

Night World No. 2: Dark Angel; the Chosen; Soulmate Study Guide

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Plot Summary

Night World 2: Dark Angel, The Chosen, and Soulmate are the second set of novels in the Night World Series by L.J. Smith. In these novels, three new characters find their soulmates as the night world quickly moves toward some unnamed revolution. In Dark Angel, Gillian survives a near death experience only to discover she is a witch and the guardian angel she brought back with her is really a soul with unfinished business. In The Chosen, vampire hunter, Rashel, finds herself inexplicably drawn to a vampire even as she vows to kill him and his entire coven. In Soulmate, Hannah discovers that she has been reincarnated over and over, only to always die before her seventeenth birthday at the hands of the world's first vampire, Maya. Each of these three novels brings the reader of this series closer to the revolution that will forever change the world of the night in which witches and vampires thrive.

In Dark Angel, Gillian is walking home from school a short time before Christmas when she hears a voice calling from the frozen river. When Gillian goes to investigate, she accidentally falls in. Although Gillian is able to escape the cold water, the snowy weather quickly forces her into hypothermia and she begins to die. When Gillian's spirit reaches the next world, she is met by a guardian angel who gives her the choice of living or dying. When Gillian chooses to live, she discovers that the angel has come back with her to guide her into a better life.

Gillian's guardian angel teaches her how to dress better and how to deal with the kids at school, quickly transforming Gillian into a popular girl. When a couple of other girls threaten Gillian's popularity and the future of her boyfriend, the guardian angel tells Gillian she is a witch and helps her cast a spell over the girls. When the spell leads to one girl nearly losing her fingers, Gillian begins to question the validity of her guardian angel. Gillian turns to the only person she feels she can trust, another witch. This girl tells Gillian that her guardian angel is more than likely a soul with unfinished business who is using her to regain his life. Gillian sets out to find out what this business is, eventually learning that the soul is really a cousin she never knew she had who accidentally killed a young girl while experimenting with magic. Gillian finds the girl's body and helps her cousin find forgiveness.

In The Chosen, Rashel saw her mother killed by a vampire when she was only five and has devoted her life since to killing vampires. One night, while teamed up with a group of other vampire hunters, Rashel meets Quinn, a powerful vampire with a deadly reputation. However, rather than kill Quinn, Rashel speaks with him and discovers an uncanny connection to him. Rashel lets him go despite the outrage of the other vampire hunters and realizes the next time she sees him, she must kill him.

Rashel later stumbles onto a slave ring being run by Quinn to collect up human girls for use by vampires and witches. Rashel arranges to have herself kidnaped by Quinn and allows him to transport her to his client, a unknown vampire who has called together all the leaders of the made vampires to stage some sort of coup against the vampire council. However, as she is attempting to free the other human girls and hunt down the



unknown leader, Quinn stumbles across her. Rashel and Quinn discover that they are soulmates and decide to work together. Unfortunately, they are not prepared when they realize that the unknown leader is both Quinn's adopted father and the murderer of Rashel's mother. A fire breaks out, killing most of the vampires and allowing Rashel and Quinn to escape.

In *Soulmates*, Hannah begins seeing a psychiatrist because of weird notes she has been writing herself without her conscious knowledge about some unknown danger that will come before her seventeenth birthday. With the use of hypnosis, Hannah becomes aware that she has been reincarnated multiple times and that she has been in love with the same guy all those times. When Hannah meets Thierry, she discovers that he is a vampire who has been awaiting her return for many, many years. However, there is a strange, dark haired woman who tells Hannah that Thierry kills her in every one of her reincarnations.

Hannah eventually has a clear memory of the dark haired woman and discovers it has not been Thierry who has killed her past selves, but the woman, Maya. Hannah goes to Thierry, but is kidnapped by Maya. When Thierry comes to rescue Hannah, they try to convince Maya to stop their feud, but instead Hannah is forced to kill Maya.



Dark Angel: Chapters 1-6

Dark Angel: Chapters 1-6 Summary

Night World 2 is a collection of three novels, Dark Angel, The Chosen, and Soulmates.

In Chapter 1, Gillian is walking home from school unexpectedly because her friend who was supposed to drive her home left early to meet her boyfriend. As Gillian walks, fuming over her bad luck and worrying about her home situation, she hears a child's voice calling. Gillian goes in search of the child, thinking someone might be in trouble, and accidentally falls into the frozen creek.

In Chapter 2, Gillian manages to get out of the creek, but because of the cold water and the snowy weather conditions, she quickly descends into hypothermia. Gillian sits below a tree, aware she is dying. Then Gillian feels her soul leave her body and go through some kind of tunnel to a meadow. There Gillian meets a young man.

In Chapter 3, the young man tells Gillian he is her guardian angel and that it was not her time to die. For this reason, Gillian can choose to die or to return to life. Unhappy with her friend and her parents, Gillian briefly considers remaining dead, but then decides to go back to life. Gillian returns to her body and the guardian angel's voice guides her to the road where a car stops to pick her up. The driver is David, a boy Gillian has had a crush on for years.

In Chapter 4, David takes Gillian home. David draws a bath for Gillian. David's girlfriend, Tanya, shows up. Tanya gets Gillian undressed and into the bath. As Gillian lies in the bath, she hears David and Tanya talk about her outside the door. Gillian hears David say that he thinks Gillian is only twelve or thirteen when she is really seventeen. Gillian's feelings are hurt. Then, her attention is distracted when the mirror in the bathroom suddenly breaks. Finally, Gillian convinces David and Tanya she is okay and sends them home before her mother can immerge from her alcohol induced nap.

In Chapter 5, when Gillian wakes from a nap, her guardian angel appears in her bedroom. Gillian's guardian angel, who tells her to call him Angel, tells her that he is there to give her her heart's desire. To this end, Angel convinces Gillian to cut her hair short to help her make friends at school.

In Chapter 6, the next day, both Gillian's friend, Amy, and her mother are shocked at her new short hair do. They are also shocked when Gillian reveals the all black outfit that Angel helped her put together the night before. Gillian, however, with Angel's help feels confident and ready to face the world. On the drive to school, David stops on the side of the road to apologize to Gillian about thinking she was younger than she is. Gillian thinks that David is acting very attracted to her and he that he might kiss her.



Dark Angel: Chapters 1-6 Analysis

In these early chapters, the reader meets Gillian. Gillian is a seventeen year old girl who looks much younger than she really is and who is very shy. Gillian has very few friends, in fact she really only has one friend, and her parents are on the outs because her mother has a drinking problem. However, Gillian is a basically good person and this habit of being kind gets her into trouble when she thinks she hears a child crying in the woods. Gillian falls into the creek and freezes to death on her attempt to get home. When Gillian dies, she goes to another plane where she meets a boy who tells her he is her guardian angel. When Gillian chooses to go on living, her guardian angel comes back with her to give her her heart's desire.

Gillian's heart's desire is to be popular and to win the love of her long time crush, David. Angel, her guardian angel, pushes her into David's arms and begins the process of helping her win her heart's desire by encouraging her to change her entire look. This appears to have some success when David drives Gillian to school and stops to apologize for thinking she was younger than she is. In fact, it seems at the end of the chapter David might kiss her.



Dark Angel: Chapters 7-11

Dark Angel: Chapters 7-11 Summary

In Chapter 7, Gillian is excited by the prospect of being kissed by David, but then remembers that he has a girlfriend. Gillian breaks off the tension and David confesses that he has promised Tanya that he would never cheat on her. Later, as Gillian attends her classes, she discovers that she is getting noticed a lot more in her new way of dressing than she ever did before. Then Angel guides her into how to talk to her teachers and the students, increasing the sudden interest in her.

In Chapter 8, at lunch, Angel guides Gillian to be cool and to con her way into sitting at the popular table. Gillian is in seventh heaven until she hears someone saying things about her mother's alcoholism. This causes Gillian some embarrassment until Angel tells her what to say to deal with it. Instead of making her look bad, the situation turns around to make Gillian more likeable to her new friends. Then a glass window above the cafeteria door breaks and David is almost injured trying to move some students out of the way of falling glass. The rest of the day goes about like the morning did. A conversation with a girl called Daryl leads Gillian and Angel to decide she must confront Tanya about spreading rumors. When Gillian does speak to Tanya, Angel feeds her information that proves that Tanya cheated on David despite their promise to one another.

In Chapter 9, David overhears Gillian's conversation with Tanya and confronts Tanya. Gillian leaves and is offered a ride home from several of the popular boys. At home, Gillian is talking to Angel about her mother's drinking when she gets a call from David. David apologizes for Tanya's behavior and tells Gillian that he broke up with Tanya. The rest of the week is just as good for Gillian. Gillian is invited to a party at Macon's house. Gillian buys a new outfit and goes to the party with David. Just as things are beginning to go really good with David, Angel orders Gillian to go into the master bedroom.

