

Vampire Beginnings Episode 2

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1 INT. TRANSPORT

Humans in the back of the transport. A rumbling sound as the transport flies over the ground towards Clan Vires.

We can hear a young boy crying.

MAN
Shush now. You've got nothing to worry about. Everybody knows Clan Vires is one of the best in the nation. 1

RAEGEL
(grouchy)
He's got everything to worry about. She's going to eat him one day. 2

MAN
You shut the hell up! I'm done with you, Raegel, you mouthy fool. We've taken more lashes for you than any other! 3

RAEGEL
I'm never the one holding the whip, yet you still blame me. 4

MAN
Because you want to change what can't be changed! This boy can live a life, a full life, a good life. Not every human ends up food. And if we do, then we do, that's the way of it, and it always will be. 5

WOMAN
I heard Mistress Alexa's humans are the most well fed, and well dressed. 6

MAN
It's true! I've seen them in passing. She sent human messengers to Clan Sora once. Not Automaton's, but messengers! They got to ride in their High Powered Land Vehicles and everything. 7

RAEGEL (V.O.)
Stay at the bottom long enough and people will take any scrap that becomes available. As much as their conversation pissed me off, they were right about Alexa. 8

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RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Her clan was well managed, her humans treated as fairly as they could be I supposed. At least that's what everybody said. We'd never left Clan Sora's lands, so we didn't actually know. It could all be bullshit. She could be worse than where we'd come from. It wouldn't surprise me.

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 (frustrated)
 And damn the small minds of my kin! 9
 Damn them for not believing me when I told them what I'd seen, what I knew to be true. Vampires would always need humans, but one day, humans could be strong enough they didn't need Vampires.

(passionate)
 I didn't want a war, I wanted peace. 10
 I want co-existence and mutual respect. I loved this planet, and our status in the galaxy. I didn't want to leave, and I didn't want to die in a senseless war either. But I wouldn't be a slave forever, and I wasn't going to die, weak and helpless under the fangs of some fucking bloodsucker. Not even the great Alexa.

2 EXT. HUMAN COLONY (NAME PENDING)

We hear the sound of futuristic gates open as the transport drives through. The gates slowly close. The transport stops and the back door opens.

RAEGEL (V.O.)
 I stepped out of the transport, and 11
 was annoyed at the gasp that almost left me. On first glance this colony was... oh fuck her, it was beautiful.

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Vampire cities on Nomoria were an eye 12
 catching blend of technology and nature. Hanging gardens, glowing moon flowers decorating high-tech steel, lush parks. Buildings of gleaming steel and glass, elegant manors and castles of stone, decorated by night roses kissing the surfaces.

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RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Everything Vampires built was beautiful. Human Colony's, usually weren't. They were okay, some were down right slums. But this one... just fuck her. Fuck Alexa. The roads were paved. The streets were clean, and not from the labor of the humans but the Automaton's zipping about. There were fruit trees, and my stomach growled at the sight of them. Even under the light of the two moons, the humans here looked... by Lucifer they looked *happy* walking about. There was even... a fucking cafe? Did I smell... was that coffee?

BOSIE

All right, everyone settle down now. 13
 Eyes front, I need your attention.

(beat)

Thank you. My name is Bosie. I am 14
 your coordinator. I want to welcome you to Clan Vires. I know what terrible conditions you lived in under at Clan Sora. Rejoice now, because you will experience the most freedom a human is given on Nomoria. All your needs will be meet. Food. Housing. Clothing. Entertainment. Health. Under the light of the day, do as you please, or don't. Live your lives to the fullest. For they belong to Alexa, and may you be so blessed that one night calls upon you to repay the debt you owe her.

MAN

All hail, Mistress Alexa! 15

CROWD

HAIL MISTRESS ALEXA! LONG LIVE CLAN 16
 SORA!

BOISE

(laughing)

Okay okay. Be patient while we get 17
 you all through processing. You'll be given a tablet. It is yours to keep. You'll find many things on it, along with rules of the colony.

