L'Amour Vampire

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I am Petri, 21 years old, of the Vampire Empire, and I'm on a mission to save my kingdom. I will do anything for my vampire comrades, yet they task at hand is to make a princess, the one the call the snow queen for her heart as cold as ice, fall in love with me. She is kind, understanding, and beautiful, yet she's also stubborn, annoying, and clusmy. It's my job to make her fall in love with me, so why am I falling in love with her?

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L'Amour Vampire : Chapter 1

I am Petri of the Vampire Empire; and I am currently on a journey. We need more land for our empire. Our population has risen by extreme measures, and we do not have enough land to shelter everyone, nor crops to sell to for our country to have money. Thus, I'm searching for rich land in order to help my vampire comrades. I will not disappoint them. I walked off from them with no words and I will return to them with hope.

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ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ I blinked open my eyes from the cave and noticed the distance I was from the sunlight and sat up with fear. I was one of those people who weren't as effect by the sunlight, however if I had slept for a few hours with it covering my skin I would've gotten bad burns. Still a little weary of the sunlight I pulled my cloak around myself. I looked through the cave to see the sun setting on the mountains of the other side. No wonder they sunlight had gone to deep into the cave. I took scooted back a bit and sat against the caves end and rubbed my hair which now was filthy since I'd been traveling for a month without having a chance to bathe. So far all the land I have passed was mountains, which would have no use for farming. I waited staring at the sunset. I was mesmerized by the sun. Why? Why must such a beautiful and graceful thing be so close yet so far? Was it punishment from God? Such a wonderful thing, and I'm not allowed to feel its warmth. I sighed as it fell down just below the clouds. I slowly stood up and tried to take a step yet stumbled a bit and my eyes blacked out on me for a second. I felt like I had my soul snatched up from me, yet it returned back after 2 seconds after that feelings. I scratched my head again and looked at the 2 rabbits lying dead on the side of the cave. They did no good for me just like I'd thought; I need something more than that. I walked out of the cave and my coat followed me like a shadow, and as I ran to travel over what seemed to be the last mountains, it blended into the darkness, letting my light blue eyes glow bright enough to light up so you could see my pale skin and blonde hair.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ I pulled myself up one last time and stood onto of the mountain and my breath had left me. All of it, it was plains for acres to acres. Not much of it was even covered in farm-land yet. I looked down as saw an old man with a cart of hay directing his donkey on the road as he held a lamp, he had obviously had started to pack everything up a little later then he should have, most farmers would finish at sunset. I blinked again letting my vision return to it's normally abilities and looked down. The mountain, chances of dying by sliding down it? :90/10 I grinned and took a hop before using my feet as my propeller to keep me from going too fast. Easy does it. I groaned as I felt the friction made me fall forward. I leaned my back and let myself tumbled in a ball, I'd only gone one fourth of the way down and my back and arms couldn't heal fast enough. ï¿½I grabbed two stable rocks and flipped myself over and began to run on my feet so I wouldn't fall forward. My arms and back slowly began to close up the wounds that were since I was still pushing myself it didn't heal as fast as it normally would. ï¿½

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ I came to the bottom of the mountain and the cloud of the dirt's dust faded away. I ran up to the cart. "Excuse me sir!" I shouted trying to get his attention. He turned around a little surprised to see me. "Can you tell me which way is the closet town?" I asked him.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Ah, that would be the kingdom's capital. Go 10 miles then you'll see a sign, I'm actually going past that time but I can give you a lift closer there." His voice was slow yet kind. I sighed. There was no chance avoiding this though

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Thank you sir for you hospitality.ï¿½ And I hope you forgive me, it's just of my nature." I told him before holding onto the cart and leaping up onto it. He looked at me confused bunching up the wrinkled on his forehead. But then he smiled warmly and turned around back to the road.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Young people are so energetic." He stated his last words as my fangs sunk into his soft skin. He gapped and tried to turn to me. This was what I needed, I had gone so long without this, this would make my stronger, yet he had a life, a family, but his life was almost anyway. Nevertheless if he was still a child I would've still done it. Or I'd die, and this trip would've been pointless.ï¿½ I sank my fangs deeper into his neck vein and could feel the warm yet refreshing taste of the blood. I continued to drink until there was no more. My ability felt 10 times stronger and my eyes shined as bright as the moon. I looked at the old man and shut his eyes which were opened in shock. I gently picked him up and place him on the hay pile. ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Thank you." I told him as I pulled his cart to the side of the rode and unhooked the horse. It neighed alarmed and jumped up on its two hind feet. It could sense I was a monster. I grabbed its reins and stared it right in the eye as calm as could be. *I won't hurt you.* I told it through my mind and it slowly backed down understanding my words. ï¿½It had no saddle, and it's only used for carrying things, but it would have to do. I wrapped my hand around its neck and leapt onto it. *Go.* I told it and it obeyed my order.

