

# **THE GOSPEL OF FAITH**

## CHAPTER I

1. I'm Faith.
2. Can I borrow that?
3. Thanks, B. Couldn't have done it without you.
4. The whole summer it was, like, the worst heat wave. So it's about a hundred and eighteen degrees and I'm sleeping without a stitch on.
5. And all of a sudden, I hear this screaming from outside. So I go tearing out, stark nude, and this church bus has broke down, and there's these three vamps on half the Baptists in South Boston. So I waste the vamps, and the preacher comes up, and he's hugging me like there's no tomorrow, when all of a sudden, the cops pull up and they arrested us both.
6. God, I could eat a horse. Isn't it crazy how slayin' just always makes you hungry and horny?
7. Well, I wasn't. My Watcher went off to some retreat thing in England, and so I skipped out. I figured this was my chance to meet the infamous Buff and compare notes. So, B, did you really use a rocket launcher one time?
8. Oh, there's this Big Daddy Vampire out of Missouri who used to keep them as pets. So he's got me rasslin' one of 'em, okay? The thing must have been twelve feet long and I'm...
9. Well, the alligator was.
10. I tell ya, I never had more trouble than that damn vamp. So what about you? What was your toughest kill?
11. Hey, as long as you don't go scratchin' at me or humpin' my leg, we're five-by-five, you know?
12. The vamps, though, they better get their asses to DEFCON ONE, 'cause you and I are gonna have fun, you know, Watcherless and fancy-free.
13. Didn't yours go to England, too?
14. Oh, it's boring. Way too stuffy for a guy like you.
15. I see him. If I'd've known they came that young and cute, I would've requested a transfer.
16. Dyin' to meet the fam. I'm in.
17. Okay. Hey, later. We will talk weapons.
18. You guys are a hoot and a half. If I'd had friends like you in high school, I... probably still would've dropped out. But I might've been sad about it, you know?
19. Hey, so what's up with B? I mean, she seems wound kinda tight. Needs to find the fun a little? Like you two.
20. Oh. Water.
21. Sorry. I know you from somewhere.
22. Yeah. I'm Faith.
23. Nice to meet you!
24. Bye.
25. He's a cutie. Is he seeing anybody?
26. God, I love it!
27. Well, when I'm fighting, it's like the whole world goes away and I only know one thing: that I'm gonna win and they're gonna lose. I like that feelin'.
28. I don't let that kind of negative thinking in.
29. Oh, you bet.
30. She's really cool, huh?
31. Didn't we, um, do this street already?
32. Mm. You've been doing this the longest.
33. Yeah. Maybe a little too long.
34. Nothing.
35. I'm five-by-five, B, living entirely large, actually wondering about your problem.
36. Maybe it's time you started, 'cause obviously something in your bottle needs uncorking. What is it, the, the Angel thing?
37. Just what your friends tell me: big love, big loss. You oughta deal and move on, but you're not.
38. What are you getting so strung out for, B?
39. Did I just hear a threat?
40. Wow. Think you can take me?
41. My dead mother hits harder than that!
42. This is me, you undead bastard!
43. You can't touch me!
44. What are you talking about?
45. Gee, if doing violence to vampires upsets you, I think you're in the wrong line of work!
46. I was getting the job done.
47. I thought you could handle yourself.
48. Yeah, I know. I'll get it to you by tomorrow, I swear.
49. But I bet you will someday.
50. So, what brings you to the poor side of town?
51. What do you know about Kakistos?
52. It's what I did to him, all right?
53. You can mind your own business. I'm the one that can handle this.
54. You don't know me. You don't know what I've been through. I'll take care of this, all right?
55. They don't have a word for what he did to her.
56. Oh, what now?
57. That's where the head start comes in handy.
58. No!
59. NO! NOOOOO!
60. I... I was there when he killed my Watcher, and I saw what he did to her... what he was gonna do to me. I tried to stop him, but I... I couldn't. And I ran.
61. No.
62. No.
63. This is his place.
64. NO!
65. Starved.