In Chapter 10, in the master bedroom, Gillian overhears at Angel's instructions a conversation between Tanya and another girl in which they plot to ruin David's future. Angel then instructs Gillian to go home. At home, Angel tells Gillian that she is a witch and that she descends from a very powerful witch family. Angel tells Gillian she can use her power as a witch to stop Tanya. The next day, Angel directs Gillian to a store where she can buy the supplies she needs.

In Chapter 11, Gillian goes into the back room of a five and dime and finds herself searching for something that she does not understand. Angel directs her how to speak to the clerk so that she can get what she wants. Back at her house, Angel teaches Gillian how to name two wax figures for Tanya and Kim and how to cast a spell that will cause them to be physically unable to go forward with their plot to hurt David. The next day at school, Gillian finds it humorous when she learns that Kim has a bad sore throat and Tanya a rash on her hand, just as she had asked for in her spell. However, the next



day Gillian begins to feel guilty when she learns that Tanya has a bad fever along with her uncomfortable rash.

Dark Angel: Chapters 7-11 Analysis

Gillian quickly finds herself becoming very popular, what she has always thought she has wanted. However, Tanya is clearly not happy with Gillian's newfound popularity and sets out to stop it by spreading rumors about Gillian's mother. Gillian, with Angel's help, puts a quick end to this and then manages to break Tanya and David up and still appearing like the innocent, moral one. It seems everything is going exactly as Angel has promised.

Then at Gillian's first popular party, she overhears, with Angel's help, Tanya and a girl named Kim plotting to bring down both Gillian and David. Angel is determined to help Gillian to stop this by telling her that she is really a witch, a powerful witch from a well-known, powerful witch family. This surprises Gillian. In fact, Gillian shows her true personality when her thoughts go first to her mother, in relief to realize that her mother's hallucinations have a clear cause and that she is not crazy or a dark drunk. However, Angel clearly has an agenda of his own and steers her away from doing something that could be helpful to anyone.

Gillian is directed by Angel to cast a spell on Tanya and Kim to stop them from hurting David. Gillian goes along with this because she wants to protect David, but she clearly does not understand how dangerous this might be. In fact, Tanya's rash quickly becomes a life threatening condition that could cause her a lifetime of disability. Gillian is too trusting to realize that Angel's plot is dangerous and that he is clearly not a guardian angel.



Dark Angel: Chapters 12-16

Dark Angel: Chapters 12-16 Summary

In Chapter 12, Angel begins to tell Gillian about the Night World. Angel then directs Gillian to a place where he tells her that she can meet people of the Night World. However, when Gillian arrives, she realizes that these people are evil. On the drive home, Gillian argues with Angel, questioning why he would want her to go somewhere so dangerous. Angel tells Gillian that they are soulmates.

In Chapter 13, the next day, David takes Gillian to get a Christmas tree. Afterward, David tells Gillian that he has learned that Tanya is in the hospital and she might have to have her fingers amputated because of the rash, which turns out to be the flesh eating bacteria. Angel suggests that they kill David and that he take over his body so that they can always be together. Gillian tries to fight him, but Angel takes over and drives the car into a pole. At home, Gillian quickly takes out the wax figures of Tanya and Kim and tries to reverse the spell she placed on them.

In Chapter 14, Gillian goes to see David and is relieved to find that he is still himself. In fact, David has come to the conclusion that he and Gillian are soulmates, something she agrees with. Then Gillian goes to see the woman at the strange witch store, Melusine, who tells her that her guardian angel is more than likely just a soul who has unfinished business. Melusine helps Gillian place a healing spell on Kim and Tanya and then tells her to find out what Angel's unfinished business is so that she can rid herself of him.

In Chapter 15, Gillian goes to a local cemetery where she begins to search the old part of the cemetery in hopes of finding Angel's true grave. Instead, Gillian finds Angel. When she confronts him, Angel begins to tell Gillian the truth about him. Angel shows Gillian his real grave, a more recent grave. Angel is really Gary Fargeon, a distant cousin Gillian was never aware she had. Gary died a year before in a car accident after he attended a party and drank too much. As Gillian pushes Gary, he tells her that he tricked her into dying because he was lonely. Gary wanted to kill David and take his body so he would have a second chance, but then he was afraid she would hate him forever.

In Chapter 16, Gary tells Gillian that he accidentally killed Paula Belizer a year ago when she accidentally wandered across him while he was practicing a fire spell. Gary buried the body and then went to a party where guilt caused him to drink too much. It was that night when he died. Gillian makes Gary show her where Paula's body is. Gillian and David then come up with an excuse to tell the police when they report the body's location. After the police come and the body is removed, Paula's father arrives. Gillian and David watch as the father offers forgiveness to Gary. Gary then asks for Gillian's forgiveness as well. Gary then passes on.



Dark Angel: Chapters 12-16 Analysis

Angel tells Gillian about the Night World, a place where witches, werewolves, and vampires really exist. Angel directs Gillian to a club of these people, but she feels that these people are evil and wonders why a guardian angel would lead her to such a place. It is then that Gillian begins to question Angel's story. In time, Gillian begins to put the pieces together and realize that Angel is not what he has said he is and that there is more to the world than she ever knew.

Gillian and David nearly die when Angel causes a car accident, spurring Gillian to find a way to stop Angel. Gillian then learns that Angel was once alive, but that he died with unfinished business. For this reason, Gillian sets out to learn the truth about Angel. Angel, it turns out, is really her cousin Gary who somehow learned that he was a witch and began to practice making spells. In doing this, Gary accidentally killed a little girl, the guilt of which led to his own death. This explains to the reader why Gary has remained outside of the next life and why he has chosen Gillian as the one he wanted to trick into helping him. It also explains some of the darker side of Gary's personality.

Gillian, who has proven over and over in this story that she is truly a good person, decides to help Gary despite his actions. Not only does Gillian help Gary, but she returns a little girl to her angel and helps that angel go to where he really belongs with the forgiveness he so badly needed.



The Chosen: Chapters 1-6

The Chosen: Chapters 1-6 Summary

In Chapter 1, Rashel is at her fifth birthday party, which is taking place at a carnival. Rashel is climbing in the tubes provided for the kids to climb with her friend Timmy, whom her mother has instructed her to watch closely. However, Rashel wants to go higher and Timmy is afraid, so she instructs him to stay put. When Rashel is nearly to the top of the ropes, she looks down and finds Timmy gone. Rashel goes in search of him and eventually finds him in a tent where a red haired man is biting his neck.

In Chapter 2, Rashel screams, drawing her mother's attention. The red haired man pulls Rashel back into the tent, but then her mother arrives. The man slaps Rashel's mother so hard that he breaks her neck. Rashel runs back into the tubes. The man tries to stop her and then tries to coax her out with the promise of ice cream, but Rashel manages to resist him. Later, the police do not believe what Rashel tells them about her mother's death. Rashel is taken to the home of an aunt, and late in the night becomes aware of smoke. Rashel manages to escape the house, but her aunt does not.

In Chapter 3, Rashel is now a vampire hunter, currently living in Boston. Rashel kills a vampire, marking it with her trademark cat scratches before rolling it into the bay. It's early, so Rashel decides to go check out what the Lancers, a vampire hunting club, are up to. Rashel learns that a small group of Lancers is investigating some reported kidnappings in Mission Hills. Rashel decides to go with them even though she does not know the leader of the group, Vicky, who has come up from the south. They go to one of the warehouses across where Vicky previously saw vampire activity and unpack their supplies, which turns out to include implements for torture. Rashel is uncomfortable with this, but decides not to say anything.

In Chapter 4, Quinn almost wishes he had the strength to kill himself. Quinn has been alive since the fifteenth century and is nostalgic being back in Boston, the city where he lived as a mortal. Quinn knows he has a reputation for disliking humans and for being ruthless in his actions. He likes this reputation.

Rashel has a conversation with a new Lancer named Nyala. Nyala's sister was recently killed by a vampire and Nyala is out for revenge. Rashel shows off her tools of the trade, especially her wooden bokken, a Japanese weapon she uses to kill vampires. Rashel suddenly hears the sound of fighting and leads Nyala to the source. Vicky and Steve are fighting a vampire. Rashel moves into the fray and knocks the vampire out with a blow to the head. Vicky orders them to take the vampire back to the warehouse and restrain them so they can interrogate him. Rashel is uncomfortable with the idea, but again she refuses to say anything. However, she encourages Vicky to take the others and search for more vampires. Alone with the prisoner, Rashel decides she must kill him to keep the others from torturing him.