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ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ The horse trotted as we entered the wall's of the kingdom. It was beautiful, the entire town was dark, yet the candles shined lighting it up and I could see the beautiful craftsmanship. *Stop.* I told the horse and he did. I sat in that exact position and stared at the castle. It was more magnificent then anything I'd ever seen. I lifted up my hand and tried to grasp it. We could invade their farm-land. Or perhaps even threaten them for land. That was my plan at first. However now, all I wanted was this kingdom. I slowly slipped off the horse and patted his face. *I will call for you, and you will run to me.* I told the horse and he neighed before trotting to the gate of the kingdom and walking to the forest.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "That guy is beautiful! It's a shame though; he's probably here for the same reason as all of them." I turned around to see two women gossiping a few meters away. Well since I just got a boost of powers, it would've been a waste to not use them. I walked over to them and I could feel them getting excited.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ I rubbed my hair and leaned back a little giving a confused yet seductive smile. Their heart-beats rose faster. "Excuse me, but do you know where there's an inn I could stay at?" I asked using the most seductive voice I had. Their emotions rose and I snatched them away. Not only could I feed off of blood, but I could get some, however not much, emotions could also power me, especially love or anger, however excitement and the other emotions worked as well. They blinked confused and their heart-rate was normal. I returned to my normal pose and they pointed down the road.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "You should see an inn sign if you keep walking down." ï¿½One of them told me still a little confused. I started to walk and raised my hand giving a quick wave of thanks without bothering to turn around.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ When I eventually walked inside the inn the attendant was sitting in a chair sleeping on the check in counter. "Hey." I said walking up to the guy. He looked younger than me; perhaps he was 15 or 16. He didn't wake up and I rolled my eyes. I twisted my head and flicked his forehead trying to wake him up. His eyes flashed opened and he screamed. I took a step back and lifted an eyebrow. He took a deep breath and sighed relaxing. I'm really sorry. He said, his voice higher than I imagined it would be. "Do you have any rooms or not?" I asked him.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Yeah, we- you're eyes are glowing!" He stated the obvious and couldn't calm down.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "It's just the light." I told him already used to that lie. I wasn't about to say I was a vampire. He looked at me suspiciously and walked around me examining me.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "I don't think you'll make it. She'll probably hate you." He talked to himself.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Excuse me?" What was his problem?

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "The princess. That's why you came right; to try to get her to marry you and earn the kingdom?" He asked me and he was slightly confused. I scoffed dumbfounded. What luck, I could easily capture a women's heart, and I'd give my kingdom this land. I grinned on the inside of me. This shorty actually had helped me.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Are you trying to scare me off or something?" I questioned him and his eyes widen as I uncovered what he was doing. "You know, I didn't come here for that, but perhaps I'll do that just because you said I couldn't." I shrugged and tapped the counter. "Now can I have a room?" I asked him with my most sinister grin. He crossed his arms and grunted. "Oh, well then go turn your parents you turned down a paying customer." I told him and slowly went back to the door.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Room 12, charge per night, 1 silver coin." He said and I could hear the keys jingle as he tried to throw it straight at my head. I turned around and caught it in my teeth and tossed him a silver coin after reaching in my cloak and pulling it out. I picked the key out of my mouth and held it in my hand. "Actually, I think I'll pay in advance. I plan to be here a week or so." I told him pulling out the coins and putting it on the counter. ï¿½"You can keep the change if it I'm here that long." I told him swinging the key on my finger.

ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ï¿½ "Yeah right, Penelope's heart is like ice." He warned me as I walked down the hall to the rooms. I opened the room and sat on the bed thinking of ways to make the princess fall for me. It would be easy, we would get land and the kingdom, and all I had to do was pretend I loved her. It wasn't much of a sacrifice since I never really understood how to love someone, of course I liked my friends, my empire, but never have I really come to love someone. I'd probably never would anyways. I grinned, I was going to bring my empire happiness.

