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<u>Chapter Ten</u> Aura's Revenge

Seti watched his children for several minutes as they sat together. Amadio and Aura were the only children he had let remain with him. Even though he often felt discontent with Aura's malcontent, he loved her, and she often reminded him of his sister

"I hear you enjoyed your first hunt Aura, and that your fangs are strong enough to kill. I was thinking perhaps tomorrow night we could pay a visit to Lord Lyons." Seti said to Aura.

Aura looked up at her Master and then she looked at Amadio.

"I'm afraid. Part of me wants to know the truth but part of me doesn't. If what you said of him is true, I wish for nothing more than his death. However I'm still torn over the kindness he did show me when I lived in his home."

Amadio looked down at her and said.

"We have no reason to lie to you my love, and I can tell you there is no better meal than the blood of one that has done your family wrong. The best revenge is making a meal of the one who will now cower before you in fear when in the past they pushed you down or hurt the ones you loved."

Amadio pulled Aura into his lap and hugged her. Amadio knew that this would be the greatest test of strength for Aura; it was true that William Lyons had been somewhat kind to Aura, but Amadio could not understand why because he knew that man to be a very cruel man. Amadio sensed there was a dark reason behind Aura's decent treatment and he knew that they would soon find out what it was.

Amadio, Aura, and Seti agreed to dress up as two princes and a servant to keep Lord Lyons from realizing that the servant was actually Aura. Seti knew that as stuck up and greedy as Lord Lyons was it would not take much persuasion for him to ignore a lowly servant and believe that he and Amadio were two very wealthy princes traveling with a servant who had gotten hopelessly lost and needed accommodations for the evening until they could continue their journey the next morning.

Lord Lyons was lounging in front of a large fireplace and drinking a watered down brandy when his butler entered the room and announced that there were two gentlemen and a girl requesting an audience from him. As Lord Lyons entered the room he took in the sight of Amadio's and Seti's well tailored and expensive looking clothing, these men were no doubt men of very noble birth and deserved the utmost respect.

Lord Lyons also took a long look at the exotic looking young woman accompanying them. She wore a vest adorned with golden coins and scarves that was attached at the forearm and again at the wrist with gold bands. She wore pantaloon pants that hung low on her hips displaying her slim waist that was draped with a jeweled belly chain. A light veil covered her hair and face displaying only her bright blue eyes. Her entire outfit was as black as the night and parts of her pants and veil was made of a sheer material that he could see through.

"I am Lord William Lyons and I welcome you to my humble home. How may I accommodate you gentlemen?" Lord Lyons asked them.

"Greetings Lord Lyons, I am prince Seti and this is my younger brother prince Amenthohtep our esteemed families are formerly of Egypt; however we now live on a secluded Island off the coast of Ireland. We are part of a secret society of very wealthy Egyptians, as we should be for we are descendants of Pharaohs. We still follow and know the secrets of the old ways of our ancestors. We live secluded and undetected by the rest of the society of Egypt.

We were traveling through your lands and I'm afraid we have gotten lost. We humbly ask if you could accommodate us for the evening, you will be well rewarded for your troubles." Seti said to Lord Lyons.

Lord Lyons eyes lit up with greed and lust as he thought of the many riches the princes would bestow upon him for sheltering them, and perhaps a chance to seduce the seductive young woman that accompanied them.

However before touching her he knew he had to make sure she was no one of importance, not that he thought any woman was important. To him women were only for the whims of man. But he still knew better than to touch a woman who may be of royal or noble blood for the consequences could prove deadly or worse.

"I will gladly accommodate your highnesses and who may I ask is this beautiful and charming young lady?" Lord Lyons asked them trying to conceal the lust in his voice.

"Pay no mind to her. This is just our servant girl Kiya. We take her on our trips to, how you say, entertain us. She dances for us, serves us, and bows to our every whim when we so desire it or her. She is of no importance. However we usually travel with her for she is very obedient and never questions you when she is told to do something whether it is by us or another nobleman as long as we inform her that she is to perform such duties. You may place her where you wish, unless my brother desires her to accompany him this evening." Seti said to Lord Lyons.