(MORE)

BOISE (cont'd)

If you cannot read, or you're not tech savy one of the <AI bots> will be dispatched to your home to assist you. Please make your way through there.

RAEGEL (V.O.)

After the hellish conditions of Clan Soras, even I had to admit this almost felt like freedom. The registration process was surprisingly fast. No one was rude, aside from Uso, but fuck him. I was escorted by an Automaton down a pristine street that smelled of lilacs. It stopped in front of a door and handed me a keycard. When I inserted it, I was inside a modestly furnished room. It was spacious. More space than I'd had my entire life. 18

RAEGEL

Where are my roommates? 19

AI BOT

I'm sorry I don't understand. 20

RAEGEL

Who else is going to live here with me? 21

AI BOT

This is your home Mr. Raegel. 22

RAEGEL

Just Raegel, please. 23

AI BOT

As you wish. 24

RAEGEL

Hang on, this whole space is mine? 25

AI BOT

Yes. So long as you obey the rules in accordance with- 26

RAEGEL (V.O.)

I tuned out the bot and looked around. The bed wasn't a cot. I touched it. Mattress. Soft. There were sheets. Blankets. Four fucking pillows. 27

RAEGEL
Is that a bathtub? It's huge. That's mine? 28

AI BOT
Yes. 29

RAEGEL
There's a shower. A separate shower. How long do I have in the shower? 30

AI BOT
As long as you want sir. Our water system is extremely robust and of the highest quality. 31

RAEGEL
You're telling me I can take a shower for as long as I want? 32

AI BOT
Yes. When you are ready sir, I will take you to the department store, where you can select new clothing. 33

RAEGEL
Buddy, can we do that tomorrow? Because all I want to do right now is get in that shower and forget the world exists. 34

AI BOT
As you wish. Good evening sir. 35

RAEGEL
Night. 36

We hear the sound of water running, and then a moment later. Raegel's voice is distant.

RAEGEL (cont'd)
Holy sun goddess it's hot! Hot fucking water! Woo! 37

The sound of the shower slowly fades out and we let time pass. Transition sound.

We hear Raegel snoring. Then we hear the door bell, twice.

RAEGEL (cont'd)
(Sleepy)
What the... I'm coming... 38

We hear the sheet moving as Raegel gets out of bed, and walks across the flat to the door. We hear the door bell again.

RAEGEL (cont'd)
I'm coming! 39

He opens the door.

BOISE
We ring twice. The next time we wait longer than that we break the door down and we don't replace it. Do you understand? 40

RAEGEL
If you don't want us to sleep so heavy, don't make the beds so fucking comfortable. 41

BOISE
(chuckles)
Be careful, Raegel. There's a side to this place that isn't so pretty. You don't want to be there. 42

RAEGEL
(sighs)
Yes ma'am. What do I owe the pleasure? 43

BOISE
Was your automaton broken? 44

RAEGEL
No? Why? 45

BOISE
Do you not like clothes? 46

RAEGEL
Not when I'm sleeping. 47

BOISE
Get dressed. You are blessed human. Tonight the Mistress requests your presence. 48

RAEGEL (V.O.)
My heart raced. Both fear and because... never mind. Fear. Just fear. And I hated my fear. 49

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RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
I hated the power these Vampires had
over my life. My face must have given
me away because Boise started
laughing.

BOISE
(laughing)
Yeah, all that bravery usually goes 50
away when this part comes. I don't
know if you're going to die tonight
Raegel, but I do know it's better
that she feeds on you. Me? I don't
care if it hurts. So hurry up.

RAEGEL (V.O.)
I didn't have a choice. I threw back 51
on the dirty pieces of shit clothing
I'd been wearing before. Boise rolled
her eyes at me. I followed her into
her fancy land vehicle, and we flew
towards Alexa's manor...

3 EXT. ALEXA'S HOUSE

We hear car doors closing before the futuristic sound of a
car flying off.

RAEGEL (V.O.)
...Except it didn't look like the 52
sprawling gigantic mansions most
Vampires had. This was...a house.
Maybe two stories? Couldn't tell. I
mean, it was nice don't get me wrong,
but it wasn't... grandiose. I
expected the conqueror of clans to
live in a castle. Boise dropped me
off at the front door.

