



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 3: Friday Night Bites

Inside the school

ELENA: That throw was [insane](#). I didn't know you played football.

STEFAN: I used to. It was a long time ago.

ELENA: So why don't you try out for the team?

STEFAN: Yeah, I don't think so.

ELENA: So you don't like football?

STEFAN: No, I love football. I think it's a great sport. But in this case, I don't think football likes me. You saw Tyler over there, and we both know how Matt feels.



ELENA: They don't know you. To them, you're [mysterious loner](#) guy. Wouldn't hurt to be part of. Make some friends.

STEFAN: Says the girl who spends her alone time writing in a [cemetery](#).

ELENA: Hey, come on. There's more to me than just [gloomy](#) graveyard girl. There's a whole other Elena that you have yet to meet. She was into everything, very busy.



Vocabulary

insane /ɪn'seɪn/ adjective

- not sane; mentally ill or deranged; demented; mad

*Prosecutors countered that Banks is neither **insane** nor mentally retarded.*

mysterious /mɪs'tɪriəs/ adjective

- of, containing, implying, or characterized by mystery ; is applied to that which excites curiosity, wonder, etc. but is impossible or difficult to explain or solve [a *mysterious* murder]

*The **mysterious** forces that had invested in his assembly would, he vowed, be fully repaid.*

loner /'lɒnər/ noun

- (*informal*) one who prefers to be independent of others, as by living or working alone

*He was a nerd, a **loner**, socially inept, insecure, a poor kid being raised by relatives.*

cemetery /'sɛmə,tɛri/ noun

- a place for the burial of the dead; graveyard

*The small **cemetery** was just north of Route 422 on Franklin Street.*

gloomy /'glumi/ adjective

- overspread with or enveloped in darkness or dimness; very sad or dejected; hopeless; melancholy

*Despite the **gloomy** outlook, some physicians working in pro sports plan to stay for the long haul.*

Discussion Questions

1. How do you keep your sanity in insane situations?
2. When do you feel gloomy?
3. Are you a loner? Why?
4. Are you thrilled to uncover mysterious things?
5. How often do you visit the cemetery?