# THE SCHOOL FOR VAMPIRE HUNTERS

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FADE IN:

EXT.: WOODED AREA/LAND OF THERA - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: A TIME BEFORE FIRE

#### NARRATION (O.S)

In the time before man discovered fire they divided themselves into two groups, carnivores-eaters of meat and herbivores-eaters of plants and fruits.

The savage carnivores-adults and children chase after a rabbit with sticks and stones in their hands. Some throw stones while others swat their sticks at the bushes hoping to strike a blow and capture the creature. After one particular blow the sound of a death cry follows.

RABBIT (0.S.)
Awwuunnhhh ...!

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: CAVES/CARNIVORES - NIGHT

There is no light so the Carnivores make their homes in caves which are lit by luminous rocks. They sit in the center of the cave dressed in the tattered skins of the animals they have killed and skinned with their claw like fingers. They eat the meat of the several raw animals they have captured. Blood drips from their lips. They laugh and grunt.

CUT TO:

INT.: CAVES/ HERBIVORES - NIGHT

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

The herbivores gather fruit and plants to eat. They think of their neighbors- the carnivores as savages

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

The HERBIVORES/MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN sit in their luminous rock caves also. They eat fruit from the trees and vines and some plants. Their laughter is a little more mellow and the sounds they make a little less frightful.

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

The blood diet of the carnivores is unhealthy. They grow weaker and weaker as the eons pass. The herbivores grow stronger and stronger because of their diet.

CUT TO:

EXT.: WOODS OF THERA - DAY

Scrawny carnivores chase slowly after their prey.

CUT TO:

EXT.: WOODS OF THERA - DAY

The healthy herbivores pick fruit from the trees.

## NARRATOR (O.S.)

Nature has a way of making up for ones shortcomings. Both Fire and Magic was gifted to Mancarnivore and herbivore alike.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: CIVILIZATION/THERA - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: EONS LATER/TIME OF FIRE

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

There comes a time when man has discovered fire. Things changed for both groups.

A MAN name NEHA sits at the fire with another who would lead, CASHA. Neha leads by example eating only the fruit from the tree and vines and plants. Casha eats nothing tonight in protest. Casha stands then looks down on Neha.

#### **CASHA**

We need to put our superstitious ways behind us.

#### NEHA

What are you suggesting ?

#### CASHA

The beast men who still eat raw flesh can not stand to come out into the sun, but the ones who put the flesh to fire grow stronger than us and will take our land near the waters, trees and vines.

#### NEHA

So you would have us become savages in order to survive.

#### **CASHA**

A leader has his people do what needs to be done to survive.

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

There comes a time when there is now four groups; The carnivores-who eat only raw animals birds and fish, the carnivores who now eat flesh put to flame, herbivores who remain true to their diet of fruit and plants, and other herbivores who chose to follow Casha and eat-plants, fruit and flesh put to flame. No one could have guessed what would follow.

## **DISSOLVE TO:**

INT.: VILLAGE THERA/HOMES BUILT - DAY

A NEW MAN - a blending of the carnivores who put flesh to flame and the herbivores-descendants of those who had followed Casha now are of one mind. They all eat fruit, plants and flesh put to flame. This group also lives in houses they have built for themselves. The leader of this new generation is named NATHAN. This leader stands in front of the villagers.

SUPERIMPOSE: A MERE EON LATER - THE NEW MAN/THEY CALL THEMSELVES/ LIVES IN VILLAGES

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

Those who eat meat put to the flame have joined together. They eat plants and fruit as well. They grow stronger while the others grow weaker. They wage war on the weak to chase them away from the best food grounds.

#### **NATHAN**

I have heard terrible tales of the carnivores ...

LEE whose family is descendant from the carnivore interrupts.

## LEE

They are not carnivores. We all are now carnivores ... meat eaters, but we join together under one banner-NEW MEN. (pause) They are a new thing ... vampires ... blood suckers my grandfather calls them.

# NATHAN

Of course ... you're right Lee. (pause)
These vampires are feeding on the
herbivores.

LEE

How is that our problem ?

NATHAN

For one thing can we call ourselves civilized if we let such atrocities go on.

LEE

They are welcome to live with us if they live like us.

#### NATHAN

Well, if you won't do it because it's the right thing then maybe you will do it because it is also being said that the vampires are developing powers as a result of drinking human blood. (pause) If this is true how long do you think it will be before they come for our blood.

#### **DISSOLVE TO:**

INT.: OPEN FIELD - NIGHT

# NARRATOR (O.S.)

No one paid heed to Nathan's warnings and the vampires came. The Vampires have changed. They are stronger than 3 New Men, twice as fast and if one looks into their eyes they can take away your will.

#### MONTAGE:

- 1. Vampires and the new man fight bloody battles. Some battles men win because their numbers are greater.
- 2. Other battles the vampires win because of their power.

3. Some battles last until day and the vampires would burst into flames.

## NARRATORS (O.S.)

The battles came to an end when it was discovered that the herbivores had also changed. Nature had endowed them with mystical powers.

#### **DISSOLVE TO:**

EXT.: BATTLE FIELDS OF THERA - DAY

The herbivores unleash beams of magic and bolts of lightning and roaring flames upon both New Man and vampires.

Vampires take to the caves to hide. They only come out to sneakily skulk their prey.

The New Man sought refuge in the villages they had built.

The herbivores went home to the forest, away from the New Man and the vampires.

#### NARRATORS

The herbivore unleashed those powers of nature upon both New Man and Vampires. The herbivores wanted no part of the New Man's world, so when the vampires went into hiding the herbivore sought out the deep woods for their home.

# DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: MODERN WORLD - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: THE MODERN WORLD OF THE NEW MAN/YEAR 1980

The world is a polluted, noisy, war filled, prejudice filled and a greed motivated pit. A handful of the New Men

(con't.) have studied the magic of the Herbivores and changed their diets in hopes of acquiring magic/or entrenched themselves in the blood drinking practices of the vampires. Other's practice the new magic - wealth and science. The world is on the precipice of self destruction.

## NARRATOR (O.S.)

The herbivores for the most part had decided to remain apart from the monsters that inhabit most of the world. Some herbivores had centuries before saw what was coming and had began a school for vampire hunters to keep the beasts in check.

CUT TO:

INT.: THE SCHOOL FOR VAMPIRE HUNTERS - DAY

CHARLES WALSH, a handsome 20 year old student of magic chases his sweetheart JANICE SMOOT, a lovely 19 year old born with more magic than most will ever know, through the hallways of Granger Academy - the School for Vampire Hunters. The two laugh as they run. Not looking where she is going Janice runs into PROFESSOR PHILLIP BOTTOM, 40 years old and always grumpy. He steadies her.

BOTTOM

This is an institute of learning not a playground!

CHARLES/JANICE Sorry.

Charles takes Janice's hand in his. The two walk away from Philip, giggling mischievously as they go.

BOTTOM

Those two are gonna be trouble.

CUT TO:

INT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE BUILDING - DAY

DENNIS TRIHART, New Man who appears to be 20, stands at the huge window which looks out over this metropolis. His lovely secretary, GWEN LAWSON - who also appears to be 20, enters.

**GWEN** 

That disgusting vampire, Victor is here to see you.

**DENNIS** 

You must show our allies more respect Ms. Lawson. (pause) But he is disgusting. (pause) The things one must do to maintain power. (pause) Send him in.

**GWEN** 

Yes sir. (pause) Be careful with this one. He's not to be trusted.

**DENNIS** 

This I know. This I know.

As Gwen leaves the room Dennis uses the remote to close the shutters, the room is dark. The slender, skeletal faced thin haired creature who calls himself simply, VICTOR, enters. Dennis laughs as he turns on the lights.

**DENNIS** 

Victor, my dear friend.

VICTOR

(scoffs) Dennis though you look 20 you have lived three lifetimes thus far and never have you sincerely called anyone friend and I am sure the reverse is true also.

**DENNIS** 

Victor ... victor ... you hurt my feelings when you speak so disparagingly of me.

VICTOR

Again you lie, but that is not why you asked me here.

Victor swoops around faster than one can see. He now stands behind Dennis.

VICTOR

I think I shall taste your blood and with your power walk in the light.

Dennis laughs then presses the button on the remote. The shutters open and Victor begins to burn. He releases his hold on Dennis as he screams in agony.

VICTOR

Aauugghh ... close them!

**DENNIS** 

I shouldn't but I'm feeling
 merciful ... today.

Dennis presses the remote and the shutters close. Victor writhes in agony on the floor. He looks up at Dennis with disdain.

VICTOR

You bastard !

**DENNIS** 

... that's funny. You act like it was I who provoked you.

VICTOR

You know that if the opportunity presented itself you would drink me dry.

DENNIS

No. Because I know what you do not know. (pause) It would do me no good.

VICTOR

What are you talking about ?

## **DENNIS**

My magic nor your blood, neither is strong enough to let us enjoy the others power and be able to walk in the light.

#### **VICTOR**

How do you know these things ?

## **DENNIS**

You ramble around blindly, hoping for an answer. I make allies who can give me information.

#### VICTOR

I take it your mysterious ally has offered you a solution.

#### **DENNIS**

There is an herbivore who was borne with star power, but even more than her it is foretold that an offspring of hers by a great love will produce a Nova Child. One capable of most anything. Can you imagine what power we could have if we drank of that child's blood?

#### VICTOR

Why are you being so generous ... and including me ?

#### **DENNIS**

Because we are going to need pawns to sacrifice in battle with the star mother while we snatch the Nova Child.

## VICTOR

You are less human than any vampire.

**DENNIS** 

I'll take that as a compliment.

VICTOR

Only you would.

