

VAMPIRE BEGINNINGS: EPISODE 3

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1 INT. ALEXA OFFICE

Alexa is sitting at her desk. Everything neat, orderly. There is a tablet on the desk, information scrolling down it. On a holographic monitor is a man's face. He's important looking, he's talking but Alexa appears to be half paying attention.

NICU 1
...he doesn't think they'll be
anymore Clans that want
war. You've squashed it.
That's the good news.

ALEXA 2
And the bad?

NICU 3
Your proposal for blood
donations centers across
Nomoria was rejected again.

ALEXA 4
The reason this time?

NICU 5
Same as before. Change is
hard.

ALEXA 6
The way we do things isn't
sustainable with our
numbers. These younger
Vampires are killing more
humans than are being born.
If their masters aren't going
to teach them discipline-

NICU 7
I know. I know. We'll keep
pushing.

ALEXA 8
(beat)
It was my mother, wasn't it.

NICU 9
Not just her, but she was
the most vocal of course.

ALEXA 10
What does she want?

Alexa- **NICU** 11

ALEXA 12
What does she want, Nicu?
In exchange for her support.

NICU 13
(beat)
Half your lands.

ALEXA 14
(snorts)
She's not poor. She doesn't
need them.

NICU 15
You have more than she
does. She doesn't like it.

ALEXA 16
Then she shouldn't be so
fucking terrible at managing
her clan.

NICU 17
I don't disagree. But the
Elders-

ALEXA 18
(sighs)
She has their ear.

NICU 19
You have support. More
than you realize.

ALEXA 20
Just not enough.

NICU 21
Not yet.

ALEXA 22
I'll think about it.

NICU 23
Please don't. Fuck her.

ALEXA 24
(chuckles)
Restful sleep, Nicu.

NICU

And you, Alexa. 25

Alexa terminates the call. We hear another beep.

ALEXA

Yes, Bosie. 26

BOSIE

Why did I let a human go? 27

ALEXA

Details. 28

BOSIE

(sigh)
The arrogant fuck asked to be taken by the flat you generously provided him first. He brought a pillow case, I didn't search it. I'm assuming it was filled with food and water. I dropped him where you instructed. 29

ALEXA

And the drone? 30

BOSIE

It's following him, unbeknownst to him. 31

ALEXA

Good. 32

BOSIE

This is dangerous, Alexa. 33

ALEXA

I know. Begin our plans for the Blood Donation centers. 34

BOSIE

(beat)
We got approval? 35

ALEXA

(humorless laugh)
Of course not. 36

BOSIE 37
 Didn't think so. I'll get it started, quietly.

ALEXA 38
 No. Make it loud.

BOSIE 39
 You sure you want to rock that boat?

ALEXA 40
 Positive.

BOSIE 41
 On it.

ALEXA 42
 Thank you, Bosie.

BOSIE 43
 You should have let me eat him.

ALEXA 44
 (amused)
 I suspect you wouldn't have liked his taste at all.

BOSIE 45
 Whatever, bloods blood.

ALEXA 46
 (laughing)
 Indeed.

Alexa shuts off the connection.

ALEXA (cont'd) 47
 Computer. Show me footage from Flat 6697J, last moon, at approximately 3.

ALEXA (V.O.) 48
 There was not an aspect of the human's lives my clan did not monitor. Hidden cameras and listening devices in every home. The surveillance was 24/7 but there was not always someone watching and listening. Just our ability to do so, if needed.
 (MORE)

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

The Automaton that cleaned and served the human's also listened, sending us reports and alerts if specific keywords were used. I watched the footage from Raegel's flat. I watched the idiot run inside, and pull something from underneath his mattress.

ALEXA 49
Camera freeze. Zoom in on what the subject is holding.

ALEXA (V.O.) 50
It looked to be a very old piece of parchment. Frayed edges. Strange. Paper was used only by the rich, only as an indulgence. It wasn't something a human would h-

ALEXA 51
What the fuck.

ALEXA (V.O.) 52
As Raegel rolled the piece of parchment up I could see it, clear as day. The symbol for the cave, and more importantly what was inside the cave.