In Chapter 5, the vampire is awake and he begins to taunt Rashel, encouraging her to kill him. Rashel, however, finds that she cannot kill a helpless creature, even a vampire. Rashel and the vampire begin to talk and Rashel is surprised when he gives her his name. Rashel is even more surprised to realize that they have captured a well-known and very powerful vampire. Again Rashel knows she must kill him, but she continues to struggle with the morality of killing a tied up creature. Then Quinn shows Rashel that he is beginning to break loose of his restraints despite the wood that is supposed to suppress his supernatural abilities. As they continue to talk, Quinn tells Rashel how Hunter Redfern, a member of the ruling vampire family, made him a vampire so that he could marry Hunter's daughter, Dove. Then Quinn is free and he faces Rashel. Instinct takes over and they begin to fight. However, when they touch Rashel suddenly finds herself transported to another plane, a place where she knows things about Quinn she should not.

In Chapter 6, for several minutes, Rashel finds herself transported to this other place, to this connection between her and Quinn. It confuses her, causing her to be unaware of the return of the Lancers. Rashel urges Quinn to leave, but he hesitates. Rashel pushes him, forcing him to accept her help. When the Lancers surround Rashel, they demand answers. Rashel tells them the truth, that she let him go on purpose. Vicky accuses Rashel of being a vampire lover. Rashel tries to defend herself, but finds she cannot. Several days later, Rashel returns to the warehouses in hopes of uncovering the kidnapping ring the Lancers were investigating and sees a girl jump out of the back of a U-Haul truck driven by vampires.

The Chosen: Chapters 1-6 Analysis

The main character of these chapters is a girl named Rashel. Rashel witnessed the death of her mother and friend Timmy when a vampire attacked them at her fifth birthday party. This event has a profound impact on Rashel's life, causing her to become a vampire hunter before the age of seventeen. Rashel has spent most of her childhood in foster homes, searching for people sympathetic to her cause. This has helped Rashel learn how to fight and kill.

Rashel finds herself confronted with a situation that makes her uncomfortable. While Rashel dislikes vampires and she does her best to kill everyone she comes into contact with, it is always a fair fight. When Rashel teams up with some people who want to capture and torture a vampire, Rashel feels it is an unfair fight and she wants to stop it. However, Rashel cannot force herself to kill a vampire who is restrained. For this reason, Rashel allows the vampire to free himself and then they attack one another. However, instead of Rashel killing the vampire, she discovers that something inexplicable is happening between them. It is as though they are soulmates.

The reader of this collection of stories is already familiar with the idea of soulmates because of the prior novel. The discovery of Rashel's soulmate is much more profound than it was for Gillian in *Dark Angel*, and much more complicated. Quinn is a famous vampire, a vampire who has lived for more than four hundred years and built a



reputation for being ruthless against humans. Killing Quinn would have been a real coup for Rashel, but instead, she let him go because of the inexplicable pull between them. This leaves Rashel in a difficult position that forces her to realize she must kill Quinn simply to restore her reputation. This is the conflict that will propel the rest of the novel's plot.



The Chosen: Chapters 7-11

The Chosen: Chapters 7-11 Summary

In Chapter 7, Rashel intercepts the human girl who jumped from the U-Haul and leads her toward her car. However, the vampires quickly follow and Rashel must find an alternative hiding place. They hide in the back of an abandoned car and escape the vampires. Rashel takes the girl, Daphne, to a nearby diner and asks what happened. Daphne tells Rashel how she went often to a club called The Crypt. There it is common for the girls to migrate around several of the older people there, including Quinn. Then one day Quinn asked to meet Daphne in the parking lot. Daphne remembers meeting him and then waking in a warehouse a long time later. Daphne lay quietly on the cot where she was placed along with several other girls who appeared to be under some kind of trance until the other two vampires involved with Quinn placed her in the U-Haul. Then Daphne ran.

In Chapter 8, Rashel tells Daphne that she believes Quinn is kidnapping human girls for the Night World slave trade even though it was made illegal years ago. Rashel also knows that it would be a real coup if she could find the enclave that Daphne overheard was to be her destination. No vampire hunter has ever found an entire enclave of Night World creatures. Rashel arranges for Daphne to help her and members of the Lancers dress for and behave properly at The Crypt so that they can be chosen and taken to the enclave. However, when Rashel goes to the Lancers to ask for help, Vicky shuts her out. Rashel decides to go through with it on her own and allow Daphne to dress her up.

In Chapter 9, Quinn finds himself thinking about his mortal life and the day he woke as a vampire. The son of a preacher, Quinn had been deeply in love with Dove Redfern. Hunter Redfern told him what they were, but Quinn did not truly believe it until he woke as a vampire. Frightened and angry, Quinn immediately ran from the house to seek the counsel of his father. Dove tried to talk him out of it, but when it was clear he was determined, she went with him. However, Quinn's father did not understand and he killed Dove, turning his murderous rage on Quinn. It was then that Hunter told him he no longer had a family except for the Redferns.

Rashel and Daphne arrive at the club together, but separate to keep Daphne safe. Rashel gets inside easily and passes test with both Ivan and Lily, the two other vampires who work the club. Then Rashel realizes that Quinn is there and she worries that he might recognize her even though he never saw her face.

In Chapter 10, Rashel manages to remain cool, but flirty enough to get Quinn's attention. Quinn asks Rashel to meet him outside the club the following night. Daphne remarks that he already asked her, so he agrees to meet them both. The next day, Quinn and Daphne meet Quinn in the parking lot. Quinn seems to recognize Rashel, he simply cannot remember from where. Daphne distracts him before he can put it



together. Quinn then uses telepathy to put them both to sleep. Rashel wakes in a warehouse where she is placed on a cot.

In Chapter 11, Rashel, Daphne, and two other girls are loaded onto a U-Haul and taken to the harbor where they are loaded onto a boat. Rashel notices that Quinn is on the boat, but he takes no special notice of them. In fact, Quinn finds himself thinking almost constantly about the strange vampire hunter he met a week before. When they arrive at the enclave, Rashel and the other girls are led to a large house on a private island. They are taken into a house where a werewolf is standing guard and placed on cots in a basement with twenty other girls.

As soon as they are alone with the other girls, Rashel begins working on the cuffs chaining her to the bed. Another girl named Fayth tells them that she believes they have been brought there for a bloodfeast, an illegal vampire tradition in which three humans are provided for a large feast. The number of girls in the basement suggests the bloodfeast has been arranged for eight vampires. Fayth tells them that the organization she is with, the Circle Daybreakers, think that the eight are an unknown host and the seven of the most powerful among the made vampires.

The Chosen: Chapters 7-11 Analysis

Rashel needs to redeem herself with the other vampire hunters by making an important kill. For this reason, Rashel decides to investigate the same kidnapping ring that the Lancers were investigating in the hope of breaking it wide open alone to prove she is not a vampire lover. To this end, Rashel meets Daphne, a kidnapped human girl who escaped the vampires. Rashel learns that Quinn is the ring leader of this group of vampires and that he is indeed kidnapping human girls. In fact, Rashel believes that Quinn has restarted an old vampire tradition of slave trading, collecting humans for the use of the Night People. Rashel is determined to bring them down, to kill Quinn in order to clear her name.

Rashel goes to the club where Daphne met Quinn and immediately gets herself chosen as one of the kidnapping victims. In a short amount of time, Rashel finds herself taken to what she believes is a Night World enclave, a private island that is a sort of coven, a sanctuary for Night People. This could be a coup for Rashel if she can take out the entire coven. However, Rashel quickly learns that she is in a situation that is much bigger than she originally planned. It turns out that someone is bringing together the most powerful made vampires to make an alliance against the lamia, the born vampires. Now Rashel must save the lives of twenty three girls before they become dinner for these important vampires before she can kill these vampires, making a huge impact on the Night World and her own reputation.



The Chosen: Chapters 12-17

The Chosen: Chapters 12-17 Summary

In Chapter 12, Rashel is shocked to discover that Nyala, the new Lancer she met the same night she first met Quinn, is one of the kidnap victims. Rashel works with Fayth and Daphne to come up with a plan. They free the other girls and locate two who can pilot two of the boats they saw at the dock. The next night when the werewolf, Rudi, comes to bring the girls their dinner, Rashel holds her knife to his throat and makes him answer questions. She then knocks him unconscious and locks him in the basement. Rashel sends the girls down to the dock and orders them to load two boats.

In Chapter 13, Rashel is attacked by a werewolf on the dock, but she quickly knocks him unconscious with her knife. Rashel then sends the girls to the boats, but as she is rushing them away, she is attacked again by Rudi. Rashel loses her knife and is quickly overwhelmed by the attack. Rashel realizes she is about to die when the wolf suddenly falls off of her. Quinn is standing over Rashel and Rudi has her knife in his skull. Quinn and Rashel speak for a moment and then she knocks him unconscious.