## CHAPTER II

1. Nice place. Do you ever catch kids doing the diddy out here?
2. Yeah? Bet you and Scott have been up there kicking the gearshift.
3. But you like him. And when you think about him, you get that good, down-low tickle, right?
4. You tell me.
5. And quite a muffin.
6. All men are beasts, Buffy.
7. It's not cynical. I mean, it's realistic. Every guy from... Manimal down to Mr. I-Love-The-English-Patient has beast in him. And I don't care how sensitive they act. They're all still just in it for the chase.
8. Oh! Uh, Buffy! Are you okay? What are you doing here?
9. God, I'm sorry. I guess I didn't hear you.
10. Get out of jail free, huh? How come?
11. That's cool. I was going kinda crazy in here, but I can get in a few stakings before sunrise.
12. Yeah. Later.
13. Which means that he was killed during the day.
14. Missing internal organs.
15. They were screwing?
16. Got it!
17. Where's the gun? WHERE'S THE GUN?!

## CHAPTER III

1. Oh, man! Guys should break up with you more often.
2. No, I mean it. You really got some quality rage going. Really gives you an edge.
3. Well, screw him, alright? You move on, and... you party heavily, and you'll be fine. I mean, you're still going to that dance, right?
4. You got the tix already. Why don't we go together?
5. Come on. We'll find a couple studs, we'll use 'em and... discard 'em. That's always fun.
6. What are you two so mopey about?
7. Sleazebag
8. Scott? There you are, honey!
9. Hey, good news.
10. The doctor says that the itching and the swelling and the burning should clear up, but we gotta keep using the ointment.
11. Hi.

## CHAPTER IV

1. Yo, what's up? Hey, time to motorvate.
2. New Olympic category?
3. Depends. Who the hell are you?
4. I'm telling you, I don't need a new Watcher. No offense, lady. I just have this problem with authority figures. They end up kind of dead.
5. Excuse me, Mary Poppins, you don't seem to be listening.
6. Ronnie, deadbeat. Steve, klepto. Kenny... drummer. Eventually, I just had to face up to my destiny as a loser magnet. Now it's strictly get some, get gone. You can't trust guys.
7. Yeah. So, what about you?
8. Mm-hm.
9. Yeah, but you gotta have stories. I mean, I've had my share of losers, but you... you boinked the undead. What was that like?
10. Well, try.
11. Yeah. Yeah, whatever.
12. You know what? We're oh for six tonight. Why don't we just blow this off?
13. I'll swing through it. It's on my way anyway.
14. I got Miss Priss on my back now. I don't need another baby-sitter. I'll holler if I'm having any fun.
15. Later.
16. Son of a bitch. It's my lucky day.
17. Oh, right.
18. Yeah. The decorator actually just left.
19. Wild stab: a bunch of guys from Spart?
20. You think?
21. Giles is okay.
22. What meetings?
23. Oh, right. I guess that doesn't include me.
24. Training? As in kicking and punching and stabbing?
25. I'm your girl.
26. You look pissed.
27. Tell me about it.
28. Don't think I don't know what you and your pals were talking about behind my back today.
29. More about this glove deal than you're saying.
30. The vampire.
31. Angel.
32. Guy like that, with that kind of glove, could kill a whole mess of people.
33. Buffy knew he was alive.
34. I can't believe her.
35. Yeah, well, I say we can't afford to find out. I say I deal with this problem right now. I say I slay.
36. Beauty.
37. You got it.
38. That I am.
39. What?
40. Gee, let me guess.
41. Yeah, I'm thinking. Thinking Buffy's ex-meat did this.
42. The guy's a demon! How much more proof do you need?
43. Screw this waiting crap.
44. Yeah, and he's gonna have a whole lot of company, unless I do something permanent.
45. For what? You to grow a pair? You handle the baby-sit, and I'm gonna kill Angel.
46. Mrs. Post!
47. I can't believe how much I'm gonna kill you.
48. You wanna bet?
49. What?
50. You're confused, Twinkie. Let me clear you up. Vampire. Slayer. Dead vampire.
51. Auuuugh!
52. What's going on?
53. You bet I can.
54. Come in.
55. Yeah, it's real Spartan.
56. Five-by-five.
57. Yeah, well, you can't trust people. I should've learned that by now.
58. Is that right?
59. I'm on my side, and that's enough.
60. Is that it?
61. Alright. Well, then, I'll see you.
62. Uh, Buffy?
63. Nothing.