ALEXA 53
Oh, you stupid, stupid human.

ALEXA (V.O.) 54
I looked at the time. The sun was risen. If the wild beasts that roamed the unclaimed lands didn't kill him he would reach the cave by sundown. I could take a transport, but I would run the risk of causing too much attention. I would have to wait for the moon's light and my ability to shapeshift. But, it was possible I wouldn't get there in time.

ALEXA
 (beat)
 Whatever. If he dies, he
 dies. It's his own fault. Idiot. 55

ALEXA (V.O.) 56
 I just... I didn't want this
 one to die. I'd felt many
 things for humans over the
 centuries. Pity. Anger.
 Empathy. Even desire. I'd
 never been... annoyed. One
 had never had the courage
 (or stupidity) to look me in
 the face and demanded
 freedom. Oh, there were
 revolutions in the past. But,
 when those leaders sent
 their demands through
 missive or hologram they
 felt safe in their rebel
 bases. They were not hours
 after a Vampire war, still
 in rags. None had been so
 bold to stare into my eyes.
 (beat)
 None had touched my face
 like that either. 57

ALEXA
 (disgusted
 sound)
 Ridiculous. Bring up drone
 786-C. Don't you dare die,
 you stupid, stupid man. 58

2 EXT. WILDERNESS

Raegel is climbing up a rocky hill. It's slow going, all the rocks are loose, and a harsh wind keeps sending dirt towards his face. He looks exhausted but determined.

RAEGEL (V.O.) 59
 I'd never tell anyone this,
 but after climbing over
 these damn hills all night, I
 started thinking freedom
 wasn't all it was cracked up
 to be. I could be in that
 bed right now. Or Alexa's
 bed for that matter.
 (MORE)

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

Not that I wanted to be in
her bed, just that I could. If
I wanted. Which I didn't.

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

I was getting closer though. 60
I'd passed two landmarks on
my map. I still had some
supplies left from what I'd
shoved in the pillow case.
And I'd avoided two Vugan's.
So take that, Alexa. I'm
doing just fine on my own.

We hear the low growl of some kind of
creature.

RAEGEL

Oh... shit. I jinxed it. I 61
fucking jinxed it. Run. Run,
Ragel, c'mon.

3 INT. ALEXA OFFICE

A soft knock on the door.

ALEXA

Come in. 62

IZBE

Your mid day appointment 63
is here.

ALEXA

Thank you, Izbe. 64

(beat)
Before you go... a question. 65

IZBE

Sure, what's up? 66

ALEXA

(beat)
If you were given your 67
freedom... if I offered to set
you free, would you take it?

IZBE

And do what? 68

ALEXA

I don't know. Be free? 69

IZBE 70
I am free.

ALEXA 71
Not as free as I am.

IZBE 72
Actually, I'd argue I'm more
free than you are.

ALEXA 73
... how so?

IZBE 74
I know this isn't true for
every human on Nomoria
but I've got all the freedom
I want. I can do pretty
much what I want, when I
want. Every need is met.
And the price I pay for
that is sexy as hell and
keeps you alive. That's a
win win. But, you on the
other hand have a huge
weight on your shoulders.
You take care of us, you
deal with...that woman, the
elders, and probably a
dozen other things I'm not
privy too. But me? After I'm
done here, I'm gonna go eat
chocolate truffles.

ALEXA 75
Lisha does make the best
chocolate truffles.

IZBE 76
Oh my god, they are to die
for.

(beat) ALEXA 77
Surely not all feel as you
do.

IZBE 78
Who doesn't like chocolate
truffles?

(laughs) ALEXA 79
Not that.

IZBE 80
 Oh. Well, if they're not in
 Clan Vires, no probably not.

ALEXA 81
 Even if they are in my clan.

IZBE 82
 (shrug)
 Fuck 'em. Maybe some
 humans don't want Vampires
 to feed on them. Okay. But
 there's not a planet in the
 galaxy where freedom or
 good living or whatever you
 want to call it doesn't have
 a price.

ALEXA 83
 Others get to choose that
 price.

