

Chapter 1

You've probably heard a lot of myths about vampires, like you can kill one with a stake through their heart. Some myths, like this one, are true. Other myths, like vampires are cruel, evil creatures that kill for the heck of it, aren't true. Vampires have certain characteristics that humans don't have. Vampires have very long, tough fingernails they use to blood people. You can identify a vampire by the 10 small cuts on the tips of their fingers and the tough, sharp fingernails. There aren't many vampiresses in the world, but they're as equally as strong as the vampires. This is a story about a vampiress named Lavender Fromage.

Lavender Fromage came to be a vampiress one day when she was snooping around an old junk yard on the outskirts of Paris on the River Seine. There she met a tall, pale, bald man with sharp, beady eyes. He introduced himself as Eucalyptus Noir. They became fast friends after he spotted her watching him after dark. He shooed her away at first, but she came back later, curious. This time Lavender stumbled upon him as he was drinking the blood of a human. Lavender screamed a deafening scream. Eucalyptus heard her. As his eyes met hers in the darkness, he told her to come closer. Eucalyptus said, "It's OK. Don't be afraid. I need to share something with you". Lavender learned that Eucalyptus was a vampire, and he told her about the ways of the vampire and Lavender liked the sound of it. She asked

Eucalyptus to blood her, or to become a vampire too. He warned her that she'd have to leave her friends and family behind, along with her humanity. She hesitantly agreed and left all that was familiar behind her. Lavender Fromage was now a half-vampire, a creature of the night!

Chapter 2

There is an old saying, *those who hesitate are lost*. Sometimes I wonder why she left her home to become a vampire. I think it's because of her family. You see, Lavender, her sister and her parents were caving in France four years ago when a tragic caving accident occurred. All of her family members died in the accident, sparing Lavender. She found her way back to what was left of her home and she went on with her life as best she could. She didn't have a family anymore so I think she decided to start a new life with the vampires. A half-life seemed better than no life.

Eucalyptus told her he wanted to take her to the vampire headquarters, high in the Alps. It would be a long cold walk but Lavender wanted to see what could be her new family. Only a few miles along in their journey, they heard something rustle in the bush nearby. "Vampire hunter!" said Eucalyptus. "They've been trailing us for the past couple of miles." "What are we going to do?" asked Lavender? "Kill them," replied Eucalyptus. Lavender gasped. "And drink their blood". Eucalyptus chuckled at her response, but asked, "Ready?" She answered without hesitation, "Go!" Lavender watched in awe as Eucalyptus sprung with lightening speed into action. They were small weak fighters and they were dead within minutes.

Eucalyptus drank steadily and afterwards they continued their long slow journey toward the mountains.

Chapter 3

Every night, Eucalyptus and Lavender would get up to continue their journey. Vampires can't stay in the sun for very long or they'll burn to death. So the pair slept by day and traveled by night. They hunted nearby their campsite each day and usually ate food raw. The closer they got to the mountains, the colder it became. Some nights were freezing. But because they moved at night, they were able to keep themselves warm. Plus, vampires can withstand far worse conditions than humans. All night they talked. The two really got to know each other. Now if only they knew the danger that lay ahead.

Chapter 4

Eucalyptus and Lavender were both lying still late one afternoon. Lavender was pretty sure Eucalyptus was asleep. Lavender quietly got up and walked to a nearby stream. As she looked into the reflecting water, she saw a face, one other than her own. She quickly turned around to meet a big, fierce man with a knife pointed directly at her. She opened her mouth to scream, but a smelly old hand covered her mouth. Lavender quickly reacted and tried to move the hand off her face. She started to mumble something, but the attacker didn't care. He pointed the knife again at her, this time only a few centimeters from her neck. Lavender then heard a familiar, friendly voice say, "Coriander?" It was Eucalyptus. The

fierce man turned around and smiled at Eucalyptus. Eucalyptus stole a glance from Lavender and looked back at Coriander and slowly smiled to him. Coriander let go of Lavender and walked towards Eucalyptus, and to her surprise, gave him a hug and a kiss on each cheek. They smiled again, and murmured something in French to one another. Lavender looked confused. "So this is Lavender?" asked Coriander. Lavender nodded and smiled a half-smile. Coriander nodded back and then turned toward Eucalyptus again. "Come Cory, we have so much to catch up on!" said Eucalyptus. "Lavender, this is my dear friend, Cory, short for Coriander." Lavender looked at Cory. "Hello", she said. They stood there for a few moments before turning away. "Have the headquarters sent you to accompany us?" asked Eucalyptus. "Indeed they have", answered Cory. Eucalyptus turned and motioned for Lavender to follow while he continued talking to Cory. When Lavender had caught up, Eucalyptus leaned over to her and said, "We are now in vampire territory and we'll arrive at headquarters tomorrow."

Chapter 5

Lavender instantly realized they had entered vampire territory by the ancient runes on the rocks surrounding the path that lead to the headquarters. The headquarters, Lavender soon learned, were hidden beneath the mountains. It was a few hours until dawn so Lavender couldn't tell how close they were. As the sky grew lighter, they picked up the pace. They reached the entrance to the mountain right before dawn, just in time to be out of the sun's harmful rays. After being let in by the guards surrounding the mountains,

they scurried into a nearby tunnel to lead up to the cathedrals and cells. The three were resting in a tunnel when they heard a loud roar very close by. "What was that?" asked Lavender. "I don't know." Eucalyptus responded. "I think I do," said Cory turning to face us, his eyes wide with fear. Cory walked quietly to us and whispered, "It's a bear!"

Chapter 6

"What are we going to do?" asked Lavender. "I think our best option is to find another tunnel" Cory suggested. "That's what I thought too" Eucalyptus added. "C'mon, let's go!" Eucalyptus said, but Cory tripped over a stone that sent him crashing to the ground. They were sure the bear heard them. They sat motionless for a few moments, listening. They were as still as stones, waiting for the bear. A few more moments passed and the deranged bear crashed through a wall and looked straight at Lavender. "What do I do?" she asked desperately. "Can you find your way to the main cathedral?" asked Eucalyptus. "I think so" she responded. "Then go! We'll hold the bear off! Just warn the others!" added Cory. "Ok" said Lavender. She looked at Eucalyptus, then at Cory, then back again at Eucalyptus. Nodding to them, she fled the scene into a nearby tunnel not knowing if she would ever see them again.

Chapter 7

Lavender had been running, then finally walking, for about ten minutes when she realized she'd been walking in circles. She quickly ran in the opposite direction and soon came to an opening filled with vampires. "There's a bear, a bear in the tunnels!" Lavender shouted. As soon as she stopped talking, everyone started laughing. "You mean our guard

bear?" someone asked. "What?" Lavender sputtered. "You mean that bear is guarding this place?" "Yes," answered another vampire. She looked at the tickled vampires and realized she recognized someone. She slowly walked towards the vampiress she recognized. "Violet?" said Lavender. The vampiress looked at Lavender, confused and then burst into tears. Violet threw herself into Lavender's arms instantly. Realizing she had recognized her sister who apparently survived the caving accident four years earlier, Lavender burst into tears too. Cory and Eucalyptus ran into the cathedral at this time too, approaching Lavender. Lavender looked up and smiled at them and they smiled back. Lavender introduced them to her sister, Violet, and Eucalyptus then introduced Lavender to the rest of the vampires and vampiresses.

Lavender didn't feel like she had a half-life anymore. She had friends and her sister now too. Even though she still had lost her parents, her new life as a vampiress, she considered, to be better than a half-life.