



The series follows the life of 17-year-old Elena Gilbert, who falls in love with a centuries-old vampire named Stefan, and later she falls for his brother Damon Salvatore, creating a love triangle. This results in her being drawn into the supernatural world, with the show following her struggles in surviving supernatural events in the town.

Season 1 Episode 2: The Night of the Comet

At Mystic Grill, Bonnie, Caroline, and Elena are talking about the comet and Stefan.

BONNIE: Well, I was talking to Grams, and she said the **comet** is a sign of **impending** doom. The last time it passed over Mystic Falls, there was lots of death. So much blood and carnage, it created a bed of **paranormal** activity.

CAROLINE: Yeah, and then you poured Grams another shot and she told you about the aliens. So then what



ELENA: So then nothing.

CAROLINE: You and Stefan talked all night? There was no *sloppy* first kiss or touchy feely of any kind?



ELENA: Nope. We didn't go there.

CAROLINE: Not even a handshake? I mean, Elena, we are your friends. Ok? You are supposed to share the *smut*.

ELENA: We just talked for hours.

Vocabulary Vitamins

comet /'kɑmɪt/ *noun*

- a small, frozen mass of dust and gas revolving around the sun in a parabolic or elliptical orbit: as it nears the sun it vaporizes, forming a coma and, usually, a long tail of ions that points away from the sun

*In either case, **comet** showers will occur at the observed rate, about four major showers in 100 million years.*

carnage /'kɑrnɪdʒ/ *noun*

- bloody and extensive slaughter, esp. in battle; massacre; bloodshed

*Together, Zedd's two rescuers rushed with him into the **carnage**.*

paranormal /,pærə'nɔrməl/ *noun*

- designating or of psychic or mental phenomena outside the range of the normal

*I am merely amazed by the workings of my **paranormal** intelligence and the overpoweringly incredible shadings of my personality.*

sloppy /'slɑpi/ *adjective*

- consisting of or covered with slop; wet and splashy; muddy; slushy

*I don't mind drinking a beer or two every now and then, but getting **sloppy** drunk isn't my thing.*

smut /smʌt/

- a mark made by something dirty; soiled spot ; pornographic or indecent talk, writing, etc.

*It's not the **smut** that stands out.*

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever experienced anything that might hint at an afterlife, something paranormal?
2. Do you like to watch a comet shower?
3. Would you consider smutting?
4. What can you say about a marathon in the sloppy track?
5. Are you amazed by the workings of the paranormal intelligence?