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It was a dark night. David was walking. He was upset. He and his girlfriend had been in a fight.

A car came around a corner. It hit David and sped away.

David lost a lot of blood. He was dying.

Lilly came. She was going to drink David's blood. Then she saw his face. He looked like her brother. Her brother had died 200 years ago.

Lilly tried to save David. She gave him some of her blood. Vampire blood can heal people.

It didn't work. David died. But then he woke up—as a vampire.

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CHAPTER 1

The War of 1812

The year was 1812.

There was a war. Two armies were fighting. They were fighting on a big field.

One man shot another man with a gun. The man who was shot fell to the ground.

“NO!” he said. His blood flowed. It made the grass red.

The fighting went on and on. Many men were killed. Many more were badly hurt.

A girl came. She wore a long dress. She had long black hair and blue eyes. Her name was Lilly.

Lilly was a vampire. She saw the man who was shot. She saw his blood flowing. She saw the red grass.

I'm so thirsty, she thought. I need to drink blood.

Lilly was a new vampire. She didn't know how much to drink. She didn't know you could drink *too* much blood and kill someone.

Lilly bent down. She put her arms around the man. Lilly was very strong. She lifted the man up so his neck was near her face.

Lilly's face changed. Her eyes turned from blue to red. Her teeth grew pointed and sharp.

Lilly bit into the man's neck. She started to drink his blood.

There was another man near Lilly. He was on the ground, too. He was badly hurt. His name was James Branch.

James Branch stared at Lilly. He saw her red eyes. He saw her pointed teeth. He saw her drinking blood from the man.

The man was his friend.

"What are you doing to my friend?" he said to Lilly.

Lilly looked at him. She did not stop drinking.

James Branch wanted to make Lilly stop. But he was too weak. He could not get up.



*“What are you doing to my friend?”
he said to Lilly.*

Lilly finished drinking.

“That was good,” she said.

Lilly put the man down. Her face changed again. She didn’t have pointed teeth. She didn’t have red eyes.

Lilly walked away.

James Branch saw his friend die. He had lost too much blood.

James Branch would never forget Lilly’s face. He would never forget what she did to his friend.

*When I get better I will find her, he thought.
And when I find her, I will kill her.*

CHAPTER 2

Hunted

It was 2015. Lilly and David were at West Bend High School. They were in class. There was a new teacher. His name was Mr. B.

Mr. B wrote on the board. He wrote:

The War of 1812

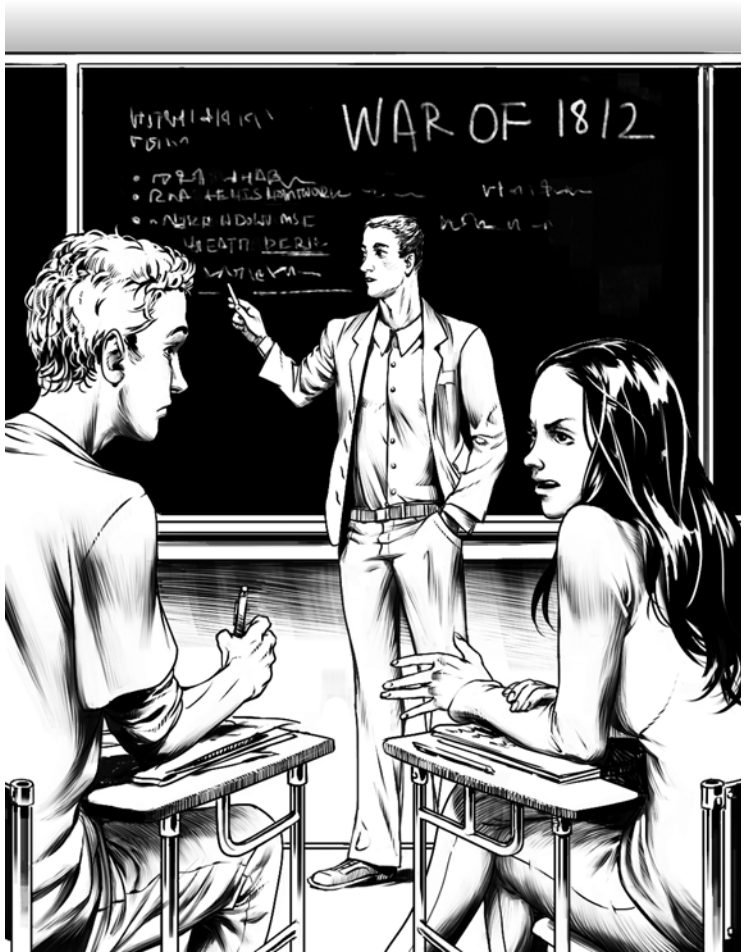
“I could teach this class,” Lilly told David. “I know a lot about the War of 1812. I was there.”