CUT TO:

EXT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - NIGHT

Janice and Charles sit on the edge of the Lover's Fountain in the garden of Granger Academy. The two kiss. Bottom comes up behind them.

BOTTOM

Ah hem. (pause) Ah hem.

CHARLES

We heard you the first time, but we have no intention of stopping what we are doing.

BOTTOM

You know that love is forbidden for Vampire Hunters.

CHARLES/JANICE

(laugh) Don't be ridiculous.

**BOTTOM** 

There are two reasons for this; fighting evil requires a total commitment, secondly love emotes a powerful beacon that evil can use to find and attack you.

CHARLES

Let them find us. That will make the job of hunting them a lot easier.

BOTTOM

Youth are always arrogant in their belief no harm can come to you.

**JANICE** 

We are only arrogant in our faith in one another.

**BOTTOM** 

The most primary rule here is simple, if you aren't willing to sacrifice love for duty you can not stay here.

JANICE/CHARLES
Then we can not stay.

Charles and Janice take each other's hand and walk away. Phillip stares after them.

BOTTOM (angry)
You will learn the hard way !

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

EXT.: STREETS OF THERA - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: STREETS OF THERA/TWO MONTHS LATER

Janice and Charles walk hand in hand. The are giddy with happiness. The two barely notice the other people around them.

CLOSEUP: JANICE'S FACE BEAMS WITH A GOLDEN GLOW

**JANICE** 

I'm glad we left that stodgy old school. (scoffs) As if we would ever give up love for a lifetime of killing and being in danger.

CHARLES

We still have to do what we can.

If we don't the world we will leave
to our children will be more scarred
and dangerous than the one we have
now.

Janice leans in and kisses Charles tenderly.

**JANICE** 

(whimsically) Our children ...

A short, chubby 20 year old stooge for Bottom - CRUMBLEWART - follows close behind Charles and Janice.

CRUMBLEWART

I would give my right arm to have half of the power those two have, but they take it all for granted.

Janice tosses a beam of red-light back at Crumblewart. The light burns his feet. He jumps in the air.

CRUMBLEWART

Owww ...! You little witch !

Charles and Janice look back at Crumblewart and laugh.

**JANICE** 

Did professor Bottom really think Crumblewart could follow us unseen?

CHARLES

Forget about them. (pause) How would you like some ice cream.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: ICE CREAM PARLOR - DAY

Charles and Janice sit having ice cream.

CUT TO:

EXT.: ACROSS THE STREET FROM ICE CREAM PARLOR - DAY

In plain sight Crumblewart still spies. At the end of the

(con't.) block hidden behind a tree stands a more menacing spy, WIGGLESHAFT- once a contented squirrel, but now a metamorph changed and enslaved by Dennis.

Wiggleshaft changes from a squirrel into a mouse than scampers across the street then through a crack in the side of the building and into the ice cream parlor.

CUT TO:

INT.: ICE CREAM PARLOR - DAY

Charles sits holding Janice's hand.

**CHARLES** 

I'm so glad that you married me.

**JANICE** 

I'm so glad that you had the good sense to ask me.

They both laugh.

Wiggleshaft in the form of a mouse sneaks into the ice cream parlor through a hole in the wall. The PARLOR CLERK spots the mouse then grabs a broom and chases Wiggleshaft around the parlor. He strikes the creature twice.

WIGGLESHAFT
Owww ... owww ...!

CLERK

Did that mouse just speak ?

All the patrons of the shop look toward the clerk as if he has lost his mind.

Wiggleshaft makes a hasty retreat the way he had entered.

CUT TO:

EXT.: ICE CREAM PARLOR - DAY

The mouse Wiggleshaft exits the hole in the ice cream parlor's wall. It then transforms into a man and walks away. Across the street Crumblewart watches in amazement then makes haste back toward Granger Academy.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: DENNIS TRIHART'S OFFICE - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: HOURS LATER/DENNIS TRIHART'S OFFICE

Dennis sits at his desk when Wiggleshaft barges in pursued by Carol.

CAROL

(angry) I told him that he couldn't just barge in here!

**DENNIS** 

It's not your fault dear. Some fools only know one way to learn a lesson ... the hard way!

Dennis points his hands toward Wiggleshaft's scalp and his hair starts aflame. Wiggleshaft jumps up and down patting his scalp, putting out the flame.

WIGGLESHAFT

Arrgghh ... arrgghh ... why ... why ...?

Carol and Dennis laugh.

**DENNIS** 

So the next time you will know that when Carol speaks she speaks for me.

WIGGLESHAFT

... but I have something urgent I think you should know.

**DENNIS** 

(laughs) You think that you know something that I don't know.

WIGGLESHAFT

Professor Bottom has one of his students following the Star Child, I believe Crumblewart is his name.

**DENNIS** 

The Star Child felt him ? (pause)
What did she do ?

WIGGLESHAFT

She sparkled his butt a little.

**DENNIS** 

Did Crumblewart see you ?

WIGGLESHAFT

**DENNIS** 

Did you morph while following the Star Child ?

WIGGLESHAFT

Sure, but discretely.

CAROL

He's lying. The fool probably doesn't know the meaning of the word discrete.

WIGGLESHAFT I hate you!

CAROL

Nothing that you say could make me happier.

**DENNIS** 

Enough ...! Do you know where she
and her husband live, yet ?

WIGGLESHAFT

No. (pause) They appear from nowhere and when they end their day they vanish into nowhere.

**DENNIS** 

Get out! (pause) Don't come back to my office again unless you have news of their domicile!

CUT TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: ACROSS TOWN/GRANGER ACADEMY

Crumblewart enters the Granger Academy running and winded. Professor Bottom sighs in resignation when he spots the incompetent lackey.

CRUMBLEWART

**BOTTOM** 

Calm yourself and tell me your news.

Crumblewart breathes shorter breathes then begins his report of what he believed were incredulous events.

CRUMBLEWART

You were right. (pause) I waited at the Shrine of Nova and from out of nowhere they appeared.

BOTTOM

The Star Child ... and what do you mean out of nowhere.

CRUMBLEWART

Yes, she and her mate. (pause) And when I say nowhere I mean nowhere.

CRUMBLEWART (CON'T.)

(pause) One second they were not there then the next moment they stood there before me.

**BOTTOM** 

Could it be that you simply didn't notice them?

Crumblewart raised his hand as if giving an oath.

CRUMBLEWART

I swear they appeared out of thin air.

BOTTOM

Go on ...

#### CRUMBLEWART

Just as the rest of the day was beginning to seem ordinary I saw that I wasn't the only one on the trail of the Star Child.

**BOTTOM** 

Who else ...?

## CRUMBLEWART

A squirrel, but not a squirrel.
A mouse, but not a mouse. A man,
but not a man.

Bottom gets up, walks over to him then slaps Crumblewart aside his head.

BOTTOM

(angry) Make sense you fool!

## CRUMBLEWART

He started off as a squirrel then changed into a mouse. The mouse went into the ice cream parlor after the couple then came running out.

When he cam out he then changed

CRUMBLEWART (con't.)
into a man. The man waited then
followed the couple until they
vanished into thin air once more.

#### **BOTTOM**

A metamorph ...! The herbivore must have changed some creature into a metamorph to do his spying.

#### CRUMBLEWART

Who would be so reckless as to defy nature like that?

#### BOTTOM

Never you mind. (pause) Rest for now. I will call you when I need you again.

Crublewart hesitates then exits Bottom's office.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: AZZURE GARDENS - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: THE AZZURE GARDENS - NIGHT

The building which holds the Azzure Gardens appears as a dilapidated warehouse on the exterior.

CUT TO:

INT.: AZZURE GARDENS - NIGHT

A garden filled with flowers of all kind, even ones not seen in the corporeal world. A full spectrum of colors and some colors not yet imagined. A golden bed sits in the center of the garden. A river flows beside the golden bed. The river is filled with a golden ambrosia. Janice lies on the bed in a diaphanous gown. Next to her lies Charles in pajama shorts. Janice dips a golden chalice into the river and scoops out a goblet full of ambrosia. She takes a sip then places the chalice to Charles' lips.

CHARLES

It taste almost as sweet as your lips.

Charles leans over and kisses Janice.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

EXT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: AN HOUR LATER/OUTSIDE THE AZZURE GARDEN

A long stream of golden light shoots skyward from the building lighting the night skies for miles around.

CUT TO:

INT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE - NIGHT

Dennis stands looking out his office window into the night. He spies the golden beam of light.

**DENNIS** 

... and so it begins.

CUT TO:

EXT.: ROOFTOP GRANGER ACADEMY - NIGHT

Professor Bottom stands atop the roof looking out into the night. He spies the golden beam of light.

BOTTOM

I told those young fools. (pause)
They have no idea what's coming for them.

CUT TO:

EXT.: DEAD HILL - NIGHT

There is a hill of rock near the city's edge. Nothing can grow there. The vampire Victor hides from the day in its caves. Tonight Victor stands atop the Dead Hill. He looks out into the night and he sees the same golden beam.

VICTOR

That light promises life to the foolish, but all it will bring them is death. (pause) After me and the herbivore have the child I shall find a way to kill him and have all its power for myself.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

EXT: STREETS OF THERA - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: 3 MONTHS LATER - STREETS OF THERA

Janice is 3 months pregnant. She and Charles walk side by side in joyful bliss. They see a WOMAN holding her LITTLE GIRL'S hand while pushing a baby carriage.

JANICE

(huge smile) I can barely wait.

CHARLES

Better enjoy this part because I'm not changing any diapers.

Janice playfully strikes his arm.

**JANICE** 

(laughs) Maybe I picked the wrong father.

CHARLES (laughs)

No one else would have you.

Janice swings out at him again. Charles takes off running and laughing.