BOISE
Have a good night, Raegel. 53

RAEGEL (V.O.)
I ignored her and looked at the 54
perfectly normal door. I squared my
shoulders, took a breath and knocked.

We hear Raegel knocking on the door. A short pause, before
the door swings open.

IZBE
Mmm. Aren't you cute, even if you 55
don't have any fashion sense.

RAEGEL
 Sorry. The shower was too good to get out of. 56

IZBE
 Oh, you're new. How cute. I'm Izbe, my pronouns are they/them. And you must be Raegel. 57

RAEGEL
 Yes. Did she talk about me? 58

IZBE
 She handed me a tablet with your name and picture on it. Come on in, honey. 59

RAEGEL
 Thanks. Uh, I'm he/him. 60

IZBE
 Cool. This way. 61

4 INT. ALEXA'S HOUSE

We hear the quiet sound of music, something soft and sexy. Inside the room we hear soft conversation, softer laughter, occasional gasps and moans.

RAEGEL (V.O.)
 Fuck. Me. Alexa must be some kind of hedonist. We'd heard about those types of Vampires. The ones who liked to mate with their humans. This was a little more than that. The room smelled like... I wasn't sure but it smelled good. There were maybe ten people, three vampires, the rest human, and they were all, doing... things. The sight of it turned me on and that pissed me off. It wasn't enough that these fucking Vampires made us their food, Alexa wanted us to be her whores too. 62

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 She had another thing coming if she thought I was going to degrade myself like that just because of a comfy bed and a hot shower. 63

IZBE
 Consents a thing you know. 64

RAEGEL
Excuse me? 65

IZBE
You look mad of all a sudden. 66

RAEGEL
You're not? You're okay with this? 67

IZBE
People having a good time? 68

RAEGEL
Is it? Or maybe we just don't have
any other choice because we're
slaves? 69

IZBE
Oh honey, calm down. I know you come
from a backwater human tribe but it's
a bit different here. 70

RAEGEL
Yeah I bet. 71

IZBE
Hey, we all know we're gonna get fed
on one day. You might as well have a
little bit of fun before then. And
our crew up here? All wanted to be
here. Trust me. Plenty have said no,
or just left when they were done.
There's no repercussions. 72

RAEGEL
Oh, so this is where she draws the
line? Gives us a choice? So nice of
her. 73

IZBE
You've got a whole lot of trauma you
need to work out huh? They're
Vampires honey. What are they gonna
do not eat? 74

RAEGEL
Just... 75
(frustrated noise)
Why am I here? 76

IZBE
Wearing what you're wearing with that
attitude that is a good damn
question. This way. 77

We hear another soft knock before a door slides open.

IZBE (cont'd)
 Alexa baby? Raegel aka Mr. Attitude 78
 is here.

RAEGEL (V.O.) 79
 I hated Alexa. I hated her so
 intensely in that moment because
 never, not once in my 36 years had a
 vampire feeding on a human ever
 looked anything but barbaric to me.
 But this didn't look like death, this
 looked like... oh fuck her.

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd) 80
 Alexa, conqueror of clans, one of the
 oldest vampires on this planet was
 kneeling, *kneeling*, between a woman's
 legs. (I'm guessing it was a woman I
 didn't ask her pronouns just then). I
 watched Alexa lift the woman's leg
 over her shoulder. The woman's breath
 was hard, not in fear and she moaned
 when Alexa ran her tongue along the
 inside of the woman's thigh. She
 moaned louder when Alexa bit her. Now
 they were both moaning, and I hated
 them and I hated her, and I hated how
 tight these pants were, and why
 didn't I let that Automaton take me
 to the store.

IZBE 81
 You just wait here. I'm sure she'll
 be with you in a minute. Have fun.

We hear the door close behind them.