In Chapter 14, Rashel returns to the house. Rashel finds herself in a meeting room behind a room divider watching seven made vampires. As Rashel tries to decide what to do, a hand comes over her mouth. Quinn takes Rashel upstairs to an empty bedroom. Quinn tells Rashel that he believes they are soulmates and the only way they can be together is if he makes her a vampire. Rashel resists this idea, but Quinn insists it is the only way. However, when Quinn bites Rashel, they are both transported to a strange plane where they can see and feel one another's thoughts and emotions. However, the truth of their situation pulls Rashel back to reality.

In Chapter 15, Rashel and Quinn are a little disoriented, but Quinn admits that now he thinks there must be a better way than turning Rashel into a vampire. They turn their attention to the vampires downstairs and try to decide what to do. Quinn thinks they can reason with the made vampires, that Quinn can threaten to turn them into the council and his adopted father, Hunter Redfern. However, when they go to confront the vampires, Hunter Redfern arrives with Lily, revealing that he is the one who called this meeting together. When Rashel sees Hunter Redfern, she realizes that he is the one who killed her mother and friend Timmy. However, it turns out that Timmy is not dead, but that Hunter Redfern turned him into a vampire as well.

In Chapter 16, just as it appears that Rashel and Quinn will die, Nyala comes into the house with a gas can and a lighter. Nyala throws a homemade Molotov cocktail into the room and the room explodes into flames. Quinn grabs Rashel and pulls her from the room as she drags Timmy away. Outside, however, Rashel realizes that Nyala is still in the house. Quinn returns for Nyala and then rushes all of them toward the harbor where Hunter Redfern's yacht waits.



In Chapter 17, Quinn puts Timmy and Nyala to sleep as they sail toward Boston. Alone, Rashel thanks Quinn for his help. Rashel knows they can never go back to their separate lives and wonders where they should go when the perfect answer comes to her. *Circe Daybreak*.

The Chosen: Chapters 12-17 Analysis

Rashel manages to get the other kidnapped girls out of the basement, but getting away proves easier in theory than in reality. Rashel is attacked several times, but finds she cannot kill these supernatural killers because she does not want to horrify or lose the respect of the girls she is trying to save. This leaves Rashel vulnerable and almost leads to her death. However, Quinn comes to her rescue. Rashel should be grateful, and she does find she cannot kill him despite her previous resolve to do just that, but she does knock him out.

Rashel struggles to find out who arranged this little meeting, but has trouble finding out because no one seems to know the truth. However, she does reconnect with Quinn and they both come to the realization that they are soulmates and destined to be together for the rest of their lives, no matter how long that might be. It seems it might not be long when Rashel and Quinn realize that Hunter Redfern has betrayed all who trusted him and arranged this meeting. Not only that, but Rashel realizes he is the one who killed her mother, the one who made her what she is.

A turn of fate saves Rashel and Quinn's life and they find themselves on the run, unsure what is next for them. Where can a vampire hunter and her vampire lover really go? The only choice seems to be Circle Daybreakers, a group designed to bring together humans and Night People. This decision seems to set Rashel and Quinn's role in a future book in the series that will deal with the ultimate climax between Circle Daybreakers and the darker members of the Night World.



Soulmate: Chapters 1-6

Soulmate: Chapters 1-6 Summary

In Chapter 1, Hannah Snow visits with a psychologist because she is afraid she might be going insane. Hannah has begun to find notes written in her handwriting warning her that she will die before her seventeenth birthday, which is in a week, if she does not protect herself. However, Hannah does not remember writing these notes. The psychologist, Paul, tries to reassure her as he asks her questions about these notes and their messages. Then the doorbell rings. Hannah asks him not to answer it, though she does not have a reasonable reason for him not to. Paul leaves anyway and seconds later something large comes through the window.

In Chapter 2, Hannah is alone in the office with a very large, dark wolf. A voice in Hannah's mind seems to know what to do and tries to guide her despite her overwhelming fear. The wolf attacks, but Hannah manages to avoid being injured several times. A bookcase falls in front of the door, blocking Paul from coming inside. The voice tells Hannah to use a silver picture frame as a weapon and she manages to stun the wolf. Then another wolf enters through the window and seems to be protecting Hannah. Then Paul appears outside the window with a gun. Hannah tells him not to shoot the smaller wolf. This distracts everyone long enough for both wolves to escape. Afterward, Paul comes to Hannah and questions the whole episode, both of them clearly shaken by the experience.

In Chapter 3, Thierry Descouedres is on his way home in Las Vegas from a trip to Hawaii in which he was searching for something. As he rides in his limo, Thierry gets a phone call from Lupe, telling him that she has found her. Lupe then names Hannah Snow.

Hannah returns to Paul's residence the next day and finds him repairing his broken windows and speaking with the local sheriff. They both seem to have come to the conclusion that the attack on Hannah the day before was simply an unusual wolf attack. Paul and Hannah go into the office and begin another counseling session. Hannah tells Paul she hears voices and he tries to explore this further, but what he has to say does not seem to mix with the new note Hannah shows him. Paul then suggests hypnosis even though he does not really believe in it. Under hypnosis, Hannah has a memory of writing the note as well as a feeling of longing for someone she calls Thierry.

In Chapter 4, Thierry is standing in the woods outside of Paul's house, watching with Lupe as Paul counsels Hannah. Thierry instructs Lupe to take some vacation time and insists on being left alone. As Thierry looks at Hannah, he thinks of all her incarnations over the years and feels guilt and regret for the birthmark that has stained her face since the moment of her first death. Thierry also notes that Hannah looks more like her first incarnation this time than she ever had before, causing him a great deal of emotional pain.



Paul instructs Hannah to go back to the first time she ever met Thierry and this causes Hannah to see a woman who appears to be living in the Stone Age. Hannah describes the scene, even noting that her friend, Chess, seems to be there as well. Paul scoffs at this description, claiming that it was only in Hannah's imagination. However, when Paul instructs Hannah to be her former self, she suddenly begins to live the scene. The girl she sees, Hana, is a young shaman in training who lives in a cave with her people. Hana is preparing for a party that night when she hears screams from the river. When she rushes to the river, she finds that the hunters have cornered a young man who has unusually pale skin and long teeth, as well as blood on his chin. Hana then learns that her cousin, Ryl, has been injured on the neck.

In Chapter 5, despite Ryl's injuries and the strange creature's obvious guilt in the attack, Hana insists that the hunters take the creature to Old Mother, the shaman and co-leader of the clan. Reluctantly they do and Old Mother insists that the man be held until morning when a decision could be made about his future. Hana becomes convinced that the clan will kill the creature, so she decides to help him. Before dawn, Hana sneaks past the sleeping guard and coaxes the creature out of his cage. Hana then takes him down to the river and tries to get him to leave with some food she has stolen for him. However, the creature mimes that he cannot eat her food. It is then that Hana realizes he needs blood. Hana offers him her neck, but he refuses her. Hana watches as the creature walks away. Hannah then becomes aware of Paul trying to wake her and another voice telling her to wake.

In Chapter 6, when Hannah returns to reality, she finds Paul both skeptical and slightly hysterical. Even Hannah is unsure of what to think of what has happened. Hannah goes home and speaks to her mother for a few minutes, but does not tell her anything of what has happened. Hannah is restless the rest of the evening, unable to figure out what to think of what has happened. Then Hannah gets a strong urge to go outside. After a few minutes, a young man walks toward Hannah from the prairie and she is shocked to see it is the same young man from her hypnosis-induced visions. Hannah tells him she can remember him and he becomes overwhelmed with emotion, trying to explain what has happened to her in the last few days. Then they touch and the world disappears.

Soulmate: Chapters 1-6 Analysis

Hannah is a young girl who is about to turn seventeen. However, Hannah has been warning herself with notes she cannot remember signing that she will die before her birthday. Hannah begins to see a therapist in hopes of getting to the root of these warnings. Instead, Hannah goes under hypnosis and remembers what appears to be a past life. Hannah is a confused and frightened young girl who has already decided she must be crazy even as she is attacked by werewolves and hunted by a vampire.

Thierry is a young man who has been a vampire since the Stone Age. Thierry has been in love with Hannah for all these years in her many reincarnations, but they have yet to find a way to be together. The reader does not understand what has come between them or why Hannah feels that Thierry might pose a danger for her. The fact that



vampire should warn the reader of trouble, but in these books not all vampires are dangerous. For this reason, the reader must keep in mind that Hannah does not yet know all of the truth and that Thierry has yet to explain it to her. The one thing that is clear at this point in the novel is that Hannah is in danger and that Thierry is either the cause of this danger or the only one trying to protect her from it.



