

## MOONSTAR

There was once a little girl. Her name was Leena. She always used to hide her face and was a little bit different than the others. It was the first day of school. She couldn't wait to meet her friends, her summer break was very lonely. She couldn't always be with her friends during the break because she lived on the edge of the city.

On her way to school she kept noticing a sparkle near the woods, but when she turned to see what it was there was nothing. She finally made it to her school, Learntopia. She saw her friends, Misty and Eva, waiting outside the school. While they were walking to their classroom, Misty said, "After school do you want to go to Whistle Bloom." Whistle Bloom was a magical forest surrounding half of the city. "Oh, I love that place." Leena said. "We will have to quickly leave school because it is about an hour walk from here. And we have to walk through the center of city and Pearl Park." Eva said. Pearl Park was in the center of Pearl City. A great city with tall buildings and very nice people. Suddenly they ran into their teacher, Mrs. Apondale, a tall and skinny woman with wrinkly skin. "You girls should be in class by now because the third bell already rang." Then another ring came but even louder. "Oh, never mind the fourth bell." Mrs. Apondale said, "if you don't get in class, then, Detention!" she yelled. "Okay, sorry Mrs. Apondale we were just talking about plans after school." Eva said. "Well you can talk about that during recess or at the end of the day." Mrs. Apondale said. "Now get to class!" "Sorry." the three girls said scared.

They all went to their classroom. They first did math, reading, ate snacks, then word study, lunch, science, and then went to recess. Of course, the only thing anyone ever did at recess was tell scary stories about the legendary evil vampires. Everyone hated the vampires, they were pure evil. The only advantage the people of Pearl City had against the vampires were the warrior Witches and Wizards. There weren't many of them left after the war when they defeated all the vampires, many of them sailed away to their homeland of Hydario. The vampires were all killed, the only one thought to have survived was their leader, Lord Pyre. All the older kids told stories to the young ones about how Lord Pyre would sneak into their room and suck their blood, then he would be able to take all their memories. After recess ended they all gathered near the back of the school to go to Whistle Bloom.

When they arrived in the magical forest they could hear all sorts of magical sounds. They started to play in the river and tried to catch some fish. Then a black shadow appeared from across the water. Everyone

freaked out because then they saw a black figure. The black figure shouted "Pyrota!" and fire blasted all three friends to the ground. All the bushes and trees nearby caught on fire, it surrounded them. Leena knew what she had to do. She jumped up and quickly said "Hydaro" and put out the fire with water. Her friends stared at her not able to believe Leena knew magic. "Ah, I see you are a witch" the mysterious figure said. "Wait a minute, black robes and surrounded by shadow, you're Lord Pyre" Leena said. "Smart girl." Lord Pyre whispered. "How did you learn those spells, you're not supposed to know magic." Leena said confused. "Well, my secret is out, but what about yours? Why don't you join me, you are more like me than these false friends. You have no parents, no society to which you belong, how long will hiding your face protect your friends from the truth." Lord Pyre said laughing. "I will never forget my parents or their killer" Leena said. Leena's friends looked so confused, Leena is a witch, she somehow knows Lord Pyre, and what is this secret? "Tell them or I will." Lord Pyre grinned. Eva and Misty got up and said "Tell us what? Leena what is he talking about." Lord Pyre interrupted "Girls let me tell you a secret, Leena your friend, is a vampire." The friends gasped, they started to take a step back, away from Leena. "Why?" Leena said sadly. "You need to join me Leena, you can be as powerful as me, then there will be no need to hide. You will be able to destroy anyone that doesn't accept you." Lord Pyre said. "Never!" shouted Leena. Lord Pyre noticed a white sparkle in the woods. He hesitated, "We shall meet again" then he disappeared into the darkness. "Misty, Eva, where are you? Oh, there you are, he left." Said Leena spotting her friends behind a boulder. "Sorry" Eva said. "Why are you saying sorry to me?" Leena said. "Because you're a vampire, that's why you always covered your face, isn't it." Both friends said trembling. "I know but I'm not evil, I swear." Leena said. "We're sorry, we can't be friends with a vampire." Then Misty and Eva ran away. "No, wait!" Leena said sadly.

