.
Things like to do : Fight. Swimming.
Things dislike to do : Climbing higher place. Cried by woman.

His family was a branch family of the noble vampire hunter Belmonde family and was active mainly in England. But since vampire hunting could not make enough money to live, they were forgetting their fate. In the middle of 19th century, Morris family moved to America to look for a new land after the gold rush in California. They succeeded in gold mining business in Texas, Morris family became the top class billionaire there.

Quincey, the Johnny's father, went to visit his old friend in England and came across Dracula. He fought but got killed. Johnny was two then.
Johnny studied a lot from a tutor, and learned many sorceries from the senior Indian Morgan of Cow family. At the age of 13, he learned the history and their fate of Morris family from his grand father. He also took a test of magical whip "vampire killer". Once he grasped the whip, red aura coming out of it covered whole his body, then it seemed to get inside the body and faded. The new life as a vampire hunter, Johnny Morris has started ever since. Johnny made consecutive success in vampire hunting with the whip and the Indian sorcery.

After beating some vampires at Saxonia, German Empire where the World War I getting fierce in 1917, he went to the post town Bistritz in Romania for visiting his father Quincy Morris's grave with a help of German force. In Bistritz, monster showed up occasionally at Dracula castle since a mysterious beautiful lady appeared. People hired someones to kill the monster but none of them returned.

Johnny left to Satanic castle with the mysterious guy called Eric.

B) ERIC RICARD
Date of birth : May 03, 1892  Age : 25
Date of place : Segobia, Spain  Height : 176 cm
Weight : 89 kg  Blood type : O
Character : He is usually a quiet person. But he becomes another person with the spear in his hand, he gets sharp eyes like a hunter and overwhelming power.
Favorite foods : Any fruits.
Disliked foods : Cheese, Cakes.
Things like to do : Sculpture.
Things dislike to do : Swimming, Collecting insects.

[Rest of the text is crossed out.]

He was born as a second son of five brothers of Ricard family which had been guard in old town Segobia (known for the "Snow White" castle and Roman water pipes).

(Like other family members had done, Eric began to learn martial arts, fencing and other things at the age of 3, and when he was 10, he became the best fighter in the family, the best spear user in Spain.)
Eric preferred arts (sculpture) to martial arts, and he repeatedly argued with his father. He left his house to become a sculptor when he was 18.

5 years later, he was joining the construction of Sagrada Familia Church in Barcelona. On the night of storm and thunder, an old man came to visit him. He handed a key with dragon crest on it to Eric and said, "Evil Queen is reviving the Satan again to get Europe into the land of darkness and deads. Go back to your house in Segobia with this key. It is your own, vampire hunter's fate." Then he's gone. (The scene was Michael's Melo.)
Eric made up his mind to go back after a few days consideration.

Lucy Seward, she was Eric's fiancée that Ricard family and Seward family had decided when Eric was 11. She kept waiting for him after he'd left home. She had her blood sucked by the vampire called Elizabeth 10 days before Eric came home. He met with her lying on the bed and she said, "My soul is in Bistritz, Romania now. Please help my soul from the nightmare." Then she desceased calmly.
(Her body was buried with her head cut off and her heart pierced by a stake.)

When Eric's rage against Elizabeth got almost exploded, the key which was given by the mysterious old man started to shine. It led Eric to the small marble temple in the corner of Ricard house's garden. He opened the door with the key and found a blue spear glowing pale light tied with the chain. The chain got loosen on its own when he grasped the spear and felt shock inside the body. It was the beginning of his fate as a vampire hunter.

C) Dracula, the Count
Real name: Vurado Zepeche (1431-1478)
Occupation: The feudal Lord of Transilvania, Warakia

Everybody knows Bram Stoker's "Vampire Dracula". It is written in 1897, Dracula was set up after the real figure Vurado Zepeche who was a cruel lord.

In 15th century Romania, Catholic countries, Greek Orthodox Church and Ottoman Turkey were confronting each other, also small countries were becoming independants. He was born as a second son of small country Warakia's lord. Zepeche family had reigned this area for generations but they are hated very much not only by their own citizen but also other provinces' people. Vurado was called as Dracule and known for his brutality at Turkish War and sadistic revenge.
He was poisoned in 1447, Dracula succeeded his father next year at the age of 17.

He did the most brutal things in his family's history.

He was killed in Turkish War when he was trying to escape. Turkish army found his body and cut his head to stick it with spear for exposing it till getting rotten at the castle gate in Constantinople (Istanbul). On the other hand, his body without a head was buried at Snagov monastery in Bucharest.

The above are historical facts. In this game, basic story is based on the last part of "Vampire Dracula". Dracula's revengeful soul, which was destroyed to ashes once, revives and goes to England to search for his own body.

D) ELIZABETH BARTLEY
Real name: EALIZABETH BARTELY PERENTZ (1580-1614?)
Occupation(?): Mrs. Count Perentz

Since she desperately wanted eternity and eternal beauty, she killed hundreds of virgins in her whole life. She was the another "female vampire" from Transilvania.

She was born in Transilvania, Hungary in 1580. Bartely family had long history in Transilvania and was told to have a relation with Vurado family (Dracula family). She was forced to engage with Nadazy Perentz when she was a child. They married in 1575 when she was 15, they moved to Cheyte castle in Mecota, Hungary. Even though they were newly married, Nadazy could not stay at the castle more than a few days a month and Elizabeth felt frustration. Then she began to learn many things from female sorcerer Dorotea Zentes to torture her servants in the basement.

In 1600, Nadazy died when Elizabeth was 40. She could not stop killing for women's blood any more.

In December 1610, Hungarian King heard the rumor about Elizabeth's "blood worship" and ordered Count George Turzo to investigate. He found thousands of used bodies in the basement of Cheyte castle. They confined her in the room which had nothing to look out through except a small window for the foods. She lived there for 4 years.