Chapter 2

I sat in the dark room, it was morning, yet I had shut the curtains. I stared at my hands. I could do it; it was easy, I was just afraid. I stood up and walked to the curtains but sat back down again. If this scared me, I really was pathetic. There was a knock on my door and I quickly stood up. "Come in." I said getting in a position to attack if needed to. The door opened and the guy from yesterday brought in a plate of food.

"This is breakfast." He said and placed it down. "Wow it's really dark in here; you shouldn't waste sunlight like that." He said going to the window.

"WAIT NO-" I started to shout but he already opened the curtains all the way. I clocked my eyes. I felt warm, was I burning? I slowly opened one of my eyes to see the guy looking strangely at me. I looked at my arms, they weren't burning. No, I was fine. It was just, warm. It felt nice. Normally I'd always burn from sunlight, even if it was just a little bit. "How'd you do that?" I asked him fascinated but then shut my mouth. I wasn't supposed to let him, or anyone else know I was a vampire.

"Uh, I pulled the curtains in one direction?" He told me, fortunately not thinking the same thing as me. I nodded and looked at the food, I didn't require food.

"I'm going to check out town." I told him and began changing my shirt. When I finished I turned around to see him staring out the window. He tapped it impatiently.

"Uh, you're not going to eat it? I made it for you." I looked at the plate of food.

"Why would you make me food don't you hate me?" I asked sniffing the cup of tea for poison, I could only smell herbs.

"It's just that you we're the first person who still went to the princess after seeing me." He announced. "And I got to admit I'm impressed. Name's Alex. " He admitted and turned around to face me. "And I charged you more then I should've." He sheepishly said with a laugh then stared at me for my reaction. I had already assumed he had, 1 silver per night, I mean really. He then stared at the food on the desk and I ended up picking up the glass of tea. I drank it all and his jaw dropped. I lifted an eyebrow at him, what was wrong with it? I turned around to check if there was something behind me.

"Ah no sorry." Alex glanced at the window and then at the empty glass of water and began to laugh on his way out. I licked the insides of my cheeks and realized he had put an herb that would knock a normal human out. Now it was my turn to be the evil one. I pulled down the tray and cup to the floor and lied on the floor with my eyes closed. In his mind he would've thought it had worked. I heard footsteps returning back and I could feel him leaning down to pick up the stuff. "For a second I didn't think it worked! This'll keep him out for days; he'll never make it to any of the King's meetings for his daughter." He chuckled.

I grabbed his wrist, which I noticed was rather small, and grinned. "Boo." He screamed and dropped the tray again. "Ow you scream like a girl." I told him rubbing my ears before grabbing my cloak and walking away.

"HOW DID YOU-" Alex started to say but I was already out of the inn. At least he'd given me some information about how I could meet the princess. I walked towards the castle, if I failed this, I'd have to keep searching, and that wouldn't be able to see my comrades for even longer amount of time.

Without realizing it I had attracted a lot of attention. "He has blonde hair, I heard only royalty have blonde hair!" One of them said. "He looks elegant he probably is royalty!" Another said. "Yeah, yeah! I mean he's

going to the direction for the castle." I stopped walking; they were annoying and drawing more attention to me.

I turned around to face the few women and children who were curiously following me. I gave a polite grin. "Don't you think it's rude to gossip?" I questioned them then turned around again and couldn't hear them following me anymore. Why had I done that? My head throbbed and I was confused why. It was just a head-ache, I'd be fine. I noticed my breathing starting too heavy slightly and my footsteps slower at every step I took. Perhaps those herbs actually worked they just took time to effect. I went to the side of the road and put my hand on one of the stores. I was so close to the castle yet at the same time I couldn't make it, I felt too weak. Was it blood? I had just had some yesterday! That should've lasted me 3 weeks or 4 if I didn't use my powers a lot.

"Hey are you okay?" Someone ask me and as I began to turn around I tumbled forward. I couldn't sweat, but I felt so hot and I couldn't focus right. "Are you drunk? Or- Wow you're really burning up! Come inside, come on." I couldn't see who was talking to me but they seemed very kind. Once again I'd probably have to drink a kind person again. I felt myself being guided inside somewhere, they helped me sit down on a chair and I felt slightly better and placed my head on something cool and smooth and I think it was a golden color. "Maria, is this guy drunk?" The voice asked someone else and I could hear their footsteps and a cool hand tapped my face.