Seti had detected the lust in his voice and decided this was the best way to get him alone, especially alone with a now very dangerous Aura.

Amadio shook his head to indicate he did not wish for Aura to stay with him that evening. Aura took a deep breath; it was the moment of truth. It was now time to find out what he knew of her past, what he was truly like, and for her to take her revenge.

Aura was escorted by the butler to a secluded room in the back of Lord Lyons estate, a room that Aura never knew existed. The room had no windows and it was unusually decorated, to Aura it looked like a dungeon or a torture chamber. Chains and shackles were on the walls as well as a length of rope and a

whip. The bed was an iron wrought bed; however it had shackles attached to its posts.

Aura understood right away what the room was used for and why the servants always wore clothing that covered almost their entire body. The stories were true, if the servant was not willing she surely be forced and then threatened. Aura was filled with hatred, she knew even if he did not turn out to be her father she would kill him for treating his servants so horribly.

Amadio and Seti entered the room and hid in the shadows so that they would not be seen. Seti saw the pure hatred in Aura's eyes and prepared himself to stop Aura if she tried to kill Lord Lyons before she got the information she desired. A few minutes later Lord Lyons entered the room and walked up to Aura.

"Your Masters told me to tell you that you are to entertain me this evening in return for sheltering them, and to do all I say without question." Lord Lyons said to Aura.

Aura did her best to suppress her anger and put on a simpleton face. She nodded in response to show that she would do as she was told. Lord Lyons ran his hands down her waist and over her hips as he pushed her up against a wall, he ran his hand up over her stomach and up to the cords that tied her vest shut. As he took a hold of the cord at the top of her vest he looked at her face to see what reaction he would get as he untied her vest.

Instead of seeing fright, hungry lust, or desire in her veiled face, Lord Lyons saw a face of a woman with determination and no fear. A low growl was heard in the room and Aura's eyes turned from their dark blue to an icy cold bright blue. As fright began to overcome him from seeing this unnatural woman, four hands grabbed him and held him against a wall. The fire in the fireplace grew bright enough to reveal his captors, Amadio and Seti.

Aura walked up to where he was being held against the wall and stood in front of him. She reached up and removed the veil

that hid her hair and her face, Lord Lyons gasped when he realized who she really was.

"Aura, it can't be!" Lord Lyons yelled in fright.

"Oh it is me Lord Lyons, no longer am I in disbelief of your treacherous ways, and now I demand the truth about my life. I also would not even think about lying to me for my friends here will know the truth and shall hurt you beyond all imagining if you lie to me. They have told me what I wanted to know, however I want it all confirmed by your vile mouth.

I want to know the truth about my mother, about how she died, and how she was captured. I want to know who my real father is that is responsible for my birth. I want to know why you eventually adopted me and treated me differently than the other servants. I want to know why you kept sending me further from the estate every day, until I was captured by these two men and taken to live with them. I want to know the truth on how you really treated your servants, and I want to know what happened to the gardener, for I now know he didn't just disappear." Aura said to Lord Lyons.

"Those unnatural eyes of yours that glow with such an impure light. No doubt you are a witch just like your mother. I will tell nothing to such a conjurer. You will pay Aura, all of you will, you are not Nobles where as I am. You will be sentenced to death for sure and you Aura will be burned as a witch." Lord Lyons said to Aura.

"I am no witch Lord Lyons; I am something far much worse. I am a Vampire now, a Master Vampire. So are my friends, you cannot hurt us or kill us, and I suggest you answer my questions or the answers will be tortured out of you." Aura said to Lord Lyons.

Both Seti and Amadio began to growl bearing their fangs at Lord Lyons; he quickly started answering all of Aura's questions.

"I sleep with my servants; they belong to me so I see no reason not to. I knew your mother was a witch, but as long as she did what I told her I would not turn her in. I often had to threaten to turn her in to get her to do what I wanted her to do in

this room. I never had a servant get pregnant before and hide it from me. They would be forced to get rid of the child when born or they would be killed, and if the servant was disobedient or threatened to tell anyone of what I did to them or the children, that servant would be killed.