David said, “How can that be true?”

“I was a new vampire then,” said Lilly.

“So you are over 200 years old!” said David.

“I am,” said Lilly.



*"I could teach this class,"
Lilly told David.*

“It’s hard to be a new vampire,” said David. “I know because I am one.”

“Yes. But *you* have *me* to help you!”

Lilly’s voice was loud. A girl named Ana turned and stared. Ana looked mad.

Ana used to be David’s girlfriend. Then they had a fight. They broke up.

David still liked Ana. But he was a vampire now. He wanted to bite her neck.

Ana still liked David. But she didn’t know he was a vampire. She didn’t know why he was with Lilly all the time. It made Ana mad.

Ana turned to her friend Tanya. “Mr. B is *so* good-looking,” she said.

“He really is,” Tanya said.

“I’m glad he’s our new teacher,” Ana said.

David could hear the girls. He was mad.

Lilly knew David was mad. “Forget Ana,” she said softly.

“I can’t,” David said.

Mr. B started to talk. “It’s time to start class,” he said.

Mr. B wrote his phone number on the board. “This is my phone number,” he said. “You can text me if you have questions about school work.”

Mr. B started to talk about the War of 1812.

“There were fights in many places,” he said. “There was even a fight here in West Bend. It was on a big field.”

“Yes,” Lilly said. Her voice was sad.

Mr. B didn't know who was talking. He looked around. He saw Lilly. His eyes got big.

“Do I know you?” Mr. B asked Lilly.

“No,” Lilly said. “Why would you?” Her voice was not nice when she said it.

Mr. B was mad. “See me after class,” he said.

At the end of class, the bell rang. Students got up to go. Lilly got up to go, too.

“Mr. B wants to see you,” said David.

“He might want to see me,” said Lilly.

“But I don’t want to see him!”

Lilly walked out of class. David followed.

“Why are you acting this way?” he said.

“I don’t like Mr. B,” said Lilly. “I don’t know why. There’s something about him . . .”

Then Lilly stopped talking. She could hear a sound. It sounded like the wind.

Lilly jumped to the side. She moved very fast.

Something flew by and stuck in the wall. It was long and sharp. It just missed Lilly!

“It’s a stake!” said Lilly.

CHAPTER 3

Kill or Be Killed

David pulled the stake out of the wall. It had a very sharp point.

“Look at this. It could have killed you!” said David.

“I know,” said Lilly. “It just missed me!”

David was very upset. “What’s going on, Lilly?” he asked.

Lilly said, “We’re being hunted.”

“By who?” David asked.

“A vampire hunter,” said Lilly.

“A vampire hunter!” David said. “Why would a vampire hunter hunt *us*?”



*“Look at this. It could have killed you!”
said David.*

“Why do you think? It’s because we’re vampires!” Lilly said.

“I know, but we don’t kill people!” said David. “We just drink their blood. Then we let them go.”

“*You* don’t kill people,” said Lilly. “But *I* do. I mean, *I did.*”

“I know,” said David. “You told me. You were a new vampire. You didn’t know how much blood to drink.”

“That’s right,” said Lilly. “There was no one to teach me. I drank too much blood. I killed a few people.”

“I’m glad you are here to teach me,” said David. “I don’t want to kill people.”

“I know,” said Lilly. “But now we have a big problem. We’re being hunted.”

Lilly pointed at the stake. “Look at this. It’s made of wood. It’s made to kill a vampire.”

David looked scared.

“We need to find the hunter’s kit,” said Lilly.

“What’s a hunter’s kit?” David asked.

“It’s a kit that has things in it for killing vampires,” Lilly said. “Every hunter has one.”

“How can we find it?”

“I don’t know,” said Lilly. “But we have to find the kit before the hunter uses it! And then we have to kill him.”

"KILL HIM?" David said.

"Yes," Lilly said. "In our world, it's kill or be killed."

"I can't kill," David said.

"Yes you can," said Lilly. She put the stake in her backpack.

"I *won't* kill," said David.

"You will if a vampire hunter is about to kill *you*," said Lilly.

"I hate being a vampire," David said.

Lilly laughed. "Get used to it," she said.