"Oh, no Penny this guy is sick. He has a high fever!" A second voice announce. "I'll go get some herbs to help him." The second voice said and I could hear their footsteps leaving.

"Herbs won't help me." I admitted breathing a big sigh through my nose and smelling something sweet, like flowers. "Am I lying on flowers? I like flowers, they're so free yet so many people pluck them, it's a shame because they can't defend themselves." I asked smelling again. I laughed. Flowers, those were nice. "Why is it so hot though? I don't like the heat." I found myself acting childish and whining.

"Well you are sick." The kind voice said. "Do you have any friends or family we can contact for you?" I frowned.

"That's mean. Are you mocking me?" I complained and my vision fixed a little bit.

"Huh? No I'm just" She started to tell me but I found myself interrupting her.

"They're gone. My family is gone, and my friends are far away. But they'll die soon, people want us dead and if they're not killed then they'll snap each other's necks off so I have to save them." I found myself explaining. "When I save them we'll celebrate like this!" I leapt forward with arms opened nibbling what seemed like skin. Then I was pulled back quickly.

"Penny, don't let him do that! I don't really think he's sick he's just trying to play around with you." The second voice I assumed was Maria said.

"Maria, just help him. Let me decide my own judgment." The kind one, who I assumed was Penny said. There was a big sigh.

"Okay, last time you went to sleep?" Maria asked me and I could hear her pouring something.

"I never go to sleep silly!" I laughed. What a weird question! Vampires don't need sleep! Maria stopped what she was doing and slowly put down what she was pouring.

"What did you last eat?"

"Well, I wouldn't exactly consider it eating." I explained and laughed.

"Just tell me what it was!" Maria said and she continued to pour and I could feel her shadowing me with the cup. Oh! What if it was blood! I'd feel better. I turned to the cup but I still felt out of focus and nauseous so it took me a while. I leaned my head down and bumped the cup with my teeth. I picked up the cup with my shaky hands. I laughed childishly and attempt to drink the cup.

"WHAT THE HELL DID YOU PUT IN THIS?!" I screamed jumping back to my senses. I started to cough; I was choking, or perhaps evenâ ¦

"Wow that worked fast. Well, I put some lemon," no, don't tell me, "water," please, anything but, "chamomile," I'm begging you "And garlic." I'm dead.

I went onto the floor and began to cough so much that I had to speak between coughs. "Are" cough. "You" cough "Trying to" Cough cough. "KILL ME?!" I ended up forcing myself to puke on the wooden floor. Yet it was already too late, it didn't work. "Sorry, there's only one way." I said with my eye vision out of focus. "I will not die yet, I will not disappoint them." I said turning around to see the worried yet confused two people. I leaned to the closet one and sharpened my fangs. I sunk them into the nape of her neck and felt slight satisfaction. How many times did I do this? How many times did I have to? Why must I be a monster? I breathed through my nose and had the refreshing smell of flowers. Flowersâ ¦they're so defenseless. I instantly stopped and retracted my fangs. "Flower" I mutter, and for the first time, I didn't suck someone to death.

"What the hell did you do?!" Maria screamed at me and threw me back. I looked at my bloody hands. Humans, I finally understood. I was always attacking them for fun, but they're so defenseless, I shouldn't have done that. Never again would I. Like a flower, I just plucked it away, it's too fragile to fight back. I shook. I, I was a monster. "Penny! PENNY! Are you alive?! Penâ ¦" Maria began to cry. Then why are you just sitting there? I stood up and walked towards Penny.

"Magic to bring back the dead is impossible, however. She is not dead." I told Maria and learned to Penny. "To undo what you've done, you must do the opposite." I explained. "Sorry Penny please forgive me for this." I leaned to where I had bit her on the neck and gently kissed her there my touch healing the wound so blood wouldn't flow out. I pulled back. "And I apologize for the frightful experience as well." I made a mark on her forehead and there was glow, she wouldn't remember it. I kneeled down to Maria and quickly made the mark on her forehead too and she looked at me confused.

"Who are you?" She asked me.