I am your father, your mother hid her pregnancy from me and she ran away to protect you from me. I turned her in for witchcraft and she was eventually caught and tortured to death. However you were born before she died so you survived and you were taken straight to the orphanage so I could not hurt you. However you were the child of a witch and I figured you would not survive for long especially since you were a child born out of wedlock.

I had no idea that my gardener found out about you, your mother, and my ways. He had powerful friends who could ruin me so he was able to threaten me. I was forced to adopt you and raise you. So I adopted you and made you a servant, allowed you to live in the house, and gave you the honorable position of a cook's assistant, and paid you well.

Eventually I came up with the plan to send you on errands far from the estate every day, and after a week I would higher men to kill you. Then it would look like no more than you were walking home and were murdered by highwaymen and no one would suspect me. In the meantime I managed to make the gardener disappear permanently by having him drowned in the pond and strapped to the rocks on the bottom so that he will never be found again. You disappeared the night before I was going to have you killed so I believed you had been killed by real highwaymen and that I would no longer have to worry about you or your family ever again." Lord Lyons said.

Amadio looked at Aura and saw that her eyes were lit up in an icy blue with pure hatred and anger, her fists were clenched, and she was growling; she looked extremely dangerous.

"We thank you for the information, but we believe that Aura wants two more things from you. Revenge and your life in return for her friends and mother's lives." Amadio said.

Seti and Amadio dropped Lord Lyons and Aura slammed him up against a wall. She yanked his head back, growled and bit him hard with as much force, anger, cruelty, and harshness that she could. Lord Lyons screams were heard for miles as Aura took her revenge. Once Aura had drained all of his blood she threw his body against the wall.

Aura then left the room and Amadio and Seti wondered what she was up to. Aura returned shortly with a sword and a spear. Aura laid his body on the bed and then jammed the spear through his body and the bed so that it made a post in the middle of the bed. She then used the sword to cut of his head and then she impaled it on the spear. She then took Amadio's dagger and used it to stab out Lord Lyons eyes.

"May your soul suffer in anguish and pain for all eternity and be lost without a head or sight to guide you into the afterworld. Despair for all you have done and burn with all the pain you have caused." Aura hissed.

Amadio walked up to Aura and held her, she was more vicious and powerful then he imagined she could be.

<u>Chapter Thirty Six</u> Day of the Dead

Back in the tomb in Egypt, Aura sat against the wall of the tomb she was trapped in. Sitting in complete darkness with only a small candle to the light the room was extremely boring. Aura laid her head back and began daydreaming of a gothic party she had gone to in California in the United States five years ago. It was a gathering of Vampires that were celebrating *Dia de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead. Originally it is a Mexican holiday celebrating those who have passed on; but the Vampires used the day to not only celebrate the dead and those lives that they had taken over the years, but to celebrate life and their own immortality.

It was a two night celebration from the first to the second day of November. A group of her Vampire friends celebrated the holiday by dancing in a graveyard during the celebrations. Aura remembered the night clearly.

Midnight had passed and the Vampires had gathered in the largest graveyard in California. The nights of the celebration passed as they sang and danced to songs of both death and life. They danced on top of and in front of tombs, crypts, monuments, mausoleums, gravestones and sarcophagi's.

Aura danced with Amadio on top of a stone sarcophagus that was covered with candles, sugar skulls and bright orange marigolds. The graveyard was filled with bright orange marigolds, thousands of candles illuminating the night and sugar skulls sitting among the graves. Toys and candies covered the graves of the children, food and drinks were left for the dead to have when they returned. Many of the Vampires had shells and bells attached to their clothing so that they made noise when they danced; this was a tradition used to "wake the dead".

Everyone had decorative skeletal masks covering their faces or had their faces painted like a skull.

Aura's hair was pulled up into pigtails with two small braids along with numerous black and red ribbons throughout her hair. Amadio wore all black with a red snakeskin belt. They both wore bracelets that had plastic skulls around the bands. Amadio tucked one of the orange marigolds into one of Aura's bracelets. The Marigolds were called *Flor de Muerto* or Flower of the Dead. These flowers are thought to attract souls of the dead to the offerings left for them.