Soulmate: Chapters 7-12

Soulmate: Chapters 7-12 Summary

In Chapter 7, as Thierry and Hannah touch, they move into some sort of deeper plane in which they can hear one another's thoughts without speaking. Hannah becomes upset, aware that Thierry has failed to be there for her in the past when he should have been. Thierry is overwhelmed with guilt and tries to explain to her what it means to be soulmates and how he has tried to protect her. Hannah pulls out of this deep plane and touches Thierry, drawing out his vampire teeth. Hannah asks him to bite her and he does, fulfilling the need Hannah was left with after her hypnosis session. However, the sensation of Thierry drinking from Hannah awakens some deep memory of being killed by him. This causes Hannah to become upset and tell Thierry to leave her alone. Thierry gives Hannah a ring he promises will protect her before promising he will keep his distance. Hannah goes inside and works for hours to remove the ring Thierry placed on her finger.

That night as she sleeps, Hannah dreams of Hana and remembers how the hunters arrived before Thierry could escape and took him back to the cave where the clan sentenced him to death. However, the more the clan attacked Thierry, the quicker he healed and the angrier he became.

In Chapter 8, Hannah wakes the next morning and prepares for school. Hannah's mother is worried because Paul called and sounded upset. Hannah rides to school with her friend Chess, but does not tell Chess any of what has been happening. That evening, while her mother is out, Hannah goes outside and a dark haired woman Hannah has had vague memories of comes to her. Hannah invites the woman into the house and they talk about Thierry. The woman, Maya, tells Hannah that Thierry is a killer and he wants to kill her as he has done in the past. When Maya leaves, Hannah calls Paul to ask to do more hypnosis, suspecting there is something in her past lives that she needs to know. Then Hannah goes into her bedroom and finds Thierry there. Thierry tells Hannah that he has decided that the best way to end the cycle they have been caught in is to make her a vampire. Thierry attacks Hannah.

In Chapter 9, Thierry bites Hannah's neck. Then Thierry rips open his own wrist and forces Hannah to drink his blood. Hannah struggles and manages to get him to her desk where she grabs a pencil and stabs his hand. Thierry leaves. Hannah tries to call Chess, but cannot get an answer. Hannah takes her deceased father's car and tries to drive to Chess's, but she is so weak that she passes out behind the wheel.

Thierry walks into his hotel where he plans to position his people near Hannah for her protection before he does as she asked and returns to Las Vegas. As he waits for a powerful witch to meet him, he thinks back on his mortal life. Thierry was part of a clan that included the sister, Maya and Hellewise. Thierry was attracted to both and often flirted with both. Then Maya, a powerful witch like her sister, came up with a spell that



would make her immortal, but it also turned her into the world's first vampire. Maya then came to Thierry and bit him, making him the first made vampire against his will. Thierry was nursed back to health by Hellewise, but then ran away when the blood lust made him a danger to those he loved the most. It was in these early days that Thierry happened upon Ryl and the Three Rivers clan that would lead to his meeting Hana.

In Chapter 10, while the Three Rivers clan was attacking Thierry, attempting to kill him, an anger and a dark thirst built up inside of him until he could not control himself. Thierry began to lash out, killing everyone he could reach. When Thierry finally came back to his senses, he discovered that he had just drained Hana of her life's blood. Still alive, he stared into her eyes and saw a vision of the future that should have been, realizing that she was his soulmate. Hana made Thierry promise that she would meet him again in a future life if he would promise never to kill again. Thierry made the promise and then touched her cheek as she died, leaving a red stain on her cheek that would forever mark her reincarnated soul.

Hellewise later told him that she would be reincarnated, but because of the violent way she died it might take a while. For this reason, Thierry talked Hellewise into giving him a spell that would make him sleep until Hana was reborn. Thierry slept for hundreds of years while Maya grew more and more powerful, participating in a feud against her sister that would forever separate the witches and vampires, and creating the Night World. When Thierry woke, he searched the world for Hana, finally finding her Egypt. However, Maya found her too.

At the hotel in present time, Thierry runs into Maya. Maya tells him that she found Hannah and that his precautions to keep Hannah safe failed. Thierry tells Maya to leave Hannah alone, that he has made the decision to leave her alone. Thierry promises to stay away from Hannah if Maya will help him end the cycle. Then he promises to kill her if Maya hurts Hannah in his absence.

In Chapter 11, Hannah wakes in the car and finds that she drove off the road into the prairie. Hannah tries to make her way to Chess's house on foot, but the loss of blood makes her very weak. Thierry finds her there and offers to help, but Hannah thinks he attacked her and will not allow him. However, as Thierry speaks to her, Hannah remembers that she injured his hand, but this Thierry has no injury in his hand. Hannah loses consciousness and Thierry carries her to Chess's, knocking on the door before disappearing.

While unconscious, Hannah sees the end of Hana's story in her dreams. When she wakes, Chess is deeply concerned about her. Hannah calls Paul and asks him to hypnotize her again. Paul refuses, but relents when Hannah tells him this is the only way she will get better.

In Chapter 12, under hypnosis, Hannah remembers her second life as the Egyptian priestess, Ha-nahkt. Hannah remembers being at a statue of Isis when she was approached by Maya. Again Maya told her that Thierry meant her harm and convinced her that he would kill her. Then Hannah seems to split into two people, one is Ha-nahkt,



the other is herself, and she watches as Thierry appears and attacks Ha-nahkt. However, Hannah can see what Ha-nahkt cannot, that Maya is really the killer using some sort of trick to make herself appear to be Thierry. Hannah then sees the same thing in all of her later lives. When Hannah comes out of hypnosis, she realizes she must find Thierry and tell him that she knows the truth. Hannah goes to Chess and asks for money. Chess gives her a credit card and offers to go along, but Hannah asks her to stay behind to be her alibi. Hannah then takes a plane to Las Vegas.

Hannah walks the strip in Vegas in hopes of finding someone who can help her find Thierry. However, people only look at her as if she is insane. Then when darkness falls, Hannah spots a man who seems to have the same grace and agility as Maya and Thierry. Hannah follows him until he turns on her in an alley.

Soulmate: Chapters 7-12 Analysis

Hannah speaks with Thierry and gives him the impression that she remembers more about her past lives than she actually does. This leads Thierry to go to quickly, to leave out some important information about their past together. This causes Hannah to go on just what she remembers and that is that Thierry killed her in her past lives. Hannah tells Thierry to leave. Thierry becomes emotionally distraught, warning the reader that not all is as it seems. However, Hannah has learned a lot over a short period of time and is still having trouble understanding it all, leading her to believe what seems most obvious.

When Maya comes to see Hannah, she acts like a friend, like someone who means well. This causes Hannah to believe her, especially when Thierry later comes and attacks her. However, as Thierry tells the reader more about his own past, about how he and Maya both came to be vampires, it becomes obvious to the reader that things are not as simple as they appear. Hannah continues to struggle to find out the truth and finally turns back to hypnosis, the only thing that seems to have shown her the honest truth. When Hannah sees that Maya has used some sort of trance to make her think that Thierry was the one killing her, but it was really Maya, Hannah finally knows all of the truth. The first thing Hannah realizes she must do is go find Thierry. This takes Hannah to Las Vegas where she once again makes herself vulnerable to the Night World and everyone in it who might want to hurt her.



Soulmate: Chapters 13-17

Soulmate: Chapters 13-17 Summary

In Chapter 13, Hannah fights the vampire when he tries to drink her blood. Then the vampire notices the ring Thierry gave her that she placed back on her finger before the trip. The vampire quickly becomes apologetic and agrees to take Hannah to Thierry. The house is clearly a mansion and overwhelming to Hannah. When she knocks on the door, a strange man opens it and sends her away after telling her Thierry is not there. However, Lupe comes to the door and immediately recognizes Hannah. Lupe takes Hannah into the house and immediately gets her settled into a room. Lupe tells Hannah that they are having trouble finding Thierry, but assures her not to worry. The next morning, Lupe introduces Hannah to a group of Circle Daybreakers, including Quinn and Rashel and David and Gillian. Hannah learns what Circle Daybreak is all about.

In Chapter 14, Lupe tells the other that some of Maya's werewolves were checking the place out and that they should all stay inside for a couple of days. Hannah is restless and anxious to see Thierry. Ash Redfern talks to her, sharing with her what it's like to be separated from his soulmate. Alone again, Hannah slips out onto the balcony and finds herself face to face with a bat. Hannah tries to get back into the house after the initial shock wears off, but then she loses consciousness. When Hannah wakes, she is tied to some kind of post in a very dark place. Hannah assess her situation and decides she is inside some kind of cave. Then she sees a light coming toward her. Thinking it is Thierry, she calls out to him, but it turns out to be Maya.

In Chapter 15, Maya tells Hannah that she must win this competition for Thierry and the only way she can see to do that is to turn Hannah into a vampire and then stake her so that she cannot be reincarnated. Maya then shows Hannah a mirror that reveals that her birthmark is nearly gone. This is a result of Maya again sharing blood with Hannah. Maya tells Hannah it should only take two more exchanges to make her a vampire. Maya then forces Hannah to give and then share blood again. When it is over, Maya leaves again. Desperate to get away, Hannah recalls that Maya had a small camping lantern that she might have left behind. Hannah finds it on the ground, turns it on, and uses the light to assess her situation. Hannah uses some quartz on the ground near her to make a tool with which she is able to free herself. Hannah then follows the path Maya took only to discover that she would have to be able to fly to get out of the cave. Hannah then returns to the cave where she was tied up and makes a weapon that she can use to kill Maya when she returns.