"Oh, you fell down, but don't you remember? I found this girl nearly passing out outside, so I brought her here to the little hospital." I told Maria after realizing where we were. She glanced over and noticed Penny and her eyes widen with realization. I waved a goodbye but Maria grabbed my arm.

"Thank you, you're a very good person, please I must give you something as a reward!" She said with a smile. I felt guilty. However it would've been worse if they had remembered that.

"Ah. No." I said and walked out. I felt the sun on me and felt hot again. That was it wasn't it? The reason I had gotten sick. The sun, it still affected me.

I grabbed the door to the inn and swung it open desperate to go inside away from the hot sun. I shut the door with a loud slam and turned around to see Alex looking at me startled. "You've only be gone for, say 2 hours. What did our town revolute you?" He asked joking around pointing at my face, it obviously looked sick, and not to mention my face was pale. I gave him a deadly glare; I didn't find his laughter amusing. He noticed my annoyance and laughed louder. How in the world was he not scared of me? He was an idiot, it was that simple.

"Hey, when's that tea-party?" I asked Alex taking a seat on a couch while gripping the table in front of me to hold my balance. He looked at me and shrugged. His outside said I didn't know, but his mind said at sunset. I didn't have a strong level of power left since the sun nearly killed me, so I quickly fled out of his mind. I tapped my fingers on the table getting ready to steady myself as I lifted myself up. Sunset, it was such a perfect timing. I slowly walked backed to my room, I needed to hurry, I'd planned to only drink animal's blood now; and that wouldn't last me long.

Chapter 3

I stared at the curtains and at it's bottom just a tiny ounce of sunlight began to turn orange. I got up from the bed on cue, my head more focused now and grabbed my coat which hung on my bed post. I quickly put it on along with my shoes. I stretched out my arms and legs and walked out the door expecting to see Alex making an excuse to stop me from leaving. I walked over to the lounge and am shocked that he's not there. Oh well, less trouble for me.

I made my way to the castle, it was much easier than this afternoon when the sun was blazing, and noticed everyone starting to pack things up. This was the exact opposite of my town, everyone would start to unpack things in my town. Eventually I end up in front of the castle's walls where two guards stand in place guarding the door. Hmm, perhaps Alex was thinking of something else when I read his mind. Nevertheless, I'll still ask the guards when it is. I walks 5 steps and they say the words I've always heard in my kingdom, and they blocked the gate with their spears. "HALT! State you're propose!" I grin friendly and put my hands up in a tone which indicates harmless.

"I heard there was a party today for the princess.I wanted to check it out." I said innocently.

"Only nobles are allowed in, please return home." The guard on the left said. I sighed. I thought this would be the case, but I'd rather it not be.

"I am a noble." I told them with no hesitation.

The guards looked at each other surely not believing me. "You have no proof." They stated. This was great, these guards weren't stupid. I reached into my pocket and fumbled searching for it.

"Wait a minute! Aren't you the guy who saved Penny?" A woman asked from inside the gate, and instantly I looked up. Maria from earlier was there. My eyes widen, no, I came here to get away from them, why is she here? "Let him in, I owe him a favor." Maria ordered the guards and they opened the gate just like that. No backing down now. I walked in towards Maria and she smiled with gratitude. "That person you saved, was the King's niece!" She explain to me guiding me to a tunnel which lead through the castle, and I assumed to the outside quarters.

"Ah Maria Just who I wanted to see. We're-" A guard, well, he looked more important than a guard because of what he was wearing, I assumed a high knight. However, he was short. He pointed at me, and I pointed at him. No way, are you kidding me? "IT'S YOU!" We both shouted at the same time.

"Sir Alexander you know him? He's the one who save Penny from the Diamond kingdom." Maria told Alex, the guy who could definitely be no older than 17. I swore, how was he a high knight?

"Ah, Alex, we meet again, last time you tried to poison me as I recall." I gave a big grin, I honestly didn't like this kid. Maria gave a slight gasp.

"Don't get me wrong, you were suspicious, it seems though you are noble to get into this place. However if you aren't I can't allow you to pass." Alex said drawing his sword and planting it on the ground in front of him.

"Sir Alexander, please he's my guest." Maria said, however he didn't budge. I sighed. I had to ways to resort to.

"How about a duel instead?" I quirked with a evil grin. No way he could refuse.