Many of the Vampires were dressed in bright colors, but most were dressed in layers of black and red. Some of them danced while using long poles to make skeletal puppets move above them. Some of the Vampires had dolls and small skeletons tied around their waists that were supposed to bring them "Day of the Dead" luck. Some wore different kinds of jewelry depicting skulls, bones, brightly colored beads and various other items that they used to represent the dead and life.

As a large bonfire burned in the center of the graveyard, some of the Vampires threw objects into the fire to be burned, as a way for them to reach the dead. In the center of the graveyard was a large dark pink skeleton that laid on the ground and rested his hand on a colorful carousel that turned around with skeletons riding the carousel animals.

Seti chewed on one of the sugar skulls as he sat on a gravestone and watched the others dance. Anytime the police would attempt to stop the party the Vampires would hypnotize them and make them leave. Aura and Amadio had stayed both nights and celebrated with the various Vampires, Master Vampires and mortals who came to celebrate and dance in the graveyard.

Aura was snapped out of her daydream when she heard something falling down the airway shaft. She looked into the basket beneath the opening; there was a bottle of blood and a note. Aura brought the note over to where the candle was lit and did her best to read it in the candle's dim light; how she wished

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Amadio was there, he could have done something to make the light brighter. The note stated what the other Vampires had in mind, except for the fact that they would kill her when she was no longer useful, and they expected her to cooperate.

'Not a chance! If any of you get close you'll learn what my fangs feel like!' Aura thought to herself as she stuck the piece of paper into the flame of the candle and let it fall onto the floor burning until it was nothing more than a pile of ashes.

Chapter Thirty Seven

I Miss You and I Love You

As Amadio sat in the rocking chair in the nursery, Bethany lay awake in his arms; she had hardly slept since Aura was kidnapped. Amadio's heart hung heavy with grief, not knowing what was happening to Aura was tearing him up inside. It seemed that even his daughters were saddened by the loss of their mother.

"We'll get her back little one. I'm sure we will. Your mother's strong; she won't let my brothers hurt her, and your grandfather won't let anyone hurt her and neither will I." Amadio said to Bethany as she stared up at him.

But even as Amadio said those things to her, he wished that he could believe them himself. Seti stood in the doorway of the nursery and watched Amadio as he sat with his daughter.

'For the longest time my children saw me as evil. The strongest Vampire; all Vampire kind feared me and most of my sons had respect for me, but none ever considered me their family. They all saw me as nothing more than their Master, or as the enemy. At first, only Anthony seemed the closest I would ever have as a true son. He remained with me the longest. I did understand that he wanted his own home when he met Victoria, although it hurt me that he was not content to stay with me.

The ability to truly love appears to leave or die in Vampire kind. It takes a very special human to be able to love truly once they become a Vampire. I guess it is a good thing; too much emotion in a Vampire could cause problems. After a while I realized that I could not be a father to any of my fledglings, I would always be their Master; Anthony was the closest I would ever have to a son.

I've always had a certain weakness for mortal children. I still don't know what possessed me to rescue Amadio from a horrible death when he was child. Amadio still doesn't know that I watched over him most of his life, and that I was the reason those men would go to that tavern almost every night. Amadio became the son I never thought I would have. Out of all of my sons, he has been the one who has truly treated me as a father. I know that he only calls me "Master" out of respect.

At first I thought that I was going to regret creating Aura. She annoyed me so much when she was a fledgling and for the longest time, she was terrified of me. I really shouldn't have been so harsh when I took half of her blood. I had only done it so that she would want to be with Amadio more than me. I never expected to care about her as I do now; I had only chosen her because of how Amadio felt about her in the first place. She truly has become my daughter. I really do miss Aura; I even miss her knocking me down into the snow or splashing me with water when she gets to feeling particularly brave around me.