**JANICE** 

Why you scoundrel. Wait til I catch you. I'm gonna whip you within an inch of your life.

Laughing, Charles continues to run and mock Janice.

**CHARLES** 

I wouldn't be much of a man if I couldn't outrun a pregnant woman.

As they enter the park Janice's hands glow. A golden lasso reaches from her fingertips then captures Charles around his ankle. He trips and falls upon the grass. Janice laughs then runs to him then sits down upon his chest.

**JANICE** 

This pregnant woman is exceptional.

Charles pulls her down close and kisses her lips.

**CHARLES** 

You most certainly are.

The two roll gently around on the grass.

Crumblewart watches from behind a tree. Wiggleshaft is in his human form, but is awkwardly perched in a nearby tree watching the couple.

#### CRUMBLEWART

Professor Bottom says that they need protecting. (pause) I can't see how this could be wrong. (pause) I'm just a student. What do I know.

CLOSEUP: WIGGLESHAFT IS PERCHED IN HUMAN FORM IN A TREE SPYING.

WIGGLESHAFT

He promised me that he would change me back to a squirrel if I help him beat his enemies

WIGGLESHAFT (con't.)
to the Nova Child. (pause) Can
I trust him ? Is it worth my
soul to get back my simple life?

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: NINE MONTHS HAVE PASSED/AZZURE GARDEN

Janice sits up on the bed with her body covered and her legs bent and open. Charles stands at the edge of the golden bed.

CHARLES

Can I help ?

**JANICE** 

You've done your part.

The two of them laugh.

CUT TO:

EXT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

The skies above the Azzure Garden is filled with another golden beam, only larger and brighter than the one before.

CUT TO:

INT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

Janice sits up. The NOVA CHILD floats toward her arms. Charles wears a huge silly grin.

**CHARLES** 

(excited) Our son is here !

CUT TO:

EXT.: THE DEAD HILL - NIGHT

Victor stands before a horde of Vampires, corrupt Herbivores and Metamorphs.

VICTOR

Follow the beam ! Bring me the Nova Child and you shall know rewards beyond your wildest dreams.

Vampires change to bats then take to the sky. Metamorphs change to birds then take to the sky. Herbivores change to dragons then take to the sky.

CUT TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - NIGHT

Crumblewart and Bottom look out over the night sky and see the golden beam.

CRUMBLEWART

Shouldn't we go protect them?

**BOTTOM** 

I've already sent senior hunters to retrieve the child and bring it here for our protection.

CRUMBLEWART

They will never let you take their child.

**BOTTOM** 

We won't give them a choice. (pause) The child is too important.

CUT TO:

EXT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

The horde of beasts are gathered at the door. A vampire touches the silver doorknob. It's hand is aflame. The creature snatches its hand away.

CUT TO:

INT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

Janice holds their child in her arms. Charles looks at her concerned.

**JANICE** 

Don't worry. I knew this night was coming.

**CHARLES** 

Do we destroy them ?

**JANICE** 

There's no need. (pause) We shall name our son. I will transfer most of my powers to him. It will be your responsibility to take him to safety and to teach him the true herbivore way.

CHARLES

You mean we will teach him.

**JANICE** 

No. I will be waiting for you both in the Celestial Aurora. You must take our son home to the Herbivore Forest.

**CHARLES** 

Why can't we go with you ?

**JANICE** 

Our son must have a chance at the gift of love like the one we share.

CUT TO:

EXT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

A metmorph changes into a huge bull and rams the silver door again and again.

CUT TO:

INT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

The sound of the banging against the door warns of danger. A stream of energy flows from Janice into the Nova Child. Charles takes his son into his arms.

**CHARLES** 

Steven, after your father.

Janice kisses each of their foreheads in turn.

JANICE

That is why I love you so much.

CUT TO:

EXT.: AZZURE GARDEN - NIGHT

A small army of HUNTERS - herbivores - from the Granger Academy appear. The metamorph stops charging the door. The vampires, metamorphs and corrupt herbivores turn to face the HUNTERS.

A battle ensues. The hunters set the beastly enemies aflame, but not to destroy. The enemies have had enough and take off.

The Hunters open the door to the Azzure Garden. There is no one there.

1<sup>st</sup> HUNTER

Professor Bottom isn't going to be happy that we aren't going to bring the Nova Child back to safety.

CUT TO:

EXT.: HERBIVORE FOREST - NIGHT

Charles appears at the entrance to the forest carrying the baby Steven. Several herbivores bar his way. The baby's grandfather, STEVEN, pushes pass the other herbivores.

**GRANDFATHER** 

Fools this is my grandson, the Nova Child.

The Herbivore Forest clan laugh and cheer then close in around Charles and the baby.

The grandfather grabs Charles' hand.

GRANDFATHER

Welcome home. Hopefully you and my grandson have had your fill of the outside world.

**CHARLES** 

Aren't you even going to ask about your daughter ?

**GRANDFATHER** 

You aren't the brightest bulb in the package are you ? (pause) I can feel my daughter. I know exactly where she is and that she waits for us all.

CUT TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - NIGHT

BRILL- senior most hunter- stands before Bottom.

BOTTOM

I'm disappointed in you Brill.

BRILL

Obviously one of them had powers that even you weren't aware of Professor.

CRUNMBLEWART

What of the child ? (pause) How can we protect it if we can't even find it.

**BOTTOM** 

Don't worry. There's only one place it could be now and there no ill force dares tread. (pause)

BOTTOM (con't.)

Besides, when it comes of age like its parents it will come to us. For it will want to make a difference in this world.

CUT TO:

INT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE - NIGHT

Dennis stands looking out into the night. Wiggleshaft enters his office.

**DENNIS** 

Failed me again, huh, Wiggleshaft?
I guess you and I shall have to
wait for what only the Nova Child
can bring to us.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

EXT.: THE HERBIVORE FOREST - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: EIGHT YEARS LATER/PASTURE, HERBIVORE FOREST

NARRATOR (O.S.)

Although Janice has visited them in ethereal form Charles and Steven have missed her sorely. (pause) Despite their longing life goes on. (pause) From the protection of the Herbivore Forest Steven and the other herbivore children enjoy the delights of childhood.

Steven and his two closest friends, CRYSTAL BREEZE- the loveliest of the herbivore girls- and GAIL STORM - the most temperamental of all herbivores- run around the open field laughing and tagging one another.

STEVEN Got yah!

He tags Gail. Gail throws a tantrum.

GAIL

No ... no ... you always tag me!
(pause) Just because you like
Crystal doesn't mean you can't
tag her sometime.

**STEVEN** 

I like both of you. I tag you because you always tag her, no matter how many people are playing you always tag her.

GAIL

That's a lie!

CRYSTAL

No it isn't. You're just jealous.

Steven's grandfather interrupts the bickering.

GRANDFATHER

If you can't play in harmony then you won't be allowed to play together at all.

STEVEN/GAIL/CRYSTAL No. (pause) We can get along.

**GRANDFATHER** 

Okay, but I don't want to hear anymore sour words between you.

Grandfather walks away.

Crystal turns to Gail.

CRYSTAL

You almost spoiled everything.

STEVEN

It was you too.

CRYSTAL

You always take her side.

STEVEN

Make up your mind. You say I take her side and she says I always take yours.

CRYSTAL

Maybe you can't make up your mind.

Crystal looks up and smiles. She sees Wiggleshaft in the form of a golden eagle flying above the magic of the Herbivore Forest.

CRYSTAL

Look a golden eagle. That's good luck!

Gail shakes her head.

GAIL

That's no golden eagle !

Gail fires a red beam at the eagle's tail. The tail is set aflame. The eagle starts to fall away from the forest. As it falls Wiggleshaft changes back into his human form then his squirrel form. When he hits the ground he scampers away.

Crystal turns toward Gail.

CRYSTAL

How did you know it was a metamorph ?

STEVEN

My grandfather says Gail's magic is stronger than my mother's magic ever was.

CRYSTAL

(frowns) ... but I'm still prettier.

GAIL

Maybe on the outside.

CRYSTAL

(angry) What does that mean ?!

STEVEN

Remember what my grandfather said.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: DENNIS OFFICE - NIGHT

Wiggleshaft stands before Dennis.

**DENNIS** 

So that's where he is.

WIGGLESHAFT
What do we do now ?

DENNIS

I wait. (pause) Sooner or later he will go to the school for vampire hunters to hone his skills.

Victor enters the office. Dennis turns to Wiggleshaft.

**DENNIS** 

You can go.

Victor shows his teeth as Wiggleshaft walks toward him. Wiggleshaft turns his head into the head of a bear then bares his teeth to Victor. Dennis laughs as Wiggleshaft exits the room.

VICTOR

I don't like or trust him.

DENNIS

The feeling is mutual.

VICTOR

He's not like us. He's good. Good will always turn on evil.

**DENNIS** 

Good or evil everyone and each thing will always put their own interest first.

DISSOLVE TO

EXT.: HERBIVORE FOREST - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: 10 years later/1998 -Herbivore Forest

NARRATOR (O.S.)

Steven, Crystal and Gail are all young adults. They still have a lot of play left in them, but they also know that the time to choose has come.

A handsome 18 year old Steven and an attractive 18 year old Gail skate upon clouds above the Herbivore Forest. While beneath them the beautiful 18 year old Crystal chases speedily upon the ground, leaving a trail of gold dust.

CRYSTAL

I can keep up with you!

Steven beams a lasso of light down then picks Crystal up into the air.

CRYSTAL

(elated) Wheee ...!

GAIL

If she wasn't so lazy she could learn to levitate.

CRYSTAL

(whines) See, I told you that she's always picking on me.