Alex picked up his sword and placed it inside. "What a lovely idea. However it is also very foolish, let's fight in front of everyone then shall we?" He said turning around and guiding me to the party.

We walked out of the tunnel and there were a few tables set with white table-clothes. Maidens and who knows how important men where sitting at. It seemed as if the guest of honor wasn't here yet though, I could tell just by the aurora.

"Attention guests of this month's tea party!" Alex announced and it got silent as everyone turned toward him. "I hope to entertain you with a duel of myself, and...-" He began to say yet had no idea who I was.

"I am Petri." I announced giving a polite bow. As I rose I felt peering eyes from above and looked at one of the towards to see someone quickly shut the curtains from one of the windows. Alexander ushered a guard to hand him his sword, which looked very, very large and heavy. If I was a normal peasant it would've been heavy, however, I was trained for sword-fighting, and not to mention my extra abilities as a vampire. I grabbed the handle and swung the sword around trying to the get the hang of it. "Ah, this will do." Alex looked as if he couldn't believe it. He came close to shake my hand and when he did he whispered in my ear.

"Don't cry if I cut you're pretty face." He threatened and before he pulled back I warned him as well.

"As long as you don't scream once your feet are gone and you end up even shorter." I smiled wickedly at him and backed up getting into a position ready to fight. The guard who had given me his sword waved a red flag, and we began. Right when Alexander was going to blink I gave a swipe of the sword and grinned to myself.

"Ha, you didn't even cut me!" Alexander chuckled taking a step forward.

"That wasn't the goal." I explained and pointed to his clothes which slipped off after I'd cut the stapes. He quickly ran off. "I believe that states I won." I announced and the audience laughed. I handed the sword back to the guard who looked utterly shocked. "Thanks."

"You entirely humiliated my friend." A cold voice said and everyone stopped laughing. They turned around as did I. It looked like Penny, yet with a harder face, longer hair, and a more mature body. She looked cold as ice. By her aurora she looked as if she'd experienced everything in life.

"My deepest apologizes, Princess Penelope." I bowed.

Chapter 4

"I deeply apologize your highness." I told Penelope giving a little bow. The guests quickly returned to their conversations, although some men held their gazes a little longer before turning back. She really was beautiful as they said. She looked at me and blinked blankly obviously caring for my apology.

Her face was like a doll's hard, stiff, and it looked ice-cold. She seemed as if she expected everything to go her way. That was terrible personality. I would have to deal with it though. Now that I'd finally met the girl, let the mission begin. Part 1, meaningless chatter. "It's just that Alexander had offended me, so I got him back in return." I told her giving one of my innocent fake smiles.

She blinked at me and opened her mouth slightlyand hesitatingbeforebeing to talk. "Why are you trying to talkto me when I obviously don't wantto?" She asked metilting he head slowly with curiosity and her hairflowed off of her shoulder.I was takenaback,she was ruder than I assumed she would've been.

I gave her anotherfake smile. "Well that was you will eventually talk to me right?" Itold her with a fake laugh.

She looked at me with a frown and sighed. "Follow me." She ordered goinginto another tunnel and Iobeyed.

Once we were through I saw a beautiful pond withtrees that were tall and fitting and a deck that you couldwalk more into thecenter of the pond with. I looked at Penelope to see her reaction of sucha beautifulplace, but shewas staring at the castle's walland frowning.

"Look, I'm worry, but I don't want a fiance. Socould you just leave me alone?" She asked sincerely. She was smarter than I had taken her for.

"Such a same." I sighed looking at the castle's wall.

"Excuse me?" Penelope askedconfused.

"The wall blocks thetown doesn't it?" Isaidturning back to face her to see her eyeswidening a bit. "How many times have you gone intotown?" I asked her. I think I found out her problem.

Penelope slightly shiverand looked at me withnow teary eyes."Never..." She said andtears began to rush down her face like a waterfall. Yet shedidn't make a sound, not a wail or a sniffle. "They said I couldn't." she told me sounding so disappointed andsad. "They treat me like a doll, they dress me, they comb me, and theydecide what I'll say." Shetold me shivering as her tears streamed down even more.I understood now, she wasn't spoiled, she wasn't rude, she was trapped. She needed freedom from here. I patted her head which had shocked her, making her look up at me, and I could tell her tears were slowing down a bit.