Now I have two granddaughters, and I have never been closer to my mother and Akhenaten than I am now. Anthony has even returned home to me and Victoria even sees me as Anthony's father. If it wasn't for Amadio and Aura, I wouldn't have a family and I do truly love them all, even if I don't say it to them. I will not lose Aura to those pathetic excuses for sons.' Seti thought to himself as he watched Amadio hold Bethany.

Amadio never noticed Seti standing in the doorway; he was lost in his own thoughts.

'I remember the first time I saw Aura. I never thought that Master realized that I had feelings for her. She had looked so sad; I knew she was an orphan who was forced to be a servant to that arrogant Lord. It took me a week, but I eventually learned what had happened to that poor girl. It wasn't fair that life was that cruel to her, she looked so pure. I wanted her the moment I saw her; I wanted her to look at me like she looked at the horses and Lord Lyon's gardener...with love.

I watched her for so many nights, I would sneak out just so I could watch her through the windows of Lord Lyon's estate. When Master suggested that I take a Bride, the only one I could

think of was her. How I wished I could have made her my Bride, but I knew my Master was going to choose a girl for me because he was going to make her a Master Vampiress. I never thought that he would choose her.

When I heard him describe the one he was going to bring over, all I could think of was Aura. At first, I thought I was only picturing her because that was the one I did truly love, but now I know that it actually was Aura that he was describing. I remember I hesitated the night we brought her over; I was afraid that bringing her over would destroy the purity in her that I loved so much. Unfortunately, I knew she was going to die if I didn't help bring her across. I hated my Master at first for doing that to her, but I accepted his judgment in choosing a Bride for me.

Aura truly is unique, she never lost her purity or her true self when she was brought across. She was a lot like I was. I have never lost my love for her, and I still feel it as strongly as I did the first day I saw her. I can't lose her; there is no way that I would want to go on without her.' Amadio thought to himself.

Aura lay on the stone floor of the tomb that she was trapped in. She too was lost in thoughts of her family.

'I remember the first time I saw Amadio. It was in the village square, and I was buying food for the cook to prepare that evening. He was so handsome and he seemed so charming. I couldn't help but notice him, and it seemed that he had noticed me too. I felt so heartbroken when I learned that he was Lord Seti's son; I didn't know that they were actually Vampires then. I knew that a servant girl would never have a chance with the son of a Lord, but I wanted him so bad. So many times I thought I saw him watching me, but it was probably no more than wishful thinking.

I remember the night Master grabbed me. He had told me that he wanted me to come home with him, that his son wanted me. I had never felt happier in my life then, even if he was only going to use me for a night, at least he would be with me for one night and I could be with him; it was more than I could ever ask for.

When I told him that I had to deliver the things to Lord Lyons estate I bought that day, he showed me he truly was, a Vampire. I was terrified; I knew that Vampires were killers, and that was probably what they wanted with me. I couldn't believe that Amadio was a Vampire. Our Master was so harsh when he bit me; it hurt so bad.

Amadio was so gentle and loving even though he was a Vampire, but he was nothing like our Master. He actually looked sorry for what he was doing to me. His eyes showed an emotion that I thought Vampires were incapable of having...love. His eyes told me that he would be gentle, and that he would do his best to not make it hurt.

I've learned so much since then; that Master had taken me that way so that I would be more inclined to want to be with Amadio, and that Vampire kind are capable of being in love. The night I thought would be the end of me was actually the beginning of what I had wanted all along. Amadio was mine and I was his; he has never grown tired of me and I will never grow tired of him.

I even care about Master; at first, I was terrified of him and I know he still gets upset with me at times, but he has become the father I never had and I love him too. I miss them all. I never dreamt even in my wildest dreams that I would find what I have always desired among the Vampires, a family. I love them all and I miss them so much, especially Amadio and my two beautiful daughters. I waited so long for all of them and now, it seems I may never see them again.' Aura thought to herself as she cried.

On Kiya's island Akhenaten held Kiya close to him; he never did stop loving her, even if he wasn't around a lot. But his love for Kiya was no match for Amadio's love for Aura.