In Chapter 16, Hannah waits in the dark until Maya returns once again. Hannah plans to attack Maya as she enters the room, but Maya does not come into the cave as Hannah expected. Hannah follows her to the pole where she was tied and prepares to attack her there, but cannot attack her unprovoked. Maya is aware of her presence and turns on her, confronting her. Maya tells her that she will die now and begins to reach for her to conduct the final exchange of blood. However, Thierry arrives then with the Circle



Daybreakers. Thierry and Maya argue. Thierry tries to convince Maya to stop the cycle. Maya seems to relent when Thierry threatens suicide and sends Hannah to Thierry. However, Maya then moves to attack Hannah. Hannah manages to get the upper hand and she stakes Maya instead.

In Chapter 17, after Hannah has rested and been seen by the healer, Thierry comes to her. Thierry tells Hannah that she will recover from Maya's attacks and be human again. However, Thierry tells her that he can still make her into a vampire if she wants. Hannah turns him down, content with the idea of living a life she has never had the chance to live before.

Soulmate: Chapters 13-17 Analysis

Hannah finally reaches Thierry's home only to discover that he is not home. However, Hannah learns that Thierry has called together a group of people who are trying to unite humanity with the Night People, an organization that can give sanctuary to couples such as she and Thierry. This group has been mentioned in both of the other novels in this collection and the reader is finally getting a clear understanding of who they are and what they want.

Hannah is kidnapped by Maya and taken to a dark cave where Maya plans to make her a vampire. It is finally clear what Maya wants. Maya has stopped Thierry and Hannah from being together for hundreds of years because she made Thierry and she wants him to be devoted to her. Now Maya thinks if she makes Hannah a vampire and then kills her, it will end the cycle because vampire souls are not reincarnated. However, by doing this Maya has given Hannah some powers that will help her fight Maya and live another day.

Thierry comes and there is a final confrontation. However, Thierry manages to keep his promise to Hannah by not killing anyone, but Hannah, ironically enough, commits murder when she kills Maya to keep Maya from killing her. The cycle is finally broken and for the first time in dozens of reincarnations Hannah will be able to live past her seventeenth birthday. It seems something good has finally come of the darkness in which Thierry and Hannah find themselves living.



Characters

Gillian Lennox from Dark Angel

Gillian Lennox is a petite and shy girl. Gillian is seventeen, but people around her think she is much younger because of her youthful appearance and her diminutive height. Gillian's shyness also makes it very difficult for her to make friends and she only has one friend. However, Gillian dreams of being popular and dating David Blackburn, a very popular boy who lives down the street from her. At the same time, Gillian's home life has become very difficult because her mother has begun having hallucinations that have led her to drink. For this reason, Gillian's father is often leaving the family because he finds it difficult to live with his wife's alcoholism.

While walking home one day, Gillian thinks she hears a child calling for help. Aware that a young girl disappeared in that area a year ago, Gillian goes in search of the voice. Gillian slips into the creek and gets soaked. When Gillian tries to walk home in the snow, she suffers hypothermia and dies. However, when Gillian gets to the afterworld, she is told that it is not her time and she can go back if she wants. Gillian goes back and is immediately picked up by David.

David helps Gillian recover from her fall with the help of his girlfriend. However, Gillian overhears David and his girlfriend talking about her age and learns that David thought she was a child. Later, Gillian is told by her guardian angel what she should do to become popular. Gillian does all her angel says and becomes very popular, even winning David's heart. However, Gillian soon realizes that her guardian angel is not all he says he is.

David Blackburn from Dark Angel

David Blackburn is the athletic, popular boy that Gillian is in love with. David is a kind soul who already has a girlfriend. David is attracted to Gillian when she changes her appearance, but he has made a promise to his girlfriend to be faithful. However, when Gillian and her guardian angel help David find out his girlfriend was not faithful to him, he breaks up with her and begins dating Gillian.

In time, Gillian and David come to realize that they are soulmates. However, Gillian's guardian angel tries to convince her that he is her soulmate. This leads to a car accident in which Angel tries to kill David so that he can take over his body and be with Gillian. It fails and Gillian and David pledge themselves to one another.

Paula Belizer from Dark Angel

Paula Belizer is a young girl from the town where Gillian lives who went missing the Christmas before the novel begins. Gillian thinks that when she hears a voice by the



frozen creek that it might be Paula or another lost child and this is what spurs her to go in search. Later, Gillian learns that Paula Belizer died accidentally when Gary Fargeon was experimenting with a fire spell and Paula chased her dog through the circle of fire. Gary buried Paula's body in a panic and later died before he could tell anyone where she was. Gillian and David find the body and inform the police so that Paula's father can have some peace and offer forgiveness to Gary.

Angel or Gary Fargeon from Dark Angel

When Gillian dies of hypothermia, she meets who she thinks is her guardian angel. This young man, who tells her to call him Angel, comes back to reality with Gillian. Angel teaches Gillian how to become more popular at school and helps her win the love of her crush, David. However, when David's former girlfriend tries to ruin David's future and Gillian's popularity, Angel tells Gillian that she is a witch and helps her place a spell on the girl. Gillian begins to suspect that Angel is not all good, however, when the spell causes the girl to nearly lose her fingers.

After Angel tells Gillian that he is her soulmate and that by killing David they can be together forever, Gillian finally realizes that Angel is not what he says he is. With a little investigation and by forcing Angel to be honest, Gillian learns that he is really the soul of her deceased cousin, Gary Fargeon. Gary died in a car accident after the guilt of killing Paula Belizer caused him to drink too much alcohol at a party. Gary is filled with guilt for what he has done and his inability to do anything to change it. Gillian helps him fix what he did and gain the forgiveness he needs for his soul to move on.

Rashel Jordan from The Chosen

Rashel Jordan is a young girl who saw her mother and friend, Timmy, murdered by a vampire. Rashel grew up in foster homes and learned how to fight. Rashel becomes a vampire hunter. However, while investigating the kidnappings of multiple human girls in Boston, Rashel comes across a vampire with whom she has a strange connection. Rashel lets him go, causing her vampire hunting companions to think she has gone soft. For this reason, Rashel decides to find the truth about the kidnappings and kill this vampire.

Rashel allows herself to be kidnapped and goes to the enclave where she believes she will be able to rescue the kidnapped girls and kill a powerful vampire. Instead, Rashel finds herself face to face with her soulmate and the vampire who killed her mother. Rashel and her soulmate manage to escape, but realize that they have only one option as far as the future is concerned, to join the much maligned Circle Daybreak.

John Quinn from The Chosen

John Quinn was the son of a preacher living in Boston in the 1600s when he fell in love with Dove Redfern. Unbeknownst to him, Dove and her family were lamia, born



vampires. In order to allow him to marry Dove, Hunter Redfern turned Quinn into a vampire. In the immediate aftermath of his conversion, Quinn was frightened and ran to his father for help. Rather than help, Quinn's father killed Dove and tried to kill him. For that reason, Quinn spent more than four hundred years ruthlessly torturing and killing humans as part of the powerful Redfern family.

When Quinn meets Rashel, he is depressed and disillusioned with his long, lonely life. However, when Quinn and Rashel touch there is an instant connection between them that is unlike anything Quinn has known since Dove. For this reason, Quinn fails to kill Rashel when given the opportunity and even helps save her life. Quinn finally realizes that Rashel is his soulmate and they are destined to always be together.

Hunter Redfern from The Chosen

Hunter Redfern is a lamia, a born vampire. Hunter is a direct descendant of Maya, the first vampire. For this reason, Hunter is a powerful member of the vampire council. Hunter created Quinn when he bit him so that Quinn might marry his daughter, Dove. Over the years, Quinn became such a ruthless vampire that Hunter has named him as his heir apparent. However, after Quinn meets Rashel and tries to help her stop a mysterious vampire who has gathered together the leaders of the made vampires, he is shocked to discover that Hunter is this mysterious man. Hunter has decided to build an alliance against his own family and the council he has helped build. Not only this, but Hunter is also the vampire who killed Rashel's mother. Hunter is thought to have died in a fire at the end of *The Chosen*.

Hannah Snow from Soulmate

Hannah Snow is a sixteen year old girl who thinks she is going crazy because she has begun to find notes in her handwriting that warn her that she will die before her seventeenth birthday. However, with help from a therapist, Hannah discovers that she has been reincarnated dozens of times. In each of her previous lives, Hannah was killed before her seventeenth birthday by a vampire pretending to be her soulmate, Thierry. When Hannah learns the truth about her past lives and Thierry, she sets out to find him, only to find herself kidnapped by her worst enemy. Hannah is nearly killed again, but manages to protect herself and get the guy.