Steven places his hand to his head as if to quiet a headache. Steven looks from one young woman to the other.

**STEVEN** 

We are about to go out into the world. Your petty bickering has got to stop. (pause) We are going to need to be able to depend on one another.

The three float down to the forest floor.

GAIL

Are you sure the Granger Academy will have us ?

**STEVEN** 

The real question is do we want them. After all they chased my parents away for being in love.

CRYSTAL

I for one say we don't need those old fogies.

GAIL

I can't believe that I'm saying this, but for once I agree with Crystal.

**STEVEN** 

We are strong, but the training we will receive at the academy will make us stronger. We will need to be in order to keep the world safe.

CRYSTAL

... and why is it our job to keep the world safe?

**STEVEN** 

... because we can.

Steven's grandfather approaches.

**GRANDFATHER** 

I've been told that the three of you are going out into the world.

**STEVEN** 

We want to make a difference.

GRANDFATHER

Those who run the world have made a cesspool out of it and they will not allow anyone to change it.

GAIL

That doesn't mean that one shouldn't try.

CRYSTAL

I want to see something other than trees and grass.

**GRANDFATHER** 

Your lives can be good if you leave the world to the world.

STEVEN

My parents would never want that.

GRANDFATHER

Yes they would.

Charles appears suddenly.

CHARLES

Neither of his parents would want him to leave the world to its own folly.

Grandfather aims a beam of light at Charles. Holding his hand up Charles blocks the beam. The beam bounces of his hand and strikes a nearby tree, setting it aflame.

**STEVEN** 

Is your action any different than what you warn of the world.

**GRANDFATHER** 

(cries) I'm sorry. (pause) I'm
 afraid of losing you.

**STEVEN** 

Now who is being foolish. You can never lose me, but I can lose myself if I let those who serve evil prevail.

CUT TO:

INT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE - DAY

Reception is attended by Gwen. Victor enters then walks over to stand above Gwen.

VICTOR

I haven't heard from him in a long time.

**GWEN** 

... then he hasn't had anything to say.

VICTOR

I need him to say something and to say something today.

**GWEN** 

He isn't expecting you so I can't announce you.

Victor grabs Gwen around her throat. Gwen places her hand around Victor's wrist. Victor's wrist begins to decay. The vampire snatches his hand away.

VICTOR

You're going to pay for that.

Dennis exits his office and into the reception area.

**DENNIS** 

Don't threaten my secretary for doing her job.

VICTOR

Can we talk ?

Dennis turns then heads back into his office.

Victor follows.

CUT TO:

INT: DENNIS OFFICE - DAY

Dennis walks over to his desk then sits down.

Victor stops at the door.

VICTOR

Are we still going after the Nova Child together?

DENNIS (laughs)

You vampires live longer than any other species yet you have the least amount of patience.

VICTOR

You humans, no matter what your sub-species is, your egos are larger than your common sense. (pause) Time waits for no one. (pause) Not even a vampire.

**DENNIS** 

I believe the Nova Child will soon hunger for what he can learn at the school for Vampire Hunters.

VICTOR

... then what ?

**DENNIS** 

This time we will have a complete plan for capturing him.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

EXT.: THE EDGE OF THE HERBIVORE FOREST - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: TWO DAYS LATER/EDGE OF HERBIVORE FOREST

Steven, his grandfather, his father, Crystal and Gail stand at the forest's edge. Steven hugs his father, Crystal hugs Steven's grandfather while Gail stares at them impatiently.

GAIL

Are we leaving today ?

Crystal turns and frowns at Gail.

CRYSTAL

Don't be always grumpy.

GAIL

I care for them too, but we aren't leaving forever.

Steven smiles at Gail.

STEVEN

You're right it's time to go.

Steven takes one of Gail's hands and one of Crystal's hands. The three of them vanish in a flash of golden light.

Steven's grandfather turns to his son-in-law.

GRANDFATHER

This is a mistake.

CHARLES

Only time will tell.

CUT TO:

EXT.: STREETS OF THERA - DAY

Steven, Gail and Crystal appear out of nowhere, almost meshing with a HUMAN COUPLE.

MAN

Hey ...! Where the hell did you come from ?

Crystal is elated. Steven and Gail are taken back. Crystal points to the cars going by them.

CRYSTAL

What are those things ?

GAIL

Don't you ever study ?

CRYSTAL

Not if I can help it.

**STEVEN** 

They are cars. Humans, New Men without mystical powers, use them to travel around.

CRYSTAL

Weird, but somehow beautiful.

GAIL

Let's get to the academy.

CRYSTAL

Nooo ... not yet. I want to see more of this strange new world.

GAIL

We shouldn't. She will be tempted and that will be a problem.

**STEVEN** 

If we're to live here we have to face and defeat what is to come.

GAIL

Surprise, surprise ... you are taking her side again.

**STEVEN** 

You will see that I'm right.

GAIL

Or you will regret that I am.

The three friends walk along the streets of Thera. They are being followed by Crumblewart and Wiggleshaft as his parents were years before.

A black limo with black tinted windows passes by all of them.

CUT TO:

INT.: BLACK LIMO - DAY

AUTBUS, the chauffeur, drives Dennis and Victor, who are in the back seat of the limo.

VICTOR

You were right he left the Herbivore Forest. (pause) What do we do next?

DENNIS

His lady friends give me an idea. We just have to be patient.

VICTOR

Why can't we simply take him now?

**DENNIS** 

(laughs) What do you see ?

VICTOR

Three children who would some day hunt us.

**DENNIS** 

Eyes, but can not see. (pause)
He has yet to access the ancient
texts at Granger academy yet still
he is already more powerful than
a legion of Hunters, Vampires and
Herbivores combined.

VICTOR

In that case attempting to capture him is a fool's folly.

DENNIS

Sometimes trickery can do more than power.

CUT TO:

EXT.: STREETS OF THERA - DAY

Crystal spies a store window with stuffed animals, candy and other novelties.

CRYSTAL

(excitedly) Are those animals alive,
 what is that, what is that?

Crystal points to the toys and candy. She turns to Steven and Gail.

CRYSTAL

Can we go in ?

STEVEN

Those animals are not real. Those and the other toys are meant for play. The other is candy.

CRYSTAL

I've heard of candy. (pause)
Some say it is sweeter than fruit.
(pause) I'd like to try some.

GAIL

I have to admit I'm curious myself.

**STEVEN** 

... then let's go in.

CUT TO:

INT.: DISCOUNT STORE - DAY

Steven, Gail and Crystal enter the store. Crystal rushes up to the counter. She stares down at the wide assortment of candies.

CRYSTAL

CLERK

I can see that I am going to like you very much.

CRYSTAL

(puzzled) Why ?

CLERK

First of all your very pretty, but also because it seems that you intend to spend a lot of money.

CRYSTAL

What's money ?

CLERK

(laughs) ... and you're funny.

The clerk stares at Crystal then turns to Steven and Gail.

CLERK

She's not joking ... is she ?

STEVEN

No.

CLERK

(angry) All of you get out !

Steven smiles then closes his hand shut. When his hand opens he holds a handful of gold coins.

**STEVEN** 

I think this will pay for what ever my two friends may want.

The clerk reaches out and takes the coins.

CLERK

(mischievous smile) We usually only
 deal in paper money, but I'll
 replace your coins with my
paper money. (pause) But no change.

STEVEN

That will be fine.

Gail turns to Steven.

GAIL

You know that he's cheating you.

Steven laughs.

STEVEN

How can he cheat me when the coins have no value to me, but making the two of you happy does.

GAIL

This world is going to eat you alive.

**STEVEN** 

Not as long as I have you to watch out for me. (laughs)

Crystal is running around the store trying to decide on all of the things she wants Steven to buy for her.

Steven turns to Gail

STEVEN

Now her we both need to watch out for.

GAIL

(smiles) You know that I always will.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - DAY

Gail, Steven and Crystal stand before Bottom, Brill and Crumblewart. Crystal holds an armful of packages. Gail is biting on a single candy bar. Steven holds one of each of the girls' hands. Bottom stands in front of Brill and Crumblewart.

BOTTOM

You are the only trainees of this class. (pause) Crumblewart ...!

CRYSTAL

(interrupts) ... Crumblewart ...? You have to be kidding.

CRUMBLEWART

That's my name. A proud and ancient name.

CRYSTAL

Sorry.

BOTTOM

... as I was saying, Crumblewart and Brill will be your trainers.

Brill steps forward.

BRILL

Two of you are already more powerful than any of us here.

CRYSTAL

(frowns) Are you leaving me out ?

CRUMBLEWART

Do you really have to ask ?

CRYSTAL

I don't like you.

CRUMBLEWART

The feeling is mutual.

Bottom turns to leave.

BOTTOM

I'll leave you to get started.

BRILL

All of you will learn more from the ancient texts than any of us could ever teach you.

CRYSTAL

Not more books ?

BRILL

If you want to be Vampire Hunters yes, more books.

CRYSTAL

I knew coming here was a mistake.

CRUMBLEWART

No one will make you stay.

GAIL

Would you please stop whining.

**STEVEN** 

We're together. Isn't that what's important.

CRYSTAL

Of course.

### **DISSOLVE TO:**

INT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: HOURS LATER/TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE

Gwen leads Crunblewart into Dennis' office. Dennis stands at his window looking out as usual. Dennis turns around.

### **DENNIS**

This is the most magnificent view in the city. That's why I chose it.

### CRUMBLEWART

Can you tell me why someone like you would dare to request a vampire hunter here. (pause) You know that we hunt all of the corrupted, not just vampires.

### DENNIS

(laughs) Such bravado from one whose magic is so weak.

#### CRUMBLEWART

It's strong enough to brand you with the hunter's mark.