Anthony pulled Victoria close to him in Seti's kitchen. Anthony had fallen in love with Victoria the moment he saw her. She had grown tired of an eternity of loneliness and was just about to let the sun destroy her when Anthony had saved her, and from that day on she had stayed by his side, nevertheless,

Anthony knew his love was no match for the love Amadio had for Aura.

Bethany pulled herself closer to Selena, they missed their mother terribly. Seti had entered the nursery while Amadio stood at the window and stared out into the night. For the first time in his life, Seti pulled Amadio to him and held him as Amadio finally gave into his urges and began to cry.

No matter where they were, they all had one thing in common. They missed Aura, they wanted her home and they all loved her. Aura had changed each of their lives; somehow, all of their love for each other had become stronger. They were no longer as Master and child, and a Vampire and his Bride; for the first time ever, they were truly joined as a family.

<u>Chapter Forty Eight</u> The Birthday Hunt

Three twenty-two year old men lay on the ground near the campfire. The sun was setting as they woke up and looked around at their wooded surroundings.

"How'd we get here?" One of them asked as he stared at the fire.

"We brought you here, to participate in a little game. Don't you remember?" Aura asked with a secretive grin, of course she *knew* that they didn't remember.

"What kind of game?" Another asked.

"We're on a hunting trip and you boys are going to help with it. We really only need two of you, but I think that the third one of you will come in handy." Amadio replied as he walked out of the shadows of the forest drinking, what the humans thought was red wine.

Akhenaten had remained in the shadows of the forest to give some hunting tips to the two very eager Master Vampiresses.

"Now you girls sit here and when they begin to run, go after them. Good luck my little ones." Akhenaten said as he left to join the others who were starting to form a circle around the human men.

The humans looked around them and noticed that several others had suddenly appeared out of the shadows, and that they were beginning to form a tight circle around them. The humans started to grow nervous as the others appeared to be looking at them with cruel expressions.

"So...uh...what exactly will you be hunting that you want our help with?" One of them asked in a nervous voice.

"Well, let's put it this way...we're Vampires. Actually we're Vampires and Master Vampires. So we will be hunting...you.

Actually my granddaughters will be hunting you." Seti said as he grinned evilly at them.

"You're not Vampires. Vampires don't exist." One of them scoffed.

Aura walked up to him, smiled a full fanged grin and said in a seductive voice,

"They don't do they? So my fangs are fake then aren't they?"

"Of course they are. They're just teeth caps, people get them all the time." One of them said in a confident tone.

Amadio walked up behind the boy, pulled him up against his chest and held him tightly as Aura smiled even more. Amadio looked at the others and said,

"Let's see if you think this is fake, and please be honest."

Amadio pulled the boy's head back, growled, bit into his neck and started to drink his blood as Aura bit into his wrist and drank his blood as well. The others looked at their friend in horror while he screamed in agony as the Vampires drained his blood; then they let him fall to the ground, dead. They looked up in horror at Amadio and Aura, who had allowed blood to cover part of their faces to emphasize their point of being Vampires.

The humans looked at the circle of...Vampires...around them. As they looked at them, they all turned into large wolves. Kiya, Akhenaten and Victoria turned into gray and brown multi colored wolves. Anthony turned into a large white and gray wolf, and Seti turned into a large, pitch black wolf. Amadio and Aura remained in human form and then looked straight at the boys, as they laughed at the fear that was written on the boys' faces.

"I would run if I were you, it makes the chase more thrilling. After all, we want our children to have fun; it is their birthday after all." Aura said as she laughed.

Amadio and Aura changed into wolf form, Amadio as a large brown wolf and Aura as a beautiful white wolf. Amadio growled and Aura lunged at the boys to make them start running. The boys ran into the forest as the others spread throughout the forest in their wolf forms. Bethany and Selena decided that they too were going to join in the "wolf-play". Bethany and Selena changed into two white wolf pups, ran up to their mother and nuzzled her.

"Aren't you two going to hunt them?" Aura barked out to them.

"We will, we're going to sneak up on them as wolves and then scare them as we change back into Vampires. We just wanted a hug." Bethany and Selena yipped in reply.