IZBE 84
 Is this whole conversation
 inspired by Mr. Stick up his
 ass?

ALEXA 85
 (too quickly)
 No. 86
 (beat)
 Maybe.

IZBE 87
 Something about that one
 huh?

ALEXA 88
 No. Of course not. He's... it's
 not about him. We're making
 changes, or I'm trying too,
 and I wanted your opinion.
 That's all.

IZBE 89
 Forcing choice on people,
 even if that choice is
 freedom is still forcing it.
 Maybe he wants to be
 "free" whatever that means
 to him, but that doesn't
 mean he gets to decide for
 everybody.(MORE)

IZBE (cont'd)

What that man actually needs is some good ole fashioned therapy. Clan Sora was terrible.

ALEXA 90
It truly was.

IZBE 91
He ever say thank you?

ALEXA 92
(scoffs)
He probably doesn't even know the word.

IZBE 93
No chocolate truffles for him until he does.

ALEXA 94
(laughs)
You tell him that.

IZBE 95
Oh, I will.

ALEXA 96
Thank you, Izbe.

IZBE 97
Anytime. Good luck with... that woman.

ALEXA 98
(sighs)
Thank you. I'll need it.

4 INT. ALEXA'S SITTING ROOM

VALORIA VIRES is standing at a window. She is a 3,000 year old vampire. She does not carry the muscle her daughter does, but Valoria fills the room with her equally dominating presence. Her eyes are cold. Her mind is sharp. We hear the double doors open as Alexa enters the room. Valoria's smile is practiced. Loveless.

VALORIA 99
I was beginning to think you forgot what time it was.

ALEXA 100
Hello mother.

VALORIA 101
I've asked you repeatedly
to call me, Valoria.

ALEXA 102
It doesn't change what you
are.

VALORIA 103
Neither is using a term a I
despise. Are we so keen on
beginning this meeting in an
antagonistic manner?

ALEXA 104
I didn't fire the first shot.
You did.

VALORIA 105
You continue to try and
shape reality to fit your
nonsense. You fired the
first shot, when you thought
you could push your
proposal ahead of mine.

ALEXA 106
I've yet to hear your
proposal.

VALORIA 107
You are not an Elder.

ALEXA 108
Yet.

VALORIA 109
Mmm.

ALEXA 110
What do you want?

VALORIA 111
(humorless
laugh)
Many things. None that you
could give me.

ALEXA 112
To accept my proposal for
the blood donation centers.
What do you want?

VALORIA 113
Your little pet, Nicu didn't
tell you?

ALEXA 114
I want to hear you say it.

VALORIA 115
Since you were rude my
price was gone up.

ALEXA 116
I'm sure it has. Speak it.

VALORIA 117
Half your lands, and now
all of your armies.

ALEXA 118
(laughs)
Is that all?

VALORIA 119
For now.

ALEXA 120
You hate it, don't you? How
quickly I surpassed you in
everything.

VALORIA 121
You are an arrogant little
brat if you think that.

ALEXA 122
I've been called worse by
people greater than you.

VALORIA 123
By the moon goddess,
Alexa, I am shocked your
hubris hasn't killed you yet.
Here is what will happen,
daughter.

ALEXA 124
This will be entertaining I'm
sure.

VALORIA 125
 You will support my
 proposal. The Elders
 acknowledge the issue that
 soon there will not be
 enough humans to properly
 feed Vampires...

ALEXA 126
 (scoffs)
 Properly-

VALORIA 127
 (continues as if
 she hadn't
 interrupted)
 ... therefore, we will open up
 birthing centers around
 Nomoria.

ALEXA 128
 Excuse me?

VALORIA 129
 The most genetically ideal
 human females will be
 brought to the centers,
 surgically made pregnant in
 a controlled environment,
 and those offspring will be
 immediately distributed to
 centers where they will be
 bred for quality.

ALEXA 130
 That's barbaric.

VALORIA 131
 Don't be such a child.

ALEXA 132
 I will NEVER support this.

VALORIA 133
 You will do as I command
 you.

