



Rosalynn

the Vampire Slayer

WELCOME  
TO  
MOONSPUR

# MOONSPUR, TEXAS

“So you’re headed to Moonspur, are ya? Ya know, I hear tales from folk. Odd stuff happens there. Sometimes people end up dead and no one can explain how or why. ‘Course, that happens in lots of cities now-a-days. Yup, it’s a tough world here in 1987. But even in simpler times Moonspur was always... different.

“Still, I can see you’re determined to go. That’s fine. Here’s how it works. Drive out from here in Austin about 117 miles to the east and a little north. Just follow the signs. You can’t really miss ‘em. Them’s the flatlands of East Texas out where Moonspur’s at. It’s hotter out there, and oh yeah, did I say flat? Better get used to that. They make pretty good barbecue, though – ya can’t beat that.

“What’s that? Who founded Moonspur? What kind of weird question is that? It’s your lucky day, I guess... I used to substitute teach Texas history. Anyway, it got started in the 1830s. Some folks from Stephen F. Austin’s colony decided to settle down there. Guess they wanted some space from the others who set down in Bryan a little to the south. ‘Course, they found some bones there a few years back. Looks like someone else may have once lived in that same area, though it’s not clear what happened to ‘em. In any case, Moonspur was just a quaint little town until the University of Texas put a school out there back in the early 1900s. The population ballooned up a little from there, but what really started to attract people there was DuraCode when they started to really take off. Some kinda computer company that does government contracts and custom stuff for big-time corporations. I don’t know much ‘bout them computers.

“Did I mention my niece lives in Moonspur? Yeah... nice girl. Her name’s Fiona. She goes to Prince of Wales High School there. I guess Fiona and her pals spend a lot of time at some place called “Lunar Mare”. Some kind of club or some such for kids her age. Naturally, football is big there, too. They have a stadium in the center of town where Prince of Wales and Rowel High School play their rivalry games. Yup, two big high schools who feed a lot of kids into UTMS.

“I guess that’s just about it. Pretty sleepy town, well, ya know, except for the weird stuff I mentioned earlier. ‘Bout the only thing “famous” about Moonspur is their graveyard, which is kind of morbid, but... lots of history there, too. One of the biggest graveyards in Texas and it’s got its share of who’s-whos.

“Well, I better get goin’, and I can tell you want to be on your way as well. Drive safe now, ya hear?”

# THE STUDENTS

The year is 1987. You got to see Bon Jovi's *Slippery When Wet* tour when it came to town last month, and although the Cowboys look like they're gonna suck this year, *The Princess Bride* is about to hit theaters. Life is pretty good... or so it seems.

You enter your sophomore year of high school tomorrow - it's just life as usual. Sure, Moonspur has a strangely high death rate, and ok, so it's gotten a little worse in the last couple of months, but who cares? You need a car... and a date! That's what's really important! All that other stuff is for the police to deal with, right?

You're just looking forward to hanging out with your friends and maybe meeting that cute girl who lives a few blocks away. Remember her? She used to be a bit shy and homely looking when she was homeschooled for, like, all her life. But a friend told you she's enrolled at your school this year - "P.O.W." High<sup>1</sup> - and you couldn't help but notice that somehow she turned into quite the little hottie over the last year. What was her name again? Oh yeah... Rosalynn. Rosalynn Transom.

Oh, and hey, you can't forget about Lunar Mare! They just remodeled and they're having some grand re-opening party tomorrow night. It's supposed to be pretty bitchin'. Crappy day for a good party, though - the first day of school. Luckily your parents will probably let you go... as long as you're home by 9PM. Ugh.

Yup... everything's pretty normal.

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<sup>1</sup> Ever since its founding the faculty at Prince of Wales High School has tried to get people to refer to it as "Wales High School" or just "Wales" for short. Of course, almost everyone who has ever gone there calls it "P.O.W." high school, to the consternation of the school administration.

# THE WATCHER

The year is 1987. The economy is booming, the Soviets are weakening, and disco is finally and completely as dead as a doornail. Unfortunately, life is definitely not good.

You've been in Moonspur for five years now and you still have no clue who she is. You've tried the Slayer Locator spell a dozen times and for some reason it just keeps fizzling out. Meanwhile, a Hellmouth – a concentration of evil energy that can manifest physically or simply open a portal to a hell dimension – is right here in Moonspur. The Watcher's Council grows impatient, and the number of vampires, demons, and other dark forces seems to be growing from a relatively small population to something larger. The Chosen One must be found, or this world may not have much longer.

The real question is: even if you find her, how are you going to tell her? How in the heck are you supposed to convince an otherwise normal high school girl that it's her job to defend the world from evil? Unlike most Slayers she has grown up without the benefit of the Council's wisdom and a Watcher to train her. How is she even going to avoid getting killed when she fights her first vampire?

The fate of the world literally rests on your shoulders, and you know that the next few weeks are going to be crucial.

# META-GAME

I hope the above helps give you a feel and taste for the world of *Rosalynn the Vampire Slayer* at its inception. How it goes from here is all up to you! If you have any other questions about the setting or how your Cast Member fits in, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Here are a few parting tidbits.

First, for the high school students: try to think about what motivates someone who is 16 years old. Now combine that with the life experiences you've dreamed up for your Cast Member. Finally, top it off with just a little dose of un-ordinary maturity – the characters in *Buffy* often make dramatic and immature decisions (as teenagers are prone to do), but they don't usually act super immature like many teenagers do in real life.

Second, for the non-teenagers: you've got special motivations as well. You're a little more clued in to what's going on, but at the same time you can't reveal that information to almost anyone. At best, they'll think you're insane. At worst, you might just tell a minion of the badguys – or the badguy himself. Remember, they have secret identities as well.

Third, try to remember that the year is 1987. Don't be afraid to use some archaic colloquialisms that will help set the mood. Saying "bitchin'" and "radical" or making references to *The Transformers* and Cyndi Lauper albums is not only reasonable, but cool back in 1987. And oh yeah, no one knows yet that Michael Jackson is a freak. On the downside there are no cell phones and for all practical purposes, no Internet (although who knows what DuraCode might have cooked up?). But hey, don't get too gloomy, De Loreans are still a more common sight.

Last, *Rosalynn the Vampire Slayer* is a game about "how" more than "what". If you want to attack a vampire, that's great, but first you have to tell me how – are you going to punch him in the gut, kick him in the face, perform a leaping tackle, or put a stake through his heart? Your Cast Member can attempt all these things right from the start, you just might not be very good at some of them... yet. The same goes for character development. If you want your character to become a powerful warlock, that's fine – I'll help you get there. But the real question is how will you get there? Will you pay the high price (not usually monetary) that access to that kind of power often requires, or will you find a way to short-circuit the usual "costs" in favor of a different price? It's up to you. But that's the point: the journey is more important than the destination.