Selena and Bethany ran into the forest as Amadio walked up to Aura and nuzzled her; it would be a night to remember. Selena and Bethany ran after the two boys as Aura and Amadio ran off to join the others. It wasn't long before Selena and Bethany got ahead of the two boys, they hid underneath a log as they watched them approach. The one boy sat down on the log and tried to catch his breath.

"This is insane! How are we going to get out of this mess?" The second boy asked.

"I don't know. Do you hear something?" The other asked as he started hearing something whimper.

Selena and Bethany made whimpering sounds as they climbed out from underneath the log, and looked up at the one boy while shyly wagging their tails.

"It's just a couple of pups. They look like wolf pups, but they seem friendly." One of the boys said as he picked up Selena.

Selena started to growl at the boy and then she bit down into his hand as hard as she could. The boy screamed and dropped her.

"Well, we were always told that we shouldn't pick up wild animals." The other boy said as he stood up.

Bethany noticed a black wolf standing in the shadows twenty feet away from her.

'Hi Gwandpa Seti.' She said to him, as she used her ability to communicate with him through her thoughts.

'Hi Bethany, you two having fun?' Seti replied.

'Uh huh. Bethany you ready to show them we're more than what we seem?' Selena said using her thoughts.

Bethany replied by howling at the two boys before she walked over to her sister. Seti sat on the ground as he watched to see what the girls would do, Aura and Amadio stood ten feet behind him. Selena and Bethany returned to their human like forms and grinned happily at the two boys. The one boy backed up and said,

"They...they're Vampires too."

Selena and Bethany grinned even wider showing their fangs.

"Wait a minute, they may be Vampires...but they're puny. They're just a couple of really little kids; how can they be a threat to us? We're bigger than them." The other said as he looked at Bethany and Selena.

Selena and Bethany began to growl at the two boys, they were going to prove to them that they *were* a threat!

'If we only knew how to fly, we could knock them down and give them a good bite to show them.' Selena thought angrily.

All of a sudden, Seti ran out of the forest in his wolf form and jumped on one of the boys, knocking him to the ground. Selena and Bethany took the opportunity to jump on the boy and give him several bites, as he struggled and fought to get the girls off of him. Eventually, the boy managed to get away and ran quickly after his friend.

"You're not going to let them get away are you?" Seti barked teasingly at the girls as he wagged his tail.

The girls grinned and ran after the two boys; they really were enjoying the hunt. It was unlike anything they had ever done, their father was right; this was going to be one of the greatest nights of their lives. Seti ran back and joined the others, as they ran as a pack after the boys to chase them back towards the girls.

Eventually, they managed to trap the boys on a cliff. The two girls walked up to the boys growling. They were anticipating the moment when their fangs would pierce their flesh. To feel how the blood pulsed through the boys' veins from fear. To taste the sweet blood that lay just beneath their skin.

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Their fangs tingled in anticipation; and to the boys, it seemed that their fangs gleamed in the moonlight. Their eyes lit up to an icy blue with excitement. The sound of the boys' hearts pounding was intoxicating to them. Seti and the others closed in on the boys, in their wolf forms, as they growled.

"We are going to have to help them a little bit." Amadio barked at Aura, as he circled in front of one of the boys.

Both Amadio and Aura leapt onto the boys, knocking them to the ground and pinned them down. Selena and Bethany quickly ran to the boys to claim their prize...of blood. The two boys screamed in terror as Bethany and Selena drained them of their blood and their lives. Amadio and Aura sat back with the others and watched their girls with pride as they completed their first solo hunt.

The others returned to their natural forms as the girls wiped the last drops of blood off of their mouths. Amadio and Aura smiled at the girls as they came running into their arms.

"This was the best birthday ever!" Bethany and Selena shouted in unison.

It was close to sunset when they all returned back to their camp, and the girls went straight to sleep without an argument. As Amadio and Aura walked to their tent, Aura turned around to kiss Amadio and said.

"This really was a good idea."

"There's nothing like a good hunt to bring a family together." Amadio replied, as he kissed her.

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