

**DESCRIPTION: Count Lazarus's most loyal and powerful vampire companion, she is in love with him. She is a very powerful monster, but does not realize the influence she has over the underworld because she is always consumed by the needs of her master. She is mysterious and cunning but struggles with her confidence.**

**CONTEXT: CELESTE IS CONFIDING IN SANTA LA MUERTE REGARDING HER THOUGHTS ON HER MASTER, HIS NEW SYNTHETIC BLOOD REGIMEN, AND HIS NEW WIFE.**

MY MASTER COUNT LAZARUS CONSIDERS DRINKING HUMAN BLOOD PRIMITIVE, BUT IT IS WHO WE ARE AS VAMPIRES. REAL BLOOD NOT ONLY FEEDS US BUT WE GAIN OUR POWER FROM HUMANITY. SYNTHETIC BLOOD MAY SATISFY VAMPIRE HUNGER, BUT THERE IS NO WAY IT IS ADDING TO OUR SUPREMACY.

HE SAYS THEY ARE THE SAME, BUT OF COURSE THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. BLOOD COMES FROM A LIFESOURCE AND HIS WIFE'S REGIMEN COMES FROM A LAB. HUMAN BLOOD CONTAINS HISTORY IN ITS DROPLETS – PAIN, HAPPINESS, EXISTENCE! THERE IS NO POWER SOURCE TO THIS PLASMA-SYNTH.

AND VICTORIA THINKS JUST BECAUSE SHE HAILS FROM A LINEAGE THAT PARALLELS WITH MONSTERS IT MAKE HER A MONSTER HERSELF; AND ALTHOUGH MY LIEGE IS TO HER HUSBAND, I DO NOT TAKE KINDLY TO HER DISRESPECT AS I COULD END HER IN TWO SECONDS

I STRUGGLE WITH THIS. COUNT LAZARUS HAS BEEN VERY GOOD TO ME. I OWE HIM EVERYTHING. MY MAKER WAS KILLED ONLY 1 YEAR INTO MY NEW LIFE AS A VAMPIRE. LAZARUS FOUND ME AND TAUGHT ME HOW TO CONTROL MY STRENGTH AND HUNGER, HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO BLEND IN. HE TAUGHT ME HOW TO SURVIVE.

BUT HAVE I NOT RETURNED THE FAVOR 10-FOLD? HAVE I NOT FOUGHT IN EVERY WAR WITH HIM? HAVE I NOT SAVED HIS LIFE IN BATTLE? HAVE I NOT KILLED FOR HIM? AND NOW THAT HE HAS LOST HIS BLOOD LUST, HE CHANGES HIS MIND AND EXPECTS THE VAMPIRE CLAN TO LEAVE EVERYTHING THEY KNOW BEHIND AND FOLLOW HIM BLINDLY?

AND HIS WIFE IS AIDING TO HIS BAD JUDGMENT. NEED I REMIND VICTORIA THAT THE WALLS HAVE EARS AND THE MONSTERS SPREAD SECRETS LIKE WILDFIRE. MAYBE A HUMAN HAS TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING THIS, BUT WHATEVER SHE IS CONSPIRING WILL BE COMMON KNOWLEDGE SOON.