## CHAPTER V

1. Yeah?
2. Hey, what's up? Work, damn it!
3. What's going on? Scary monsters?
4. Your mom sent you down, huh?
5. Well, thanks, but I got plans. There's this big party I've been invited to. It should be a blast.
6. That's nice of you. Thanks. But I got... I got that big party that I've been invited to, so...
7. Yeah. Well, 'tis the season. Whatever that means.
8. Hey.
9. Uh, looked like that whole party thing was gonna be kind of a drag. didn't really have anything... You know.
10. Uh... Here.
11. Mm.
12. Uh, that one is for your mom. They're pretty crappy.
13. They're crappy.
14. Yeah, I'll play watchdog. I don't really get it, though.
15. Watch your back.

## CHAPTER VI

1. These babes were wicked rowdy. What's their deal?
2. Or killed.
3. Yeah. That was real manly how you shrieked and all.
4. No, we're cool. The bitch dislocated my shoulder, though.
5. Hold me.
6. That's better. She got me really wound up.
7. A fight like that and... no kill... I'm about ready to pop.
8. You up for it?
9. Just relax... And take your pants off.
10. Don't worry. I'll steer you around the curves.
11. That was great. I gotta shower.

## CHAPTER VII

1. So, what, you're telling me never?!
2. I'm curious! Never ever?!
3. Come on, really. All this time, and not even once?
4. So? What are friends for? I mean, I'm sorry, it's just, all this sweating-nightly, side-by-side action, and you never put in for a little after-hours ungh?
5. You think too much.
6. How do you know?
7. Nicely diverted, B!
8. This isn't a Tupperware Party. It's a little hard to plan.
9. Hey, they're toast and we're here, so it couldn't have been too bad, right? Who were those guys, anyways?
10. New Watcher?
11. Screw that.
12. You're actually gonna take orders from him?
13. Whatever we want. We're Slayers, girlfriend, the Chosen Two. Why should we let him take all the fun out of it?
14. Oh, like you don't dig it.
15. You're a liar. I've seen you. Tell me staking a vamp doesn't get you a little bit juiced. Come on, say it.
16. You can't fool me. The look in your eyes right after a kill? You just get hungry for more.
17. Tell me that if you don't get in a good slaying, after a while, you just start itching for some vamp to show up so you can give him a good ungh
18. Hey, slaying's what we were built for. If you're not enjoying it, you're doing something wrong.
19. Tell you what: you do the homework, and I'll copy yours.
20. What are you doing, hiding in there?
21. Well, it's six against two now, so come on.
22. No, no, no!
23. And there might be more, so come on.
24. Who said I had a plan? I don't know how many's down there, but I wanna find out. And I'll know when I land. If you don't come in after me, I might die!
25. You noticed that, too?!
26. Lemme go!
27. Buffy! You son of a bitch!
28. B! Gotta go!
29. Tell me you don't get off on this!
30. Hey, girlfriend. Bad time?
31. Vampires.
32. Good for us, bad for them. Found a nest.
33. Rise and shine, people.
34. Call me!
35. I say we take 'em all, hard and fast and now.
36. Well, I guess Jacuzzi Boy isn't going anywhere. I just... wish we had...
37. Ah. That is too good.
38. Ah. Score.
39. Strangely, not my priority. When are ya gonna get this, B? Life for a Slayer is very simple: want... take... have.
40. You wish.
41. I like him. He's butch.
42. Yeah. We're the Slayers.
43. You wanna get outta here?
44. We can't save the world in jail.
45. One, two...
46. Five people already have, the racket we made, and they're fine.
47. Come on. Let's get outta here.
48. COME ON!
49. Ready? Time to motor. Hey, Willow.
50. You're quiet tonight.
51. Yeah. I'm dying to test out the longbow. I think it might be my new thing.
52. Hey, how do you feel about getting some ribs? You know, after we're done?
53. Screw it!
54. I think we've got more comin'!
55. If they keep coming one at a time, we got a shot.
56. I didn't... I didn't know. I didn't know.
57. We gotta go!
58. Come on, we gotta go!
59. Come on.
60. Hey.
61. I'm alright. You know me.
62. There's nothing to talk about. I was doing my job.
63. Wrong.
64. I don't need it.
65. Okay, this is the last time we're gonna have this conversation, and we're not even having it now, you understand me? There is no body. I took it, weighted it, and dumped it. The body doesn't exist.
66. It does for me.
67. No, you don't get it. I don't care!