# **DENNIS**

Let's not get antagonistic. I brought you here to offer you a gift.

# CRUMBLEWART

(laughs) There is nothing that you can offer me that I would ever accept.

**DENNIS** 

... not even if I were to offer to give you more power.

CRUMBLEWART

That's the one thing about the devil, he's always trying to tempt you.

Crunblewart turns and walks out.

Gwen turns to Dennis.

**GWEN** 

Won't he tell the others that you tried to bribe him ?

**DENNIS** 

No. He'll think on my offer then he will return to take me up on it.

**GWEN** 

How can you be so sure ?

**DENNIS** 

... because that is why I am here. Years ago someone made me the same offer.

**GWEN** 

I've always wondered how you became so powerful.

**DENNIS** 

That's a story for another time.

CUT TO:

INT.: DEAD HILL - NIGHT

The inside of Dead Hill appears as a palace from medieval times. Victor had replicated it from a palace he had once had before coming to the colonies, before it was America.

There is a king size brass bed in the center of the throne room. Victor and 2 female vampires- KISSA and LEONADRA lie upon the bed covered by a satin sheet.

Wiggleshaft enters the throne room. The female vampires grin at Wiggleshaft hungrily.

FEMALE VAMPIRES
Can we have him ?

VICTOR

(laughs) You might find him a tough dish to chew.

#### WIGGLESHAFT

The three are settled in at Granger Academy. Surprisingly the hunter who had been following them reported back to Trihart.

VICTOR

He told me he had spies.

WIGGLESHAFT

I don't know ... he didn't seem happy to go there and even less happy when he left.

VICTOR

Which one of the three is the weak link?

WIGGLESHAFT

I believe her name is Crystal.
(pause) She is weak, but she
 is equally beautiful.

VICTOR

I shall send two of my vampires with you. (pause) If the chance arise, when she is alone, bring her to me.

WIGGLESHAFT

They will have to be able to blend in.

VICTOR

That's what we do best.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/LIBRARY - DAY

Gail and Steven labor over ancient texts.

GAIL

Will we be able to do spells such as these just because we read them?

**STEVEN** 

No. (pause) You have to have magic in your heart.

GAIL

So evil can use these text ?

**STEVEN** 

Only against a weaker magic.

Crystal enters the library.

CRYSTAL

Don't you ever tire of studying?

GAIL

Do you ever study ?

CRYSTAL

I came here to learn of the world. (pause) I hate to tell you this, the world isn't in any books.

Crystal points to a window.

CRYSTAL

It's out there.

STEVEN

I will tell you what, for every hour you spend in here with us studying I will spend two outside with you exploring the world.

CRYSTAL

Sorry, No deal. I am going outside with or without you. (pause) Now!

GAIL

Let her go. (pause) The first vampire she meets she'll come running back to safety or get changed.

CRYSTAL

You can't scare me.

GAIL

That just goes to show how stupid you are.

STEVEN

Enough! Study or don't study. I'm no longer going to try to prepare you for the world, but you will not go anywhere without us.

CRYSTAL

You can't stop me !

STEVEN

Yes I can and I will.

CRYSTAL

I hate both of you!

Crystal storms out.

GAIL

Sooner or later she is going to get into trouble.

STEVEN

No she won't because we won't let her.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/MYSTIC GYM - DAY

Wiggleshaft, Brill, Crystal, Gail and Steven cast spells.

GAIL

Terra flora shaaee.

A flower appears in Brill's shirt pocket. Everyone except Crystal laughs.

WIGGLESHAFT

Bluuuee soarraay.

In Wiggleshaft's hand a blue balloon appears then begins to float upward. Everyone watches as the balloon rises. The balloon bursts and blue powder splashes downward onto his face.

CRYSTAL

I guess I won't be the worst.

GAIL

I wouldn't bet on it.

Crystal licks her tongue at Gail.

CRYSTAL

I remember one from the book.

STEVEN

The ones in the books are kinda complex.

CRYSTAL

You don't think that I can do it either.

Bottom appears in the doorway of the gym.

CRYSTAL

Serpent dance as I please terren shin ala neek.

A snake appears at Gail's feet.

CRYSTAL

You better be nice to me. The snake will do any dance I tell it.

**STEVEN** 

No it won't.

CRYSTAL

Okay. Watch ! (pause) Dance in the air!

The snake leaps toward Crystal. Steven lasso's the snake with a golden beam of light. The snake vanishes.

Crystal cries.

CRYSTAL

Stupid magic ! I told you I didn't want to come here.

Bottom enters the gym.

BOTTOM

Miss Breeze ... come with me.

Steven grabs a hold of Crystal's hand.

STEVEN

She can learn professor. Just give us time to help her.

BOTTOM

That's not your job. That is my job.

Steven releases Crystal's hand. Crystal follows Bottom from the Gym. Brill rushes in front of Gail and Steven.

BRILL

Okay. The lesson is not over.

**STEVEN** 

What does he have in mind ?

BRILL

If she hadn't come with the two
of you he probably would have given
up on her by now and sent her home,
but he's afraid of losing you so he
will find a way to help her.
Don't worry.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/DORM - NIGHT

Crystal sits on her single bed with crossed legs. Across from her Gail who also sits with crossed legs.

GAIL

So, is Bottom going to expel you or not.

CRYSTAL

No. But only because he's afraid that the two of you would leave also.

GAIL

Well, he's right there. (pause)
We came together. We'll leave
together.

CRYSTAL

Why would you leave ? (pause) You don't even like me.

GAIL

That's not true. (pause) You are my second best friend in any world.

CRYSTAL

(laughs) You're such a liar. You think that I stand in between you and Steven.

GAIL

No I don't. Besides that choice is his. (pause) I do believe he is the reason that you and I aren't as close as we would be ... should be.

CRYSTAL

I need to be as strong as you.

GAIL

Why?

CRYSTAL

Gail laughs.

CRYSTAL

We are you laughing ?

GAIL

One doesn't choose love. Love chooses you.

CRYSTAL

That doesn't make any sense. (pause)
You will see. When I am everything he
could possibly want he will choose
me.

GAIL

Either way you will be my friend and I will fight for you.

CRYSTAL

(cynical) We'll see if that's true.

GAIL

What did Bottom say to you ?

CRYSTAL

He said that he could make me stronger.

GAIL

(skeptical) How in the world could he do that?

CRYSTAL

An access spell.

GAIL

CRYSTAL

What's wrong with that ?

GAIL

You will no longer be yourself.

CRYSTAL

What does that mean ?

GAIL

He will delete a part of your soul and give you access to a part of his.

CRYSTAL

So I will be stronger ?

GAIL

Yes. But you wouldn't be you anymore.
Access spells usually take the best
part of the receiver.

CRYSTAL

I wouldn't care. As long as I can do real magic.

GAIL

Before you do anything talk to Steven.

CUT TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/BOTTOM'S OFFICE - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: TWO HOURS LATER/BOTTOM'S OFFICE

Crumblewart enters. He grimaces toward Bottom.

CRUMBLEWART

(angry) Is it true ?

BOTTOM

Is what true ?

CRUMBLEWART

Did you offer an access spell to Crystal ?

**BOTTOM** 

It's not your place to question me.

CRUMBLEWART

My place be damned! (pause) How many times have you told me that I would lose more than I would gain from that spell.

BOTTOM

Our number one priority now is to protect the Nova. If giving her access to magic is the only way then we must do what we must do.

CRUMBLEWART

I shall be keeping an eye on this.

BOTTOM

As a vampire hunter that is your job.

Crumblewart exits Bottom's office.

Bottom gets up walks over to the door then locks it.

BOTTOM

How dare he question me! Things will be as I would have them to be.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/GYM - DAY

Gail and Steven spar using magic. Bolts of lightning flash from Gail's finger tips. A shield of blue light that Steven holds blocks the bolts Gail sends. Gail stops then stares at Steven.

GAIL

Have you heard what Bottom offered Crystal.

STEVEN

No. What ?

GAIL

Access magic.

STEVEN

What the hell is he thinking ?

GAIL

According to Crystal he is afraid that she will leave if she doesn't become stronger and that if she leaves we will leave.

STEVEN

He's right about us leaving if she leaves, but that is no excuse for him to be so reckless.

GAIL

Do you love her ?

Steven shakes his head in disbelief.

**STEVEN** 

Crystal is my friend.

GAIL

You didn't answer my question.

**STEVEN** 

Yes. I love her ... but only as a friend.

GAIL

(smiles) ... and me ?

STEVEN

What about you ?

GAIL

Don't do that ?

STEVEN

What do you want me to say ?

GAIL

I want to know how you feel about me.

**STEVEN** 

(smiles) You're angry all of the time. You're defiant. You push people away. So, what should I say?

GAIL

I push you away to protect myself.

STEVEN

... from what ?

GAIL

... being hurt. Because I love you.

**STEVEN** 

(laughs) Guess what ?

GAIL

What ?

**STEVEN** 

I love you too!

Gail and Steven rush into each other's arms. They kiss.

Gail looks toward the door. Crystal stands there with tears in her eyes.

Steven turns and sees Crystal also.

CRYSTAL

(crying) I guess it was quite
the joke. (pause) Me trailing
behind the two of you lovebirds.
Hoping for a crumb of your love.

STEVEN

That's not fair. You are our friend and the last thing we want to do is to hurt you.

GAIL

That's true. I think you are the only reason it took us so long to admit how we feel about one another.

CRYSTAL

(facetious) Well, thank you for your consideration.

**STEVEN** 

We worry about you still.

CRYSTAL

Don't ... !

STEVEN

Don't lose yourself. Don't allow Bottom to do the access spell.