5 INT. ALEXA'S BEDROOM

RAEGEL (V.O.) 82
 She still hadn't acknowledged I was
 there. The woman was still quietly
 moaning, and I think... I think Alexa
 was too, though much quieter. Finally
 Alexa stopped feeding, and I watched
 her tongue glide over the woman's
 skin again, catching the small
 droplets of blood, nuzzling the wound
 she made. A wound that began to
 slowly close until there was no
 evidence of it. Fuck. How?

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Clan Sora had taken a cruel kind of
 pride in marking us when they fed on
 us. There was not a human from that
 colony that didn't carry the scar of
 their fangs. 83

ALEXA
 You are delicious. 84

PET
 (breathless laugh)
 Thank you, Mistress. May I please you
 further? 85

ALEXA
 Not tonight. I have a meeting. You
 may go now, with my thanks. 86

PET
 Of course, Mistress. 87
 (pause. Shyly)
 May I kiss you? 88

ALEXA
 Kisses are for lovers. We are much
 more than that. Good night. 89

RAEGEL (V.O.)
 I stepped aside, staring at the woman
 as she passed. Perhaps she was
 compelled, but her eyes showed no
 evidence of it. In fact she winked at
 me and smiled as she left. 90

We hear the door open and close.

ALEXA
 You've never seen it done like that
 have you? 91

RAEGEL
 Whether you feed on us gently or
 harshly it's still the same. 92

ALEXA
 Do you want us to stop feeding on
 you? 93

RAEGEL
 No. I don't want Vampires to die. I
 should, after the way I've been
 treated. The way my family was
 treated but I don't. 94

(MORE)

RAEGEL (cont'd)
 I want us to be more than your food,
 I want us to be your equals.

ALEXA
 Equals... 95
 (sigh)

RAEGEL (V.O.) 96
 She finally rose. Vampires were as varied as human's in shape, size, how they looked. Alexa was built like a warrior, tall, thick, muscled. She had flawless, gleaming dark skin. Many vampires on Nomoria were dark skinned, moon bathing was a popular past time. The way the light of the sun effected the skin of humans, it was the light of the moons that could do so for a Vampire. Her curly black hair was shoulder length and carried small streaks of white. Most Vampires had a strong, near instant healing ability, not all, but most. Everyone said Alexa possessed the same healing ability, and after seeing what she'd done to that woman I was inclined to agree. But Alex had a faint scar on her cheek. It was rumored she'd gotten it from the sword of an Archangel from planet Heven. Maybe that wasn't something that couldn't be healed. Or maybe she just wanted to keep it. Who knew.

ALEXA
 You and I got off on the wrong foot. 97

RAEGEL
 As I recall, I wasn't allowed to stand on my feet. 98

ALEXA
 You will not be allowed to speak to me so disrespectfully, Raegel. 99
 Especially not in front of your peers and my soldiers.

RAEGEL
 (beat)
 ... I didn't meant to disrespect you. 100

ALEXA
I don't think that's true. I think you're a man who will cross many lines just to see if he can. 101

RAEGEL
Do you blame me? 102

ALEXA
No. 103
(beat)
Usu thinks I should drain you dry. Put a stop to you right now before you put your silly notions of freedom and equality into the heads of the others. 104

RAEGEL
I am flattered he thinks I'm so dangerous. 105

ALEXA
Flattered is not the emotion you should be. 106
(softer)
I am aware conditions at Clan Sora were brutal. Cruel. As you can see here I do not abuse humans. There's no reason for it. All I ask for is acceptance. And occasionally obedience. You will get much in return. As you well saw. 107

RAEGEL
(scoffs)
You think an orgy is going to make me feel better? 108

ALEXA
With how far that stick is up your ass, it certainty can't hurt. How long has it been for you? It doesn't have to be with a Vampire since you hate us so much. I'm sure one of my ladies, men, or theys would find you acceptable. 109

RAEGEL
I'll pass thanks. The stick up my ass is doing it for me. 110

ALEXA
Do you want me, Raegel? 111

RAEGEL
(beat)
I'm sorry? 112

ALEXA
I said... do... you... want... me? 113

RAEGEL (V.O.)
She was in front of me now. I could smell her hair. It wasn't perfume it was... lavender maybe. Soap. She didn't touch me but I was... acutely aware of how close she was. 114