"You're not trapped anymore Penelope." I told her wiping her tears from under her eyes with my thumbs. "I promise I'll free you." I knew exactly how she feels, I was once trapped like her. More than anything I wanted to go. I thought that if I had done something good for my kingdom they would let me, so that's why I left, I couldn't lose them because I loved them, and this was also an opportunity for my freedom, so I left, I escaped. The truth is, I am the heir to the vampire's kingdom. I have the most royal blood, so even though garlic, sunlight, and such will weaken me, they won't kill me. I can't let them know who I truly am, not yet anyways, or they willavoid me, kill me even, because they fear us, and if they kill the heir, they will have won the battle already. I pulled out a handkerchief from my pocket and hand it to Penelope. I patted her head and smiled again, once more it was real, and walked off

She was a kind person at heart, perhaps I wouldn't mind having to marry her. I stopped myself in the middle of the tunnel. I grabbed my head. What was I thinking? Maybe the sun had still affecting me, it was almost gone, but still, it was making me think the craziest things.

Chapter 5

I leaned against the castle's walls while everyone chatted about where they planned to go, who they planned to see, and what they were going to get. This was the exact definition of spoiled. I couldn't stand people like them. "AhYour highness! Where have you been? You can't miss your own party!" I glanced to see a women address her. She stole a glance at me, giving me a chance to see her eyes which were swallowing up and red, then quickly turned back around and ran off toward the castle's back door. "Wait your highness!" The Young women with long brown hair called out before chasing her down. I had accidently promised something to her. The sun had gotten to me, and now that it had set, I had knocked the common sense into me. I still had to make her fall in love me, so I couldn't go chase her down right away, I had to give her a moment to feel utterly pathetic. I grinned to myself, I would save my kingdom, and then not just me, but everyone in my kingdom would have freedom.

There was a quick rustle of atree and I instantly turned my attention to it. The humans didn't seem to notice. I let my senses focus more, and gave a sniff of the air, itwasn't a human, justan animal. Perhaps a squirrel. No, it smelled slightly different than that. There was a high-pitched squeak, and I instantlygrabbed my ear in defense and dropped my focus of my abilities. I winced, my eardrums screaming, the human's had apparently heard it a little startled, just not as how loud I had heard it. There wasmovement in the tree, I was distracted and could only see a flick of it as it moved, however I knew it was gone now. Slapping my ear to stop the ringing, I slowly walked a little closer to the tree, then stopped myself, I didn't have to search for it, it was just an animal. Although it seemed so familiar. Something about it made me think back to home. What was wrong with me? Was I ill or something? I was thinking such odd things today. I turned back around and leaned on the wall trying to calm myself down.

"That was really funny." Alex said behind me, I was almost shocked, but when he had stopped to stand behind me his boots had swept over the grass. I nodded grinning to myself.

"So how does a 17 year old get to be a high knight?" I asked him turning around to see his face infuriated. I raised an eye-brow, had I touched a tough subject?

"You do know I'm 22 right?" He asked me looking me straight in the eye. I held in a laugh. He really was short, it was probably because he had started working out, and once he got those muscles, he stopped growing. It was amusing though. I stood straight up, I was a head taller than him. Honestly, he was short. "I'll take that as a no." He assumed with another spark of fire for his hate for me in his eyes. I narrowed my eyes challenging him. "You've seen the princess now you can go off to wherever you were from right?" He asked me, well it was more like he was ordering me. I shrugged.

"Who knows I might just stay for a while." I sighed with a happy tone before smiling in his face could tell I was making him tick.

"What if I kicked you out of my parent's inn?" He threatened me.

"Ah that's fine, I'll just get a job and a house, oh, what do you know, maybe I'll even get a job at the castle!" I smiled at him and he stuttered. Wow, he was really hopeless. "Is it just your hate over me or do you love Penelope that you want to get rid of me?" I asked him starring him straight in the eye.

"What the hell! Of course not! I just hate you, plus look what you did to me! You'd probably humiliate her highness as well!" He stuttered before answering me, and finished by swallowing. I remember, earlier when he had lied to me he has swallowed too, that was his habit wasn't it?

"Ah that's good, because your status is so low compared to her. If you even thought about telling her you loved her, you'd probably have all your connections with her cut off! Who knows maybe you could even lose your title!" I laughed patting him on the shoulder. He laughed along with me just a little less from the heart. He needed to work on his fake laugh.