CRYSTAL

So what if I lose myself. (pause)
I wasn't enough for you to love me.
Maybe someone else will love me
after I change.

GAIL

We do love you Crystal, just the way you are.

CRYSTAL (laughs)
It's not enough. I'm not enough.

Crystal rushes from the gym.

Gail turns to Steven.

GAIL

You go talk to Bottom. I'll try to talk some sense into Crystal.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/BOTTOM'S OFFICE - NIGHT

Bottom sits at his desk with an ancient text open. Steven enters the office. His demeanor shows his disgust and anger.

**STEVEN** 

Why would you offer a vulnerable young woman a golden carrot that she is unlikely to refuse?

**BOTTOM** 

As the guardian of this school, this school has to be my first priority. (pause) To protect this school I must first protect it's

BOTTOM

**STEVEN** 

... and to hell with anyone else ?

**BOTTOM** 

You could say that.

**STEVEN** 

It's no wonder my parents left this school. (pause) There isn't any difference between you and the evil ones except the lie that you tell yourselves.

Steven turns and exits Bottom's office.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY/DORM - NIGHT

Gail sits on the edge of her bed.

Crystal's drawers and closet are empty of her things.

Steven enters the dorm room. He looks around, puzzled.

**STEVEN** 

Where is she ?

GAIL

She left before I got here.

STEVEN

We should go after her.

GAIL

Not yet. (pause) She's going to need time to remember our love and friendship. (pause) She'll realize that isn't something you throw away.

STEVEN

I'm not staying here.

GAIL

How will she find us when she's ready ?

**STEVEN** 

I trust Crumblewart. We'll let him know where she can find us.

GAIL

... then let's go.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: STREETS OF THERA - DAY

Crystal walks down the streets of Thera with her head down. Yards behind her 2 vampires- KISSA and ELONDRA along with Wiggleshaft follow.

Crystal stops at a clothing store window. She gasps when she sees the beautiful dresses in the store window.

CRYSTAL

Oh my ... they are so beautiful.

Wiggleshaft, in his man form, turns to the vampires.

WIGGLESHAFT

Go back. Tell Victor I shall bring her to him before night fall.

**ELONDRA** 

If this is some kind of trick you will pay dearly for it metamorph.

WIGGLESHAFT

I have too much at stake.

The vampires step back. Both pretend to leave.

Wiggleshaft approaches Crystal.

WIGGLESHAFT

They are beautiful.

Crystal was startled at first but quickly regains her composure.

CRYSTAL

Yes they are.

WIGGLESHAFT

But not nearly as beautiful as you are.

CRYSTAL

Thank you. (pause) I needed to hear something just like that.

WIGGLESHAFT

(smiles) Do you mind if I ask why ...?

CRYSTAL

... because right now I am not feeling very beautiful at all.

WIGGLESHAFT

I can only imagine that it is because of a man.

CRYSTAL

I wasn't enough for him.

WIGGLESHAFT

He was either blind or a fool. (pause) I am neither.

CRYSTAL

Something tells me that I should beware of you.

WIGGLESHAFT

I think you should too, but how much fun would that be.

Crystal and Wiggleshaft laugh.

WIGGLESHAFT

Let me buy you that dress.

Wiggleshaft points to a very beautiful dress in the window.

WIGGLESHAFT

... then take you to dinner.

CRYSTAL

I have no plans and I do love that dress.

WIGGLESHAFT

In that case I shall buy you several dresses and we shall paint the town red.

CRYSTAL

Is that a good thing ?

WIGGLESHAFT

That's a very good thing.

The two of them enter the clothing store.

DISSOVE TO:

INT.: DRESS STORE - DAY

Wiggleshaft sits outside a dressing room. Crystal has changed into the beautiful designer dress and exits the dressing room. The dress SALES LADY laughs when she sees the expression of enchantment on Wiggleshaft's face.

SALES LADY

The dress is beautiful, but your wife is even more beautiful.

WIGGLESHAFT

I'm not that lucky.

SALES LADY Not yet.

CRYSTAL

Do you like it ?

WIGGLESHAFT
How could I not.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: DEAD HILL - NIGHT

Kissa returns alone to Dead Hill. She has entered Victor's chambers.

KISSA

The metamorph claims he can bring the weak link to us willingly.

VICTOR

Seems I may have underestimated him.

KISSA

He hasn't succeeded yet.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: FANCY RESTAURANT/THERA - NIGHT

Whistleshaft and Crystal sit having dinner. A bottle of wine, two glasses and plates of food sit before them.

Crystal looks at the dish before her; steak, baked potato and broccoli.

CRYSTAL

What is this meal ?

WIGGLESHAFT

Steak, potato and broccoli.

CRYSTAL

I've heard of it, but I have never eaten meat before.

WIGGLESHAFT

You said that you came to experience the world. (pause) Your so called friends aren't here to stop you now.

CRYSTAL

(laughs) I guess you're right.

Crystal looks down at the utensils and the food, puzzled.

CRYSTAL

How do I do this ?

Wiggleshaft smiles, picks up Crystal's fork and knife then cuts her a piece of the steak. He then feeds it to her.

CRYSTAL

Ummm ... that is sooo good.

WIGGLESHAFT

That is just the beginning.

**DISSOLVE TO:** 

INT.: THERA NIGHTCLUB - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: LATER THAT NIGHT - THERA NIGHTCLUB

Crystal has changed into casual dress, to suit the club. Crystal laughs as Wiggleshaft twirls her around on the dance floor.

CRYSTAL

I have never had so much joy in all my life.

WIGGLESHAFT

If I have anything to say about it your joy is just beginning.

Crystal pulls him close and kisses him. Wiggleshaft is startled.

WIGGLESHAFT

That was my first kiss.

CRYSTAL

You are such a liar, but it was truly my first kiss.

WIGGLESHAFT

Did you like it ?

Crystal answers him by pulling him close and kissing him again.

CRYSTAL

Will you take me home with you?

WIGGLESHAFT

I have a better idea. (pause)Do remember where you changed clothes to come here?

CRYSTAL

You said it was a hotel.

WIGGLESHAFT

There we can be alone. If you would like.

CRYSTAL

I would like that very much.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: LUXURY HOTEL - NIGHT

Wiggleshaft and Crystal are at the front desk of the premiere luxury Thera hotel. Crystal stares around in amazement.

CRYSTAL

I meant to tell you before that I have never seen anything so grand.

Wiggleshaft hands the HOTEL CLERK a Trihart industry credit card. The clerk runs the card then hands it back to him. She then hands him two card keys.

**CLERK** 

Your keys Mr. Wiggleshaft.

Crystal laughs.

CRYSTAL

Your name is funny. Funny cute not funny ha ha.

WIGGLESHAFT

(laughs) I like that you think it's cute.

CUT TO:

EXT.: DRUID HILL PARK/THERA - NIGHT

Gail and Steven walk up to a tree. Steven places one hand onto the tree and holds Gail's hand with his other hand. The two of them pass into the tree.

CUT TO:

INT.: THE TREE - NIGHT

The inside of the tree defies the laws of physics. It is as large as any house. Their is ornamental furniture including a bed within. There is a table and chairs for dining. Food and drinks adorn the table.

GAIL

(smiles) Do you realize that this is the first time in our whole lives that we have been alone together.

STEVEN

... then I guess I had better make the most of it.

Steven pulls Gail into his arms and kisses her.

GAIL

Now exactly what do you have in mind, Mr. Walsh.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Crystal lies nude under satin sheets. Wiggeshaft stands at the edge of the bed admiring her. Crystal opens her eyes and smiles up at Wiggleshaft.

CRYSTAL

What do you have planned for today ?

WIGGLESHAFT

I have to report in to my boss, but after that I will show you the world.

CRYSTAL

I want to see the world. (pause) ... with you.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY OFFICE BUILDING - DAY

SUPERIMPOSE: AN HOUR LATER - TERIHART INDUSTRY

Wiggleshaft enters the building.

Within sight of the building Victor's black limo with the black tinted windows sits.

CUT TO:

INT.: BLACK LIMO - DAY

Victor glares at Kissa, one of the vampires who had been watching Crystal and Wiggleshaft.

VICTOR

Where is the girl?

KISSA

Wherever she is Elondra is keeping close tabs on her. (pause) I told you I never trusted him.

VICTOR

I should have known this metamorph wouldn't take another step without checking in with the Herbivore.

CUT TO:

INT.: DENNIS OFFICE - DAY

Dennis sits smiling across his desk at the seated Wiggleshaft.

**DENNIS** 

She came with you and stayed with you willingly.

WIGGLESHAFT Yes. She did.

**DENNIS** 

Maybe I should change my plan.

WIGGLESHAFT

What do you mean ?

**DENNIS** 

Maybe she will willingly help us capture the Nova.

WIGGLESHAFT

No harm will come to her, will it ?

**DENNIS** 

Do as you always have ... worry only about yourself.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: TREE/ DRUID HILL PARK - DAY

Gail and Steven awaken in each other's arms.

STEVEN

I'm worried about Crystal.

GAIL

I don't mean to sound selfish, but no woman wants a man to ask about another woman the day after they make love for the first time.

STEVEN

I'm sorry. You're right. (pause)
I have never been so happy in all
of my life. (pause) I guess that
is why I feel a little guilty.

GAIL

If she were in harm's way both of us would know. (pause) We three are eternally linked.

STEVEN

True. (pause) I guess I am being overly protective.

GAIL

That's why I love you.

**STEVEN** 

I feel her and the strange thing is that she feels the most happy I have ever known her to be.

GAIL

I feel that too. (pause) I thought I was just projecting my feelings onto her to ease my guilt.

**STEVEN** 

I'm not going to question what has changed in a day.