Thierry Descouedres from Soulmate

Thierry is a powerful leader of the Night World. A vampire who has the distinction of being the first made vampire, Thierry has the power to organize and aid the people of the Night World. Thierry also finds himself searching for his soulmate. Unlike other members of the Night World, Thierry knows who his soulmate is. However, Thierry accidentally killed his soulmate in her first incarnation and Maya, the vampire who made him, has killed his soulmate in all her other incarnations. Thierry finds his soulmate



again, but her confused memories force him away. However, Maya kidnaps her and Thierry must come to her rescue.

Maya from Soulmate

Maya is the first ever vampire. Originally a witch living in the Stone Age, Maya created a spell that turned her into a vampire and gave her immortality. Due to a crush on Thierry, Maya chose him as the first person she changed into a vampire so that he might be her companion for eternity. However, Thierry is not happy being a vampire and he runs away, eventually finding himself in the midst of the Three Rivers clan. The clan attempts to kill Thierry, only succeeding in making him angry. Thierry turns on the people killing them all. When Thierry realizes what he has done to one of the members of the clan, Hana, he discovers she is his soulmate. Thierry vows to find her again when she is reincarnated. However, Maya beats him to her each time and kills her so that Thierry will be alone and forced to be with Maya. In the end, Maya's plan fails over and over because Thierry simply continues to wait for Hana's next incarnation. For this reason, Maya attempts to turn Hana into a vampire so that she can kill her once and for all since vampires do not reincarnate. Her attempt fails and Hannah kills her in the end.



Objects/Places

Mirror from Dark Angel

While listening to David tell Tanya that he thinks Gillian is a child, a mirror in the bathroom breaks. Gillian later learns that she did it with her unrealized witch powers.

Glass Window from Dark Angel

A window in the cafeteria of Gillian's school breaks as she tries to defend herself from rumors about her mother's alcoholism. David is almost injured when he tries to move students away from the falling glass. Gillian later learns she broke the glass with her unrealized witch powers.

Wax Figures from Dark Angel

Angel teaches Gillian to place a spell on Tanya and Kim with wax figures he directed her to buy at a witch supply store.

Cemetery from Dark Angel

Gillian confronts Angel in a cemetery outside of the town where she lives when she comes to the conclusion that he is soul with unfinished business. It is here that Gillian learns Angel is really her unknown cousin Gary Fargeon.

Bokken from The Chosen

Rashel Jordan kills vampires with a type of Japanese sword called a bokken. Rashel had the bokken specially made for her out of lignum vitae, the wood of life, an especially hard type of wood.

The Crypt from The Chosen

The Crypt is an underground club where Quinn, Ivan, and Lily collect human girls to sell to an enclave for a bloodfeast. Rashel goes here to be chosen by Quinn so that she might gain access to the enclave and kill as many vampires as possible.

U-Haul from The Chosen

Rashel returns to the warehouse area where the Lancers think vampires are kidnapping human girls for an unknown reason to see if she can redeem herself by finding more



information. While there, Rashel sees some vampires load girls into a U-Haul and then witnesses a young girl escape the back of the U-Haul. Rashel rescues the girl and then uses her information to infiltrate the kidnapping ring.

Boats from The Chosen

The enclave where Quinn, Ivan, and Lily take the kidnapped human girls is on a private island reachable only by boats. When Rashel helps the girls escape, she has them disable two of the boats and then take two others to go safely back to Boston. Later, Rashel, Quinn, Nyala, and Timmy escape on Hunter Redfern's yacht.

Paul's House from Soulmate

Hannah's psychologist, Paul Winfield, is a new psychologist who has opened his office in the middle of the Badlands in Wyoming. For this reason, Paul works out of his own home. It is in this home that Hannah is attacked by a werewolf in the first chapter of *Soulmate*.

Cave from Soulmate

After she is kidnapped by Maya, Hannah wakes in a cave that turns out to be an abandoned silver mine. Hannah is able to use her memories from her incarnation as Hana to use quartz scattered on the ground to make a tool to help her escape her bonds and to kill Maya.

Ring from Soulmate

Hannah is given a ring by Thierry that has a distinctive flower pattern. This ring offers protection to Hannah as it is easily recognized by all vampires as belonging to Thierry. When a vampire recognizes this ring on Hannah's hand, he stops attacking her and takes her to Thierry's home.

Credit Card from Soulmate

Chess gives Hannah a credit card that Chess' mother gave to her for graduation supplies. Hannah uses this credit card to travel to Las Vegas and attempt to find Thierry.

Night World from All

The Night World is a general term that covers all supernatural creatures of the night that attempt to hide from humans while often using humans as their source of food, entertainment, and slaves. These creatures include vampires, werewolves, and witches.

Circle Daybreak from All

Circle Daybreak is an organization begun by witches that is designed to bring together good Night World members and humans in peace and harmony. This organization has grown to include many werewolves, witches, and vampires who have found their soulmates among humans.



Themes

The Supernatural

The premise of these books is that in the Stone Age there were two sisters who were both witches. One sister desired to be immortal and in this pursuit became the first vampire. This sister went on to give birth to a son and creating a race of born vampires who can control their aging and have children. This vampire also bit the first human, creating the first created vampire. The other sister continued to be a witch, forcing her sister out of the family and giving birth to the existence of the Night World. The ancestors of this witch continue to be powerful witches who continue to be leaders in the Night World.

In each of the three novels of this collection there is at least one character who is a member of this Night World. In *Dark Angel*, Gillian learns that she is a witch, a direct descendant of Hellewise. This makes Gillian a very powerful witch, causing her to manifest some of her powers without her knowledge, such as the breaking of the mirror in her bathroom when she overhears David insisting she is only a child. Gillian also comes to realize that her mother has also manifested some of these powers, which resulted in hallucinations that she tried to drown in alcohol. This knowledge changes Gillian's life and helps her find her soulmate, David.

In *The Chosen*, Rashel is a vampire hunter because she witnessed her mother and her friend, Timmy, becoming the victim of a redheaded vampire. Rashel spends most of her adolescence killing vampires until the day she meets Quinn and experiences something very strange when he touches her. Eventually Rashel is forced to accept that although she has spent her life killing vampires, her soulmate is a vampire. This leads Rashel into a difficult position that can only be solved by joining Circle Daybreak, which she had previously thought was something akin to hippies but now sees as a viable option.

In *Soulmate*, Hannah is human, but she has an old soul that has been reincarnated over a dozen times. Hannah also learns that her soulmate is a vampire, the first made vampire, Thierry. Vampires have destroyed Hannah's life over and over, killing her consistently before her seventeenth birthday. However, Hannah finally breaks the cycle and kills Maya, the first vampire. This irrevocably changes the future of the Night World and foreshadows the future of the Circle Daybreak.

Soulmates

In each of the three novels in this collection, the lead characters discover their soulmates. In *Dark Angel*, Gillian comes back from the dead with a guardian angel and finds herself feeling romantic feelings for the handsome young man. When Angel tells her that he is her soulmate, Gillian has little reason to disbelieve him. However, when Angel makes Gillian do several things that seem very un-angel-like, Gillian begins to



doubt him. In the end, Gillian comes to the conclusion that Angel is not her soulmate, but David, her long-time crush, is.

In *The Chosen*, Rashel is a vampire hunter who has grown up in a dark and painful world because of the murder of her mother by a vampire. Rashel thinks she is impervious to things such as love and romance. However, when Rashel meets Quinn, the simple touch of his hand has the power to send her to a higher plane, a place where they can hear each other's thoughts and understand each other's emotions without words. Quinn is Rashel's soulmate, but, unfortunately, he is also a vampire.

In *Soulmate*, Hannah is afraid she is going insane only to discover that she has been reincarnated many times. Each time Hannah is reborn, she is killed before her seventeenth birthday by the vampire who claims to love her. Hannah is frightened and chooses to send this vampire away, only to discover that he is her soulmate and that he killed her once by accident, but all her other incarnations died at the hands of his maker, Maya. In the end, Hannah is able to break the deadly cycle and spend her life with her soulmate.

The idea that there is only one person out there for each of us is one that has been explored in many ways through literature, the movies, and the media. In these novels, the idea of soulmates takes on an even more important role as creatures of the Night World find themselves connected in inexplicable ways with humans. Finding their soulmates among humans sends these Night World creatures down a path that seems to be leading to an ultimate revolution, perhaps the end of the world as they know it, making soulmates one of the most important themes of the novel.

Family

Family is an important theme in all three of these novels for several reasons. The first reason family is important is because the witches and vampires who populate the Night World originate from two sisters. These two sisters, separated when one becomes a vampire from her own witch spell, they form two separate, but powerful families that continue to rule the Night World.