RAEGEL
I... 115
(clears throat)
Why didn't you kiss her? 116

ALEXA
Because a kiss is one of the most intimate connections. And I don't kiss those I don't love. 117
(beat)
You didn't answer my question. 118

RAEGEL
What? 119

ALEXA
(soft)
Do you want me? 120

RAEGEL
(beat)
No... No... I hate you. 121

ALEXA
(laughs)
I don't particularly like you either. I'm glad we got that out of the way. 122

RAEGEL (V.O.)
She took a step back and I found myself licking my lips involuntarily. She kept walking backwards, and as she moved, I watched her hands move to the front of her robe. She opened it, teasing me with what was underneath but she didn't take it off. 123
(MORE)

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
Instead she sat down on the edge of
the bed, crossing her legs, placing
her hands on either side of her and
locked her stupid beautiful eyes on
mine.

ALEXA
You may come and hate me if you like. 124

RAEGEL
(breathless)
I'm not... I'm not going to turn into 125
one of your mindless puppies just
because you let me fuck you.

ALEXA
Moon forbid. 126

RAEGEL
I'm not going to like you either. Or 127
the fact that you won't even listen
to what I want for humans.

ALEXA
I know, Raegel. Fucking you isn't 128
going to make me like you, either.

RAEGEL
I hate you, Alexa. 129

ALEXA
You're not interesting enough for me 130
to hate yet.

RAEGEL
Bitch. 131

RAEGEL (V.O.)
I was getting closer. I didn't even 132
realize that I'd crossed the room. I
didn't know that I'd lost myself to
this woman and how much I hated her
until I realized I could taste her
skin under my lips. Her neck. My lips
were against her neck.

ALEXA
(soft moan)
Mmmm. Be worth my time, Raegel... 133

RAEGEL (V.O.)
I drew back abruptly. With a lot (a 134
lot) of willpower.

RAEGEL
...This isn't... this isn't how I do this. 135

ALEXA
Oh? How do you do this? 136

RAEGEL
(makes a frustrated noise. Beat)
Do you want me? 137

ALEXA
I summoned you didn't I? 138

RAEGEL
To manipulate me. To find out if I'm going to be a problem for you. And I am. I am Alexa. I'm never going to stop wanting human's to be more. To be free. 139

ALEXA
You don't want freedom, Raegel. 140

RAEGEL
Excuse me? 141

ALEXA
You want power. 142

RAEGEL
It's the same thing. 143

ALEXA
(laughs)
You would believe that. Let me show you the difference. 144
(beat)
Command me. 145

RAEGEL
What? 146

ALEXA
Command me. Here. Now. In this bedroom where there is just the two of us. I'll give you the control you so desperately want. Command me. 147

RAEGEL
(short laugh)
I'm not going to command you to fuck me, Alexa. But sure, I'll play your game. Free my people. 148

ALEXA
All the humans I have here, or just the ones that arrived with you? 149

RAEGEL
All of us. 150

ALEXA
Done. I'll free them. And my kin will starve. But well before that, my enemies and even my allies will hunt you down. They'll find you. You'll be branded with the tracker, nasty device. Even if you managed to get to the spaceport there is not a ship you could command because none would respond to you, because we programmed them that way. 151

RAEGEL
You don't know everything. 152

ALEXA
(sigh)
You think you're the first human that wants to be free? That's tried to start a revolution? There are history books you have not read. There are centuries you have not lived. It always ends up one way - you loose. 153

RAEGEL
(frustrated)
That's entirely my point. It's why you've got too -
(beat. Taking in a breath. He doesn't want to say too much)
Fine. You don't want to let everyone go, don't. Let me go. 154
155

ALEXA
Do you think you can escape your fate if I do? You think a human can just wander the Vampire cities? 156

RAEGEL
I'm not going to the cities. 157

ALEXA

You think your soft human body can survive the wilderness? You who've never hunted a day in your life? 158

RAEGEL

You said command you, I commanded you. Let. Me. Go. Or are you a liar too? 159

RAEGEL (V.O.)