## CHAPTER VIII

1. It's no big, B. We'll get into it if he wants.
2. New Watcher.
3. Uh, first word: jail; second word: bait.
4. Uh, yep. Off to patrol. So we'll see ya.
5. Fine by me. Always ready to kick a little bad guy butt.
6. So, you gonna rat me out? Is that it?
7. Oh, I see. But you can pretend that Angel's still dead when you need to protect him.
8. Worse than jail for the rest of my young life? No way!
9. Yeah. We. You were right there beside me when this whole thing went down. Anything I have to answer for, you do, too.
10. You're a part of this, B. All the way.
11. I'm telling you, we did the world a favor. This guy was about as interesting as watching paint dry.
12. I'm joking. Jeez, lighten up a little, B.
13. He came out of nowhere.
14. Whatever. I'm not lookin' to hug and cry and learn and grow. I'm just saying it happened quick, you know?
15. You know what? Let's just blow. Who cares what this guy was about? It's kind of moot now, don't you think?
16. So, what, you think there's some big conspiracy?
17. So his papers are gone. That doesn't prove anything.
18. So the Mayor of Sunnydale is a Black Hat. That's a shocker, huh?
19. When are you gonna learn, B? It doesn't matter what kind of vibe you get off a person. 'Cause nine times out of ten, the face they're showing you is not the real one.
20. What is that supposed to mean?
21. Do you? So fill me in 'cause I'd like to hear this.
22. Is there gonna be an intermission in this?
23. No! We're not bringing anybody else into this. You gotta keep your head, B. This is all gonna blow over in a few days.
24. If it doesn't, they got a freighter leaving the docks at least twice a day. It ain't fancy, but it gets you gone.
25. Buffy, I'm not gonna see anything. I missed the mark last night and I'm sorry about the guy. I really am! But it happens! Anyway, how many people do you think we've saved by now, thousands? And didn't you stop the world from ending? Because in my book, that puts you and me in the plus column.
26. Why not? The guy I offed was no Gandhi. I mean, we just saw he was mixed up in dirty dealings.
27. What if he was? You're still not seeing the big picture, B. Something made us different. We're warriors. We're built to kill.
28. We are better!
29. That's right, better. People need us to survive. In the balance, nobody's gonna cry over some random bystander who got caught in the crossfire.
30. Well, that's your loss.
31. Just hanging.
32. No. I was with my friend Buffy.
33. Some old movie.
34. Witnesses?
35. Yeah. That whoever did it wasn't hip to the Bronze Age.
36. You mean am I covering for someone? Hardly. I'm not the throw-myself-on-the-sword type.
37. It's okay, Buffy. I told him.
38. I had to. He had to know what you did.
39. Um... Sorry.
40. What?
41. I'm sick of people asking me that, for one thing.
42. Like you could make something happen if I didn't want it to?
43. Five minutes.
44. Clock is running.
45. So then, go talk to Buffy. She's the one who killed a guy.
46. Version?
47. No, the important part is that Buffy is the accidental murderer.
48. And you're living proof of that, aren't you?
49. You'd dig that, wouldn't you? (gives him a sexy look) To get up in front of all your geek pals and go on record about how I made you my boy toy for a night.
50. I know what this is all about. You just came by here 'cause you want another taste, don't you?
51. More like how then? Lights on or off? Kinks or vanilla?
52. You wanna feel a connection? It's just skin. I see... I want... I take. I forget.
53. I could do anything to you right now, and you want me to. I can make you scream.
54. I could make you die.
55. Finally decided to tie me up, huh? I always knew you weren't really a one-Slayer guy.
56. The thing with Xander; I know what it looked like, but we were just playing.
57. Safety words are for wusses.
58. You gonna shrink me now? Is that it?
59. That's what they all say. And then it's just, 'Lemme stay the night. Won't try anything.'
60. Join the club. Everybody seems to have a theory.
61. Yeah? Sounds like you need some help. A professional maybe.
62. Goody for you. If we're gonna party, let's get on with it. Otherwise, could you let me out of these things?
63. Right now, all I feel is a cramp in my wrist, so let me go!
64. Yeah? I hope evil takes MasterCard.
65. What?
66. Whatever.
67. Have to disagree with you on that one. Now unlock these or I'll pop this guy's head like a grape.
68. Don't even think about it.
69. Wrong again, Wes.
70. You don't give up, do you?
71. Yeah, because you and me are such solid buds, right?
72. For me to change and be more like you, you mean? Little Miss Goody-Two-Shoes? It ain't gonna happen, B.
73. Scares you, doesn't it?
74. But that's not it. That's not what bothers you so much. What bugs you is you know I'm right. You know in your gut we don't need the law. We are the law.
75. Yes. You know exactly what I'm about 'cause you have it in you, too.
76. I've seen it, B. You've got the lust. And I'm not just talking about screwing vampires.
77. It was good, wasn't it? The sex? The danger? Bet a part of you even dug him when he went psycho.
78. See, you need me to toe the line because you're afraid you'll go over it, aren't you, B? You can't handle watching me living my own way, having a blast, because it tempts you! You know it could be you!
79. There's my girl.
80. Why not? It feels good. Blood rising.
81. You sent your boy to kill me.
82. He's dust.