GAIL

We will just be happy for her and hope it's real.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: BLACK LIMO - DAY

Kissa and Victor sit facing one another in the limo.

**VICTOR** 

Let's use the metamorph's manipulations as a way to get the weak link on our side.

CUT TO:

INT.: DENNIS OFFICE - DAY

Wiggleshaft stands up and defiantly faces Dennis.

WIGGLESHAFT

I won't let you hurt her !

**DENNIS** 

(laughs) This is nature's most
ridiculous joke ever. (pause)

**DENNIS** 

You are not a man. (pause) You are a squirrel, who can change himself into any thing.

WIGGLESHAFT

You don't know what I am. (pause) Hell, I don't know what I am.

**DENNIS** 

You can't love her. She can't love you. (pause) Just do as I say and I will give you back your simple life.

WIGGLESHAFT

You can't give that back to me and I don't know if I want it.

Wiggleshaft turns and walks out.

Dennis screams after him.

**DENNIS** 

Wiggleshaft ... Wiggleshaft ... it's insane. A metamorph can't love a Herbivore!

CUT TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - DAY

Crumblewart stands in front of Bottom.

CRUMBLEWART

You've chased them all away, including the Nova.

BOTTOM

I will get them back ! I have to get them back !

CRUMBLEWART
To what end ?

BOTTOM

We must prevail! (pause) We are GOOOODDD !The others are EVIL!

CRUMBLEWART

It's getting hard to tell the difference.

**BOTTOM** 

Get out ! Get out !

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: LUXURY HOTEL/ROOM - DAY

Crystal sits on the bed. Breakfast that she ordered from room service sits in front of her on a cart and tray. There comes a knock at the door. Crystal jumps up elated. She runs to the door.

CRYSTAL

Wiggleshaft! My Wiggleshaft!

Crystal opens the door. In the hallway is Victor, Elondra and Kissa. Crystal frowns.

VICTOR

Sorry to disappoint you, but after we talk I am sure you will be glad that it is us and not Wiggleshaft.

Victor and the vampires push pass Crystal and into the room. Crystal closes the door and follows them.

CRYSTAL

Who are you and how do you know my Wiggleshaft?

Victor laughs then takes a seat.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: LUXURY HOTEL ROOM - DAY

NARRATOR (O.S.)

Victor has explained who Wiggleshaft is and what he wants with Crystal. He has mixed in enough truth with his lies to confuse the naive girl.

CRYSTAL

(laughs) It always come back to
 the two of them. (pause) The
 only value I have is to bring
 them to those in power.

**VICTOR** 

Not to me. (pause) I am willing to share their power with you.

CRYSTAL

What are you saying ?

VICTOR

No one will be able to use you again. (pause) You will have part of the Nova power.

**CRYSTAL** 

(laughs) Me. Possessing part
of the Nova power. (pause) Will
 it harm Steven ?

VICTOR

Of course not. (pause) No one can harm the Nova. (pause) He just won't be the only one with great power.

CRYSTAL

I think I would like that.

The room door opens. Wiggleshaft enters. He changes his head into that of a bull then rushes across the room ramming Kissa, knocking her against the wall. She leaves a dent in the wall then slides down to the floor. Elondra and Victor laugh. Crystal glares at Wiggleshaft as he changes back to his man form.

CRYSTAL

Everything that they said is true?

WIGGLESHAFT I doubt that.

CRYSTAL

Your boss is Dennis Trihart ... a corrupt Herbivore ?

WIGGLESHAFT That is true.

CRYSTAL

You're not a man ?

WIGGLESHAFT

I am and I am not.

CRYSTAL

CUT TO:

INT.: TREE/DRUID HILL PARK - DAY

Gail and Steven turn toward each other wearing a look of concern.

**STEVEN** 

You feel it too ?

GAIL

Yes. Her happiness is gone, in an instance.

STEVEN

How can that be ? (pause) It's only been a day.

GAIL

It can only be a man. (pause)Only a man can make a woman happy so fast then take it away just as quickly.

**STEVEN** 

This has to have something to do with me.

GAIL

(laughs) Her leaving was about you, but her happiness and pain is about another man.

STEVEN

Can we help her ?

GAIL

Our help may be the last thing in the world she wants or needs.

CUT TO:

INT.: HOTEL ROOM - DAY

Wiggleshaft changes to a bear.

WIGGLESHAFT

If you hurt her I will kill you all.

VICTOR

I doubt that you could, but even if you could it isn't us who has hurt her. It's you.

Wiggleshaft changes back to his man form. He walks over to Crystal and takes her hand. She snatches her hand free of his grasp.

WIGGLESHAFT

They want to use you.

CRYSTAL

Don't you ... ?

WIGGLESHAFT

At first yes, but now ... what I feel for you is real ... and what you feel for me is too.

CRYSTAL

The only thing I feel for you is repulsed.

VICTOR

You can go with him, come with us or choose another path. It's up to you.

CRYSTAL

I'm sure that you're lying too, but at least you offer me a road to something I have always wanted.

Wiggleshaft bars Crystal's way. Elondra hits him in the back of his head. Wiggleshaft falls to the floor. Kissa jumps down on him then bares her teeth.

CRYSTAL

Noooo ... !

Victor holds up his hand. Kissa stops.

KISSA

I wouldn't want him to be a part of me anyway.

Crystal looks down at Kissa.

CRYSTAL

Vampires know access magic ?

VICTOR

That is how you and I are going to gain part of the Nova's powers.

CRYSTAL

Neither of us are strong enough to take what he won't give.

VICTOR

You are the bait. He will be caught unawares when you attack him. It is then that he won't have a defense against the spell.

CRYSTAL

If you are wrong we will pay a high cost for this betrayal.

VICTOR

Nothing ventured. Nothing gained.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: HOTEL ROOM - NIGHTCLUB

SUPERIMPOSE: HOURS LATER/HOTEL ROOM

Wiggleshaft regains consciousness. Sluggishly he sits up. He looks warily around.

WIGGLESHAFT

Crystal! Crystal! (pause) Dear god. What have I done. (pause) I've served her up to the devil himself.

Wiggleshaft gets up and paces around the room.

WIGGLESHAFT

Who can help ? (pause) The Nova. (pause) I have to go to the school for vampire hunters.

Wiggleshaft heads for the door.

WIGGLESHAFT

Let's hope they hear me out and not just slay or exorcise me from this plane.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: DEAD HILL - NIGHT

SUPERIMPOSE: AN HOUR LATER - DEAD HILL

Victor and Crystal sit at a huge table lined with foods and drinks. Kissa and Elondra serve the two.

VICTOR

That's enough. You two can leave for now.

Kissa and Elondra leave out. Victor looks at Crystal lasciviously.

VICTOR

So what do you think of our world?

CRYSTAL

Once you get pass the back stabbing and scheming it has its attractions.

VICTOR

I can make you feel more things than that metamorph ever could.

CRYSTAL

I don't know a lot, but I do know that what you imply is a lie. (pause) Sex without love can never be more.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: GRANGER ACADEMY - DAY

Wiggleshaft enters the school. He is surrounded by Hunters, Brill, Bottom and Crumblewart.

WIGGLESHFT

I hope this isn't a mistake.

**BOTTOM** 

It is metamorph. I am going to dispense you to The Ebony Ilrest.

CRUMBLEWART

No you're not. (pause) At least not before we find out why he's here.

BOTTOM

I'm the headmaster here !

CRUMBLEWART

I told you I would be watching. We all are suspect of your choices.

Bottom looks around at the Hunters.

BOTTOM

Does he speak for all of you?

No one says anything. Brill then breaks the silence.

BRILL

I know that I am curious what would make a metamorph dare to enter the sanctuary of Granger Academy.

Bottom then turns toward Wiggleshaft.

BOTTOM

You heard them ... speak while you have the chance!

WIGGLESHAFT

The vampire Victor has tricked Crystal Breeze and will use her to lure the Nova.

**BOTTOM** 

Why should we believe you ?

WIGGLESHAFT

Because I love her.

BOTTOM

(laughs) Lies! Banish him!

Brill starts to raise his hand. Crumblewart grabs Brill's hand.

CRUMBLEWART

Listen to your heart, not to professor Bottom. You will hear the truth.

Brill turns toward Wiggleshft. Brill then turns toward the other hunters.

BRILL

He is telling the truth !

**BOTTOM** 

... then I will lead you to rescue her because to rescue her is to protect the Nova. (pause) To Protect the Nova is to insure that good wins.

Crumblewart turns to Brill.

CRUMBLEWART

I must go find the Nova, but you must make sure that true good wins. No matter what.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: TREE/DRUID HILL PARK - NIGHT

Crumblewart enters the tree. Steven and Gail sit eating. Steven turns and spots Crumblewart.

STEVEN

(jovial) Crumblewart ...! Come
 join us for dinner.

Gail and Steven stand and beckon him to their table. Worry shows on Crumblewart's face.

CRUMBLEWART

I can not. (pause) Your friend Crystal is in dire danger.

GAIL

(laughs) That can't be.

**STEVEN** 

She's right. We are connected to Crystal in a profound way. If she were in trouble we would know it.

CRUMBLEWART

I don't know how those things
work, but I assure you she is
 in danger.

CLOSEUP: GAIL AND STEVEN STARE AT ONE ANOTHER.

GAIL

Could we have lost our connection because of the man ?

**STEVEN** 

I don't know enough about the love between others to say.

GAIL

Where is she ?

CRUMBLEWART

The vampire's lair, Dead Hill.

CUT TO:

INT.: DENNIS' OFFICE - NIGHT

Gwen enters with a tray of food for Dennis.

**DENNIS** 

I'm not hungry. (laughs) I
 need a woman's opinion.

**GWEN** 

That's a first.