Then it started to rain, all her clothes got wet and she walked home alone and now her empty little home seemed even more depressing. She had always feared this day would come, first no parents, no family, and now no friends. Months went by, Misty and Eva, had not told anyone about Leena's secret but they refused to speak or come near her. They were too scared, all those scary stories now seemed real. What made Leena even more sad was everyone around town had heard of the encounter with Lord Pyre, not the details of Leena being a vampire or a witch, but just rumors of his appearance. It had been a couple of months when sightings of Lord Pyre became more and more frequent. School had ended and summer

break couldn't come soon enough for Leena, going to school and being ignored by her two best friends was the worst feeling ever. She planned to just stay at home for as long as she could.

That night she looked out her window in the alleyway and suddenly she saw some sparkles by the trash can. "It can't be." Leena said. She went downstairs in the dark and slowly walked into the alley. "Is that a unicorn?" she asked herself. "Yes, I am a unicorn and I knew your parents." the unicorn said in her mystical voice. "Before they were murdered they charged me with showing you the true value of being yourself and the power you have inside. Don't hide who you are, once you accept yourself then you will become more powerful than anyone. Remember what your parents used to say, 'goodness comes from within,' it doesn't matter what you are on the outside." "But I am so afraid everyone will hate me, just like they do now." Leena said crying. "All you should worry about is if you are a good person, the rest will take care of itself, I have faith in you." the unicorn responded. Leena listened and trusted the unicorn, she couldn't explain why, but it all made sense now. And then all of a sudden Leena felt this growing power inside her. She knew what to do and how to defeat Lord Pyre. "You need to confront him!" said the Unicorn. "How am I supposed to find him." Leena said. "I will take you." replied the Unicorn. "Let's go!" they both said.

They went to the center of the town and Leena told the Unicorn to go hide and started chanting the magic words to reveal Lord Pyre's final secret. In the big empty park, everyone started gathering and soon they started seeing a faint outline of a building in the middle of the park. Finally, Castle Pyre revealed itself. Lord Pyre had hidden his secret lair right in the middle of Pearl City. He had been watching all this time. "Lord Prye!" Leena said, "Let's fight!" Suddenly, Leena said "Syro Hydar." "How did she learn the fly water blast." Lord Pyre said, "Well, it doesn't matter, you will never be as strong as I am. Syro Pyrota Spyta." Leena gasped and said "Not the flying fast fire blast," and fell on the ground. She tried to get back up but Lord Pyre was becoming too strong. He was growing in size. And now the time had come. The Unicorn and Leena's plan was working. Lord Pyre had become as tall as a building and in that second Leena called her unicorn. The Unicorn knew exactly what to do. In the great battle when the vampires were defeated, two vampires saw the evil they were helping create and went to help the humans and their warrior Witches and Wizards. These were Leena's parents. They were taught magic and were the only ones to get past all the vampires and had made a small cut on Lord Pyre's ankle. A spell had been placed that could be finished from a Unicorn. Now

that he was huge, the cut was easy to spot, Leena saw it and the unicorn ran and stabbed Lord Pyre right in the cut with her horn and she disappeared. He screamed in pain, returned back to normal size and all of his spells went away. He was now back to just a normal vampire. He started to shrink in size and yelled "I will return...!" Until he disappeared and his castle did too.

Now everyone knew Leena's secret and she was able to tell them the truth about her parents. Everyone realized not all vampires are bad and that they shouldn't judge people before they got to know them. Leena learned that she shouldn't hide who she is and that she will be happiest when she accepts who she is. The next school year started and Leena walked alone in the hallways. Eva and Misty came up to her and apologized, "We shouldn't have just rejected you, you had always been a good friend." Leena was more than happy to forgive them. After school, on her way home, Leena noticed a sparkle in the woods. She ran towards it happily. There was the Unicorn and she told her that her name is Moonstar. Leena and Moonstar had many other adventures but that is a different story.

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