ALEXA 134
 Never. You are a disgrace
 to our clan-

VALORIA
 (interrupts in a
 booming
 Vampire voice.)
 HOW DARE YOU. I'm a
 disgrace? You dishonor MY
 NAME every time you let
 one these cattle touch you.
 You think I don't know what
 you do here?

135

ALEXA
 By the goddess. I'm not the
 first Vampire to fuck a
 human, mother.

136

VALORIA
 I don't care what other
 Vampires do, I care about
 you dragging my name
 through the mud. Your
 empathy for these humans
 is disgusting.

137

ALEXA
 Here we go...

138

VALORIA
 You think your humans care
 about the cow you murdered
 to feed them? They don't.
 They are our food, Alexa.
 They are nothing, literally
 nothing more than that.

139

ALEXA
 The problem here isn't my
 alleged hubris if you cannot
 see the difference between
 a human and a cow.

140

VALORIA
 Enough. You will support my
 proposal. It will pass with
 or without you. But if you
 do not support it, if you
 try me Alexa, I will have
 you removed from the
 Council altogether.

141

ALEXA
 (beat)
 Excuse me?

142

VALORIA 143
You heard me clearly.

ALEXA 144
If it's war you want-

VALORIA 145
You were blessed with skill
with a weapon I'll give you
that. But you are not
better at spinning a
narrative than I. And I have
the Elders ears. You will
not win a war with me and
we both know it.

ALEXA 146
Get out.

VALORIA 147
(laughs)
Grow up, Alexa. I'll see you
at the next council meeting.
Daughter.

We hear the retreating of Valoria's
footsteps.

BOSIE 148
Mistress Vires.

VALORIA 149
Bosie.

There is a beat of silence.

ALEXA 150
Is she gone?

BOSIE 151
Mhmm. Her and whole
ridiculous entourage. I could
kill her if you like.

ALEXA 152
(half hearted
laugh. Alexa is
fumbling)
If anyone is going to kill
that woman it's going to
be-

We hear an alert type noise start beeping.

Fuck. ALEXA (cont'd) 153

What is that? BOSIE 154

Raegel's fucking drone. ALEXA 155

Let him die. BOSIE 156

I knew I should have. I had bigger concerns now than a dumb human who wanted to roam the wildlands, but I was still moving at Vampire speeds back to my office. I silenced the alert, bringing up the drone's camera. ALEXA (V.O.) 157

(quietly. Angry and scared for him)
Goddammit, Raegel. ALEXA 158

A Vugan was chasing him. He was lucky, it wasn't as fast as a Koraceous but it would gain on him eventually. Its clawed curved feet were built for the hillside and when it caught him, it would rip him to pieces. ALEXA (V.O.) 159

It's going to eat him. BOSIE (snorts) 160

I hung my head between my shoulders. It was mid day. I couldn't shapeshift. The only way I could get to him was if I took my transport. And if I took my transport I ran the risk of someone noticing. ALEXA (V.O.) 161

BOSIE 162
 Alexa, don't even think it.

ALEXA 163
 I have to go.

BOSIE 164
 You know our enemies have eyes on us.

ALEXA 165
 I'll risk it. I'll take the-

BOSIE 166
 Alexa. He's just a human. We kill them all the time.

ALEXA 167
 I know, Boise! I know. I still have to save him.

BOSIE 168
 Why? ^(beat)

ALEXA 169
 Because he wants to help his people with the same kind of passion I want to help ^(ours.)

^(beat) 170
 Because... he's right. I am tired of spoils so basic.

BOSIE 171
 I don't even know what that means.

ALEXA
 (an amused sound)

BOSIE 172
 (sighs)
 Fine. You stay. I'll go. And I promise, I'll actually save him and won't eat him like he deserves.

ALEXA 173
 No, he's my problem.

BOSIE 174
He's not good enough to be
your problem, Alexa.

ALEXA 175
You're right. Maybe one day
he'll realize that.

BOSIE 176
That jackass? Hardly.

ALEXA 177
I'll be back.

BOSIE 178
I'll cover you as best I can.

ALEXA 179
I know you will. Thank you
Bosie.