"You couldn't either though. You're just a pathetic traveler, lower than me." He smiled warmly which irritated me. I opened my mouth to interrupt however the squeak began again and I grabbed my head as my eardrums vibrated killing me. "Ow, what was that?" Alex said before turning to see me wincing in pain. "Hey you okay?" He asked for once not angry at me. The squeak came again, this time louder. Whatever it was, it was coming closer.

A black small figure swooped down and past Alex's face than I could feel extra weight on my shoulder. Alex's face was scratched and it slowly poured with blood. My eyes widened and I could feel my teeth aching. My blood pulse speeded and my desire was to have blood. Nothing else, that was the only thing on my mind. I came closer to Alex, nearing his neck. "Whoa! Is that a bat!?" Alex said snapping me back into reality. "You could've said something instead of sticking it in my face." Alexander told me reaching for my shoulder.

There was another squeak, and the bat flew off my shoulder. No way, it had to be pure coincidence. They couldn't have found me already. I sighed, of course it was a coincidence, they would've already dragged me back if they were here. I sighed in relief in my silly thought and turned to Alex whose cheek was now completely blood and my eyes widened. "You're bleeding go to the infirmary." My voice started to sound a little bit thicker, which meant that they had already reacted. I covered my mouth with my hand, my fangs have pushed all the way out so that they were at the bottom of my lip when I closed my mouth. So badly I wanted to drink blood, yet I had promise not to harm humans, ever since I hurt that little Penny who had saved me. However that was getting hard to do with this guy bleeding and being a person I hate a lot.

He laughed at me. "AW scared of a little blood are you?" He grinned. I narrowed my eyes at him. I could force him with my mind, however, that caused for power, and if I used power, I'd live for a little less unless I had blood. I turned around and ran off. If my desire grew too great I'd probably have a forced transformation into my weakest state. I didn't need him, or anyone else seeing that. I passed a bunch of women, all wearing dresses, their necks completely naked, the nape of their neck shined and I closed my eyes storming out of there. This was good. I could feel my bones tightening. If I was forced to transform, I'd have to drink blood to return. That wouldn't be much of a problem, I'd just have to find a cat, or perhaps a cow, and that'd be much easier in the other state. However, the transformation was extremely painful and embarrashing.

"Petri?" A voice called. To hell with this! I ran down a tunnel, and turned standing to the other side of it. I felt as if I was becoming a bit smaller, and my bones felt scrunched up, but lighter. I screamed in fustration I wastoo late, and instead of a scream I heard a loud squeak. Alexander turned and kneeled down. "Ah you again, you see this? You hurt my face pretty bad." Alex said pointing to the scar on his face. "Wow you've got big teeth don't ye?" Alexander said reaching his hand for me. That would just disgrace me. I flapped out my wings and knocked his hand away. "Well aren't you violent." Alex muttered pulling his hand back to rub it.

"Is that a bat?" A soft voice asked. Both Alex and I looked up to see Penelope, whose eyes were slightly black from her eye make-up which had smudged when I'd rubbed her eyes. I tried to glance at my thumbs to see if they were black from that. I wanted to slap myself, my thumbs were perched on my wings and they had fur covering them now.

"Oh Pen, you shouldn't come to close to it, it's kind of violent." Alexander warned her grabbing her hand which I just noticed coming for me. What was with humans and petting bats?!

"Alexander, this is an order, put your hand down and let me touch it." She said still in her soft doll-like voice. She seemed so forced to have that voice and the manner she said it in. She really was trapped wasn't she? I got distracted starring at her face, before realizing she was petting my head. "I guess he just doesn't like you." She told him before patting inbetween my ears. That felt soothing, it calmed me down,, my blood's pulse was slowing down and I squeaked in shock. What was this? I'd always had required blood to transform back into my human form, so why did it feel like I was going to go back? "Where is your cave? Have you gotten lost?" She asked and she began trying to pick me up. She could pat me fine, but pick me up? No. Such disgrace was not wanted! I whacked her hand away with my wing and flew off into the tunnel, where I felt myself transforming back. I groaned, all my muscles were sore, and I felt as if I couldn't move. Why had I transformed back without blood? Did Penelope have some sort of special power or something?

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