Her eyes flashed - I'd seen that look before. Her anger. It felt... controlled though. I might be a mouthy, arrogant fool, but I truly did not want to see her anger uncontrolled. But, I still had to try this. Had to push. 160

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)

She shot up, her open robe hanging entirely too well around her, making me remember what her neck felt like under my lips. It made me want to reach out and command her in the way she wanted me too... No. No. I had to hold firm. Right? Right. Firm. A different firm, not how firm her arms would be around me... or would they be soft... all that muscle and... shut up, Raegel. Focus. 161

ALEXA

You're an idiot Raegel and you will die alone. What sense is there in that? I know your previous masters were cruel, I know you've lived a lifetime of it. I am none of those things. Let me show you. Stay here. Live your life in comfort. Fall in love. Have children. Take the freedom I offer. 162

RAEGEL (V.O.)

Her impassioned speech made me realize how good a commander she probably was. I would have followed her into battle. But not as I was. Not as weak as I was, not with a lifetime so limited. She deserved better. And so did I. I came closer, drawing in her scent. I raised my hands and framed her face between them, staring into her eyes. 163

(MORE)

RAEGEL (V.O.) (cont'd)
 She couldn't fathom my request
 because she only saw what she knew. I
 could not speak to her history but
 she looked as if she'd seen one too
 many senseless deaths and it was
 clear she thought I was walking into
 mine. But, I had a plan. A stupid one
 but a plan nonetheless.

RAEGEL
 I do want you Alexa. And I hate that. 164
 I've never wanted a Vampire but I
 want you. Just... not like this. Not
 as I am. I need to be more. I will
 stand as your equal, or I will die
 trying.

ALEXA
 Setting you free won't grant you what 165
 you seek. What you seek is
 impossible.

RAEGEL
 Let me try. 166
 (beat)
 Please. 167

RAEGEL (V.O.)
 I felt her fingers close around my 168
 wrists. Hands of a warrior. I let my
 mind wander, thinking of how those
 hands would feel on me. Gripping my
 back. Touching me like I wanted to
 touch her...

ALEXA
 Fine. 169

RAEGEL (V.O.)
 Just as my mental fantasy was getting 170
 so carried away I was thinking maybe
 I *should* take her up on that offer,
 just in case I did die, she shoved me
 away from her. Giving me her back,
 belting her robe closed. She picked
 up her tablet.

ALEXA
 Bosie. 171

BOISE
 (beat)
 Ma'am? 172

ALEXA
I'm giving Raegel his freedom. Tell 173
no one. Pick him up, and drop him off
outside of city limits.

BOISE
(beat)
Are you sure- 174

ALEXA
Boise. 175

BOISE
Yes ma'am. On my way. 176

RAEGEL
Wait. You're doing it? You're letting 177
me go? Boise isn't going to kill me
is she?

ALEXA
I am many things, but I am not a 178
liar. Get out. What happens to you
after this is no longer my concern,
for you are not under my protection.

RAEGEL
Alexa... Mistress. Thank you. *Thank* 179
you.

ALEXA
Get out. 180

Transition sound.

6 INT. ALEXA'S STUDY

ALEXA
I think that's quite enough of your 181
side of things.

RAEGEL
Hey now. I was just about to write 182
about how concerned you were for me.

ALEXA
More like relieved the annoying one 183
was gone.

RAEGEL
You were worried, admit it. 184

ALEXA
You didn't want to leave. Admit it. 185

RAEGEL
You did look good in that robe... 186

ALEXA
Other men jumped at the chance to get that robe off. 187

RAEGEL
Other men don't get you all to themselves. 188

ALEXA
Maybe they should. 189

RAEGEL
How dare. You're mine now. 190

ALEXA
I suppose. After what a colossal pain in the ass you were to save, it's only right I should have claim to you forever. 191

RAEGEL
We are in agreement. Come here and kiss me. 192

ALEXA
As you wrote, I don't kiss those I don't love. 193

RAEGEL
You love me, Alexa. I am helplessly in love with you. Kiss me. 194

ALEXA
(sigh)
Fine. 195
196