**DENNIS** 

Yes it is ... nevertheless ... is it possible for a woman to fall in love with a metamorph ... let's say ?

**GWEN** 

When it comes to love anything is possible.

**DENNIS** 

You think a metamorph could fall in love with a woman.

**GWEN** 

I wouldn't bet my life on it, but if cornered I would answer yes.

**DENNIS** 

That would explain why the metamorph hasn't returned.

**GWEN** 

Not your lackey ?

**DENNIS** 

Yes. Him.

**GWEN** 

Then I change my answer. (pause)
I don't think that he can love
anyone except himself.

**DENNIS** 

Then why hasn't he returned with my bait for the Nova.

**GWEN** 

Maybe the vampire convinced him that he would share the Nova powers with him.

**DENNIS** 

Ms. Gwen roust my Herbivore brothers and sisters. We shall war tonight. (pause) The winners shall share the Nova powers.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT.: NIGHT SKIES/THERA - NIGHT

NARRATOR (O.S.)

The night skies of Thera are filled with every sort of flying beast man can imagine. But Man has been compelled to look away.

Hunters, dragons, birds, demons and more fill the sky. They all are headed toward Dead Hill.

CUT TO:

EXT.: THE TOP OF DEAD HILL - NIGHT

Crystal stands in between Victor and the 2 vampires- Kissa and Elondra. They look up at the creature filled skies.

VICTOR Arruugghhh ... !

Victor lets out a guttural call for his army. The vampire army emerges from the caves of the Dead Hill.

CLOSEUP: STEVEN'S FACE/ANGERED

STEVEN

I see her!

Vampires change into human sized bats then begin to fly into the oncoming attack. Vampires strike out with long bat claws, killing some of the attackers. Hunters, who most look like winged angels, strike out at the vampires with bolts of lightning and golden beams. The vampires who are

(con't.) hit decay into ashes or are set ablaze. The vampire remains fall to the ground.

Steven lands before Victor, Elondra, Kissa and Crystal.

CRYSTAL

(feigns distress) Help me.

**ELONDRA** 

I am going to kill you Nova.

Elondra vanishes then appears behind Steven. He reaches back and grasps her about her throat.

STEVEN

You will have to be faster than that vampire. (pause) Yeen disret Ilrest.

ELONDRA Nooo ...!

CUT TO:

EXT.: PLANE OF ILREST - TOTAL BLACKNESS

The shadowy figure of Elondra floats in this dark domain.

CUT TO:

EXT.: TOP OF DEAD HILL - NIGHT

Victor stands closest to Crystal. Kissa turns to Victor.

KISSA

Destroy him Victor !

VICTOR

He will fair less well in my domain.

Victor grabs Crystal's hand. The two of them descend into the rock of the Dead Hill.

Kissa strikes out at Steven. To her surprise her hand is captured by Gail.

GAIL

You're a very naughty girl. (pause) Go get Crystal. I'll join you in a second.

Steven descends into the rock of the Dead Hill.

Kissa strikes out at Gail with her other clawed hand. Gail strikes Kissa before her claws can land. Kissa falls backwards.

CLOSEUP: KISSA SMILES then descends into the rock of the Dead Hill. Gail does the same following her.

The skies are filled with hunters fighting vampires, Herbivores attacking vampires and Hunters. A battle wages on.

Dennis appears in the form of a hunter, with wings like an angel. Beside Dennis is Gwen in the same form. Dennis points downward.

**DENNIS** 

They have descended into Dead Hill.

GWEN

... it's time for the fun to begin. (laughs)

Dennis and Gwen fly down and land on the top of Dead Hill.

A vampire strikes out at Crumblewart. Wiggleshaft, in the form of an eagle strikes the vampire with his claws. The vampire falls to the ground. Crumblewart smiles and gives the okay signal to Wiggleshaft. He then points down to the ground. Wiggleshaft and Crumblewart land next to the entrance to Victor's lair. The two cautiously enter.

CUT TO:

INT.: DEAD HILL/VICTOR'S LAIR - NIGHT

Crystal and Victor stand next to an altar. Steven floats down, wings spread. After Steven lands Kissa and Gail pass through the rock ceiling above and float down.

VICTOR

Why are you here Nova ? (pause) Why do you and yours attack me ?

**STEVEN** 

Release your hold of Crystal's hand and you may exist on this plane for yet another day.

Victor releases Crystal's hand. She moves away from Victor.

VICTOR

There has been some kind of misunderstanding.

Gail lands beside Steven.

GAIL

Yes there has. And you are the one who is guilty.

Gail and Steven watch Victor. Crystal vanishes then reappears behind Steven. She is about to strike him when Wiggleshaft grabs her arm. She turns around to see him.

CRYSTAL

You ! (pause) I should have known.

Steven turns to Crystal.

**STEVEN** 

You should thank him.

CRYSTAL

... and why is that ?

Steven points above Crystal's head to where Gail hoovers.

STEVEN

Because Gail isn't as patient or loving as me.

Gail lands feet away from Crystal wearing a scowl.

GAIL

After all of our love you were going to try to betray us for these foul creatures.

CRYSTAL

(laughs) No. Not for them. For me! With Steven's power I would never be dependent on anyone's love.

WIGGLESHAFT

You're a foolish little girl.
Love isn't a burden. It's a
gift.

CLOSEUP: CRYSTAL'S EYES ARE FILLED WITH TEARS.

CRYSTAL

A gift that you were willing to relinquish for power.

WIGGLESHAFT

... No. That was before I fell for you.

VICTOR

I don't care to hear anymore of this dribble. (pause) Aaaarruughh! (again summons his army)

Steven stands alone in the center of the room. EIGHT VAMPIRES drop from the ceiling onto him. A golden blast of light comes from beneath the pile. The vampires are thrown about the room then decay into ash.

Dennis and Gwen descend from the ceiling. Dennis spots Wiggleshaft. He tosses a bolt of Lightning at Wiggleshaft. Crystal spots the blast.

CRYYSTAL

Nooo ... !

Crystal dives in between Wiggleshaft and the bolt. She falls to the ground. Wiggleshaft kneels down and takes her into his arms.

Gail tosses a blast of fire at Dennis and Gwen. The two fiends are consumed by fire.

Bottom enters followed by Crumblewart.

BOTTOM

We must assure that the Nova's powers aren't taken by the evil ones.

Bottom opens his palms toward Steven.

**BOTTOM** 

Absorbshe neature exposs.

Energy flows from Steven into Bottom.

STEVEN

Fool ...!

Crumblewart changes his arm to a silver blade. He slices Bottom's head from his neck. The flow of energy stops.

CRUMBLEWART

I knew he wasn't trying to protect you. He wanted your power for himself.

STEVEN

I am glad that you proved to be a Hunter of true character, but you need not have worried.

CRUMBLEWART

I saw him absorbing your powers.

**STEVEN** 

He was only absorbing his own destruction. My being is more ethereal than flesh. His flesh would have began to decay if you hadn't sliced off his head.

CRUMBLEWART

(laughs) Then all of their scheming was for nothing.

GAIL

Someone must continue the work of maintaining the balance between good and evil in this world. We needed to know whom that would be. (pause) You've shown that you have what it takes to lead.

**STEVEN** 

You are truly good.

The remaining vampires and fallen herbivores make a hasty retreat.

Wiggleshaft still kneels at Crystal's side.

Gail walks over to them and moves him aside. She kneels down next to her friend.

Crystal opens her eyes.

CRYSTAL

I thought you said you would always fight for me.

GAIL

... and I always will.

Gail places her hands to each side of Crystal's face. Her hands begin to glow with a blue aura. The strength and life force begins to return to Crystal's face. Crystal sits up.

CRYSTAL

I'm such a fool.

Gail stands up. She looks at Wiggleshaft.

GAIL

I know one who would disagree with you.

Wiggleshaft kneels beside Crystal again. He hugs her.

WIGGLESHAFT

I'm so sorry.

Crystal kisses Wiggleshaft's lips.

CRYSTAL

(cries) No. I'm sorry. (pause) I should have believed in you.

WIGGLESHAFT

We have a lifetime to make up for our mistakes.

Steven turns toward Wiggleshaft.

STEVEN

I can give you back your simple life. (pause) If you wish.

WIGGLESHAFT

What's simpler than loving and being loved. No thank you.

Crumblewart walks over to Steven.

CRUMBLEWART

You said that I should lead. What of you and Ms.Storm ?

STEVEN

We came to see if the world was safe. (pause) Now we know that it is we shall go home to the

STEVEN

forest and enjoy the gift my mother sacrificed for us to have.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT.: TRIHART INDUSTRY - DAY

Wiggleshaft stands at the huge window enjoying the view that had given Dennis so much pleasure. He holds Crystal in his arms.

CRYSTAL

I so love this world and all of its pleasures, especially you. (smiles)

WIGGLSHAFT (smiles)
I love you too, Mrs. Wiggleshaft.

CRYSTAL

(laughs) It still sounds funny.

CUT TO:

INT.: BOTTOM'S OLD OFFICE - DAY

Crumblewart sits at the desk reading through one of the ancient text.

CRUMBLEWART

The world may be safe for the moment, but we will need the new Nova in time ... so says the text.

CUT TO:

EXT.: THE HERBIVORE FOREST - DAY

A golden beam of light illuminates the entire Herbivore Forest.

## NARRATOR (O.S.)

A golden beam of light
Illuminates the entire Herbivore
Forest, announcing the conception
of the next Nova Child and
declaring to every world the
love between Steven Walsh and
Gail Storm. (pause) When the next
Nova Child returns to the world
what side will you be on ? (pause)
Are you Herbivore, vampire or
simply a New Man ? What choices
will you make?

# THE END ?