

VAMPIRE BEGINNINGS: EPISODE 3

Written by
Crystal Storm

Copyright (c) 2023

Tales of the Forgotten Fiction Network

theteam@talesoftheforgotten.com

No permission is given for this script to be used as a training tool for any AI or machine learning.

Permission is given for Voice Actors to use this script for voice acting practice.

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

ALEXA
And the bad? 2

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

ALEXA
The reason this time? 4

NICU
Same as before. Change is hard. 5

ALEXA
The way we do things isn't 6
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
I know. I know. We'll keep pushing. 7

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

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

ALEXA
What does she want? 10

NICU
Alexa- 11

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

NICU
(beat)
Half your lands. 13

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

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

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

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

ALEXA
(sighs)
She has their ear. 18

NICU
You have support. More than you realize. 19

ALEXA
Just not enough. 20

NICU
Not yet. 21

ALEXA
I'll think about it. 22

NICU
Please don't. Fuck her. 23

ALEXA
(chuckles)
Restful sleep, Nicu. 24

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 29
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.

ALEXA
And the drone? 30

BOSIE
It's following him, unbeknownst to 31
him.

ALEXA
Good. 32

BOSIE
This is dangerous, Alexa. 33

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

BOSIE
(beat)
We got approval? 35

ALEXA
(humorless laugh)
Of course not. 36

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

ALEXA
No. Make it loud. 38

BOSIE
You sure you want to rock that boat? 39

ALEXA
Positive. 40

BOSIE
On it. 41

ALEXA
Thank you, Bosie. 42

BOSIE
You should have let me eat him. 43

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

BOSIE
Whatever, bloods blood. 45

ALEXA
(laughing)
Indeed. 46

Alexa shuts off the connection.

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

ALEXA (V.O.)
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. The Automatons 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. 48

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

ALEXA (V.O.)
It looked to be a very old piece of parchment. Frayed edges. Strange. 50
(MORE)

ALEXA (V.O.) (cont'd)
 Paper was used only by the rich, only
 as an indulgence. It wasn't something
 a human would h-

ALEXA
 What the fuck. 51

ALEXA (V.O.)
 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. 52

ALEXA
 Oh, you stupid, stupid human. 53

ALEXA (V.O.)
 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. 54

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

ALEXA (V.O.)
 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. 56

(beat)
 None had touched my face like that
 either. 57

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

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.)
 I'd never tell anyone this, but after 59
 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. 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. I'd 60
 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 fucking 61
 jinxed it. Run. Run, Raegel, c'mon.

3 INT. ALEXA OFFICE

A soft knock on the door.

ALEXA
 Come in. 62

IZBE
 Your mid day appointment is here. 63

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 freedom... if 67
I offered to set you free, would you
take it?

IZBE
And do what? 68

ALEXA
I don't know. Be free? 69

IZBE
I am free. 70

ALEXA
Not as free as I am. 71

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

ALEXA
... how so? 73

IZBE
I know this isn't true for every 74
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
Lisha does make the best chocolate 75
truffles.

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

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

IZBE
Who doesn't like chocolate truffles? 78

ALEXA
(laughs)
Not that. 79

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

ALEXA
Even if they are in my clan. 81

IZBE
(shrug)
Fuck 'em. Maybe some humans don't
want Vampires to feed on them. Okay. 82
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
Others get to choose that price. 83

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

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

IZBE
Something about that one huh? 87

ALEXA
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. 88

IZBE
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. 89
(MORE)

IZBE (cont'd)

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

ALEXA

It truly was. 90

IZBE

He ever say thank you? 91

ALEXA

(scoffs)

He probably doesn't even know the word. 92

IZBE

No chocolate truffles for him until he does. 93

ALEXA

(laughs)

You tell him that. 94

IZBE

Oh, I will. 95

ALEXA

Thank you, Izbe. 96

IZBE

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

ALEXA

(sighs)

Thank you. I'll need it. 98

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

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

ALEXA

Hello mother. 100

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

ALEXA
It doesn't change what you are. 102

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

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

VALORIA
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. 105

ALEXA
I've yet to hear your proposal. 106

VALORIA
You are not an Elder. 107

ALEXA
Yet. 108

VALORIA
Mmm. 109

ALEXA
What do you want? 110

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

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

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

ALEXA
I want to hear you say it. 114

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

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

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

ALEXA
(laughs)
Is that all? 118

VALORIA
For now. 119

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

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

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

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

ALEXA
This will be entertaining I'm sure. 124

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

ALEXA
(scoffs)
Properly- 126

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

ALEXA
Excuse me? 128

VALORIA
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. 129

ALEXA
That's barbaric. 130

VALORIA
Don't be such a child. 131

ALEXA
I will NEVER support this. 132

VALORIA
You will do as I command you. 133

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

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. 139
(MORE)

VALORIA (cont'd)
They are nothing, literally nothing
more than that.

ALEXA
The problem here isn't my alleged 140
hubris if you cannot see the
difference between a human and a cow.

VALORIA
Enough. You will support my proposal. 141
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.

ALEXA
(beat)
Excuse me? 142

VALORIA
You heard me clearly. 143

ALEXA
If it's war you want- 144

VALORIA
You were blessed with skill with a 145
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
Get out. 146

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

We hear the retreating of Valoria's footsteps.

BOSIE
Mistress Vires. 148

VALORIA
Bosie. 149

There is a beat of silence.

ALEXA
Is she gone? 150

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

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

We hear an alert type noise start beeping.

ALEXA (cont'd)
Fuck. 153

BOSIE
What is that? 154

ALEXA
Raegel's fucking drone. 155

BOSIE
Let him die. 156

ALEXA (V.O.)
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. 157

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

ALEXA (V.O.)
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. 159

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

ALEXA (V.O.)
I hung my head between my shoulders. 161
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.

BOSIE
Alexa, don't even think it. 162

ALEXA
I have to go. 163

BOSIE
You know our enemies have eyes on us. 164

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

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

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

BOSIE
(beat)
Why? 168

ALEXA
Because he wants to help his people 169
with the same kind of passion I want
to help ours.
(beat)
Because... he's right. I am tired of 170
spoils so basic.

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

ALEXA
(an amused sound)

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

ALEXA
No, he's my problem. 173

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

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

BOSIE
That jackass? Hardly. 176

ALEXA
I'll be back. 177

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

ALEXA
I know you will. Thank you Bosie. 179