Another reason why family is important in these novels is because one way or another family has a huge impact on the motivations of each character in the novels. In *Dark Angel*, Gillian is motivated to hide from the students at school because of her shame associated with her mother's alcoholism. Later, Gillian learns that her great-grandmother was an important member of a royal witch family, giving she and her mother powers that they did not recognize nor understand. This information inspires Gillian both to learn more about her powers and to help her mother realize that she is not hallucinating, but seeing the future in visions.

In *The Chosen*, Rashel is inspired to be a vampire hunter when her mother is killed by a vampire. If not for the sight of her mother's death, Rashel might not have been a vampire hunter, nor been in a position to meet Quinn, her soulmate. In *Soulmate*,

Hannah's father has died and her mother is stressed both by the death of her husband and raising a child alone as well as her own career. This causes Hannah to fail to tell her mother the truth about her past lives and her soulmate, leaving Hannah to battle Maya alone.



Style

Point of View

Each of the novels in this set is written in the third-person point of view. In *Dark Angel*, the narrator is Gillian Lennox. Gillian is a shy seventeen-year-old girl who dies and returns to life in the company of a guardian angel who helps her overcome her shyness and become popular. In *The Chosen*, the narrator is Rashel. Rashel is a vampire hunter who is mortified when she discovers her soulmate is a vampire. This novel utilizes the omniscient aspect of the third person point of view, telling the story not only through Rashel's eyes, but also through the eyes of Quinn, her soulmate. *Soulmate* also uses the third person omniscient point of view, telling the story of Hannah and Thierry through both their viewpoints.

The point of view used in each of these three novels is a common point of view that allows the reader to develop a relationship with the main characters, giving the reader a strong understanding of the emotions and motivations of these characters. The point of view also works especially well in *The Chosen* and *Soulmate* because it utilizes the omniscient point of view so that the reader can not only see the story through Rashel and Hannah's viewpoint, but also understand how the vampires, Quinn and Thierry, became vampires and have dealt with their immortality for hundreds of years before finally meeting their soulmates. Hence, the point of view of these novels works well with each of their plots.

Setting

Dark Angel takes place in an unnamed state dotted with multiple small towns where winter involves very cold temperatures and snow. *The Chosen* takes place in Boston, a city that has a rich history, including a time more than four hundred years in the past when John Quinn was a mortal who was forced to become a vampire by Hunter Redfern. *Soulmate* takes place in multiple locations, beginning in the Badlands of Montana and moving through time to the Stone Age to Egypt until finally reaching modern day Las Vegas.

Dark Angel's setting is the simplest of the three, providing a cold environment where it is easily believable that Gillian might die of hyperthermia after falling into the creek. This setting also provides a family friendly area where it is easy to believe Paula Belizer might have wandered into the wrong place at the wrong time and become a victim of misunderstood magic.

By setting *The Chosen* in Boston, the author has provided a home city for Quinn, a vampire who has lived for more than four thousand years. Quinn was a part of the first settlers in the area who unwittingly came in contact with vampires when he fell in love



with Dove Redfern. Choosing Boston, the author has provided a locale that the reader can really believe all of this could have happened to poor Quinn.

In *Soulmate*, the author moves her setting all over the place, moving across locations and time periods. Hannah lives in the Badlands of Montana, a place that is quiet and under populated, a place where it is easy to believe she might run into wolves while having a session with her psychotherapist. When Hannah learns she is an old soul, she learns about her first meeting with Thierry in the Stone Age, and later a meeting with Maya in ancient Egypt. Hannah then travels to Las Vegas where Thierry currently lives and finds herself trapped in an abandoned silver mine. All of these locations lend more authenticity to Hannah's experiences with reincarnation.

Language and Meaning

The language of each of the novels is simple English. The author uses language that is appropriate to the intended audience of the novels as well as the young teens who populate the novels. There are no examples of foreign words and phrases or slang in *Dark Angel* or *Soulmate*. In *The Chosen*, the author uses foreign words to name the sword Rashel uses to kill vampires, but this term is easily explained in the text.

The language of all three novels is simple and easy to read. The author does a good job being authentic to her audience and her characters. For this reason, the language of all three novels works well with each of the plots of the three novels.

Structure

Each of the novels is divided into sixteen or seventeen chapters. Each of the chapters are of varying length, some very short while others are exceedingly long. The novels are told in basic narration and dialogue. The structure of each of the novels is simple, linear, and work well with the basic plots.

In each of the novels there is a single main plot and several subplots. In *Dark Angel*, the main plot follows Gillian as she allows her guardian angel to help her gain popularity in school. One of the subplots of this novel follows Gillian as she tries to forge a relationship with her long time crush, David. Another subplot in this novel follows Gillian as she learns that she is a witch and that her mother is also a witch. In *The Chosen*, the main plot follows Rashel as she tries to infiltrate a vampire enclave and kill the vampires there. One subplot follows Rashel as she deals with discovering her soulmate is the vampire, Quinn. In *Soulmate*, the main plot follows Hannah as she discovers she has been reincarnated over a dozen times and killed each time by the first vampire, Maya. A subplot of the novel follows Hannah's struggle to learn the truth behind Thierry's interest in her. All the plots of the novel come to a satisfying conclusion at the end of each novel.



Quotes

"Gillian Lennox didn't mean to die that day" (Chapter 1, p. 10).

"An emotion she couldn't describe because there weren't any ordinary words for it" (Chapter 7, p. 51).

"And besides, witches didn't exist. They were just stories—like angels—or examples of New Age grown-ups acting silly" (Chapter 10, p. 81).

"He killed a kid" (Chapter 16, p. 127).

"It happened at Rashel's birthday party, the day she turned five years old" (Chapter 1, p. 136).

"Her mind exploded. That was the only way she could describe it. A noiseless, heatless explosion that shattered her completely" (Chapter 6, p. 169).

"It was sheer dumb luck, the same luck that had helped keep her alive so far tonight" (Chapter 14, p. 236).

"After all, the opposite of absolute ruthlessness is absolute tenderness—and when you ripped the one away, you were left with the other" (Chapter 17, p. 262).

"The werewolves broke in while Hannah Snow was in the psychologist's office" (Chapter 1, p. 265).

"I'm me. I remember me" (Chapter 8, p. 322).

"A huge bat. Upside down. Its leathery black wings were wrapped around it and its small red eyes shone at her with reflected light" (Chapter 14, p. 378).

"One lifetime with him was enough, but Hannah sensed that there would be many. There would always be something new to learn" (Chapter 17, p. 402).



Topics for Discussion

Who is Gillian? How does she die? How does she come back to life? Why does she choose life? Who rescues her? Why do people think Gillian is younger than she really is? Why does her guardian angel make her cut her hair? How does this change Gillian's appearance? What else does Gillian do to change her appearance? Why does she do this? What happens when Gillian suddenly becomes popular?

Who is David? Why does Gillian not want to kiss him at the beginning of the novel? What does this suggest about Gillian's personality? How does Gillian cause David to break up with his girlfriend? How does the girlfriend take the breakup? How does it impact David and Gillian's relationship? What does David's ex-girlfriend threaten to do to him? What does Gillian do to stop him?

Who is Rashel Jordan? Why does she become a vampire hunter? Who are the Lancers? Why does Rashel go out with them? How does Rashel react when it appears the Lancers plan to torture a vampire? Why does she react this way? Why does Rashel try to free the vampire the Lancers imprison? What happens when Rashel touches this vampire's hand? Why does this happen? How do the Lancers react when they see that Rashel has helped the vampire get away? What does Rashel vow to do?

What is an enclave? Why is Rashel excited about the idea of finding an enclave? Why does Rashel allow Quinn to kidnap her? What happens when Rashel arrives at the enclave? How does Rashel plot an escape for all of the girls also kidnapped by Quinn? How does this plan begin to go wrong? Why does Quinn save Rashel when she is attacked by the werewolf Rudi? How does Rashel repay Quinn? Why does Quinn later try to make Rashel a vampire?

Who is Hannah? Why does she think she is crazy? What does the psychotherapist try to tell her about notes she has been finding around her house? What does Hannah learn when she undergoes hypnosis? How does this help Hannah begin to understand her past and her current situation?

Who is Maya? Why has she killed Hannah over and over in all her past lives? What does Maya want from Hannah? From Thierry? Why does Maya suddenly decide she wants to turn Hannah into a vampire? How does Hannah respond to Maya's plan? How does Thierry try to talk Maya out of hurting Hannah? Why does Hannah end up killing Maya?

What is a soulmate? Why is soulmates a theme of all three of these novels? How do the characters know when they meet a soulmate? What does the fact that most of the soulmates are human-night world combos mean? What is Circle Daybreak? Why do many of these soulmates take refuge in this group? What does all this mean suggest about the future of the Night World?