83. I guess that means you have a job opening.

## CHAPTER IX

1. Well, that was a blast.
2. Princess Margaret here had a little trouble keeping up.
3. You're gonna love it, B. It's just like fun, only boring.
4. I know. I'm on board here. Just shooting my mouth off.
5. Good luck.
6. What cha doin'?
7. Can you do that?
8. Can you get past 'em?
9. Yeah, I thought so, too. Are you serious about this place?
10. Yeah, plus all the screwing. This place is the kick!
11. Thanks, Sugar Daddy.
12. No way.

## CHAPTER X

1. Check out the lust bunnies.
2. Finally. They want us down by Mercer.
3. Don't worry, big guy. Just keeping her warm for you.
4. Gotta tell you, B. The willpower thing, nice job.
5. But, the close but no cigar thing with Angel. I don't know if I could handle, you know, the way you're not handling it.
6. Talk fast.
7. So you can buy, I'm guessing here, some skin care products.
8. I think "Die Fiend" sums it up, wouldn't you say.
9. A demon's a demon.
10. Yeah. It'd be great.
11. Demonic?
12. That's what I said.
13. Yeah, sure. Whatever. It's just a matter of time before this demon guy is gonna spill. Then Buffy and the superfriends are gonna...
14. And if Buffy gets to him first?
15. You got the books?
16. Books of Ascension.
17. I don't like to haggle.
18. Angel. I got nowhere else to go. Look, I hate asking for help, but I'm asking, cause, uh, I'm in trouble. I'm in trouble. The real bad kind.
19. No, it's a couple of county lines over from okay, believe me.
20. Mind if I skip past the 'mom never loved me' part and get right to it? I'm scaring myself.
21. That's why I came to you. I don't want to get all twelve steppey, but remember when you told me that killing people would make me feel like some kind of god? I think I just came down to earth. It's not human if that's what you're thinking. Not that that makes me feel any better or this guy any less dead.
22. I know. For real now, I'm scared. Scared of what I am, what I'm turning into. Cold-blooded straight up killer. Like you.
23. Believe me, I don't want to end up the way everybody said I would, dead or alone or a loser.
24. I don't know. Maybe it's too late for me.
25. Angel, I'm so scared.
26. Buffy, yeah. I didn't mean it like that. Maybe I did, but I wouldn't press it. You love her, don't you.
27. Good for you. The two of you, you're lucky. Friends?
28. Then I'm lucky too. I'd better go.
29. I need to cool down. Spend some time alone. Don't worry about me. You've been a big help. Just knowing somebody cares. Hey, I know I shouldn't be asking this, but do you think if things were different that things between you and me would be different, too?
30. Right. How could we?
31. Lifetime of practice.
32. It's not like I wasn't trying, okay?
33. Try Buffy Summers, like in a big, fat, one track way.
34. I was thinking more along the lines of a long weekend, but okay.
35. Mention what? Where we going, girlfriend?
36. Why should you get to have all the fun? Share, share, that's fair, right?
37. Oh, well, let's go look him up.
38. Right.
39. Yeah, I was patrolling. No shortage of scum you gotta watch in Sunnydale, right?
40. Betting they got the books, too. Some hit.
41. Maybe the guy put up a fight. We gotta get going. Come on, nothing we can do here now. You coming?
42. Hey. Sorry to bust in uninvited.
43. Look, I'm not so good at apologies. Mostly because I think the world's out to screw me so I'm generally more owed than owing. But I've been thinking about last night and I want you to know I was really sorry.
44. No, it's not alright. Yeah, I was freaked and needed somebody, but you're with Buffy. I should know better.
45. You don't trust me.
46. Hey, no problem. Join the club.
47. Chump.
48. I wanted to do this the old-fashioned way, but hey, your loss. Lucky I've got some tricks Buffy don't know yet.
49. I know, but it's fun. Now relax, it'll be over soon.
50. I've got my reasons.
51. You wanna be smart? You listen to me.
52. Not how Buffy tells it.
53. You want to listen or you want to die?
54. Last time you got like this, Buffy kicked your ass all the way back to hell. You want to do better this time?
55. Good boy. Now all you got to do is play nice and call truce and I'll hook you up with the real power in this town. Interested?
56. Then get ready to meet the new boss.
57. So, can I keep him?
58. Let's do it.
59. Knock knock.
60. We got the books.
61. We'd take 'em to Giles ourselves, but I think strength in numbers is the way to go. Come on.
62. Speak for yourself, B. Me, I like it here.
63. Bondage looks good on you, B. The outfit's all wrong, but, hey!
64. Really? Weird, because something about all this just feels so right. Maybe it's one of those unhappy childhood things. See, when I was a kid I used to beg my mom for a dog. Didn't matter what kind. I just wanted, you know, something to love. A dog's all I wanted. Well, that and toys. But mom was so busy, you know, enjoying the drinking and passing out parts of life, that I never really got what I wanted, until now.
65. Yeah? Hunh. Guess we'll just have to keep you around for a while then. Before we get started, I just want you to know, if you're a screamer, feel free.
66. What isn't? You know, I come to Sunnydale. I'm the Slayer. I do my job kicking ass better than anyone. What do I hear about everywhere I go? Buffy. So I slay, I behave, I do the good little girl routine. And who's everybody thank? Buffy.
67. Everybody always asks, why can't you be more like Buffy? But did anyone ever ask if you could be more like me?
68. You get the Watcher. You get the mom. You get the little Scooby gang. What do I get? Jack squat. This is supposed to be my town!
69. Why? So you can impart some special Buffy wisdom, that it? Do you think you're better than me? Do you? Say it, you think you're better than me.
70. Um, maybe you didn't notice. Angel's with me.
71. Uh huh. You're just trying to make me mad so I'll kill you. I'm too smart for that. Stick around.
72. You can't.

73. Keep dreaming. No one can stop the Ascension. Mayor's got it wired, B. He built this town for demons to feed on and come graduation day, he's getting paid. And I'll be sitting at his right hand. Assuming he has hands after the transformation. I'm not too clear on that part. And all your little lame ass friends are going to be kibbles'n'bits. Think about that when your boyfriends cutting into you.
74. What can I say? I'm the world's best actor.
75. You played me. You played me!
76. What are you gonna do, B, kill me? You become me. You're not ready for that, yet.
77. I wouldn't exactly call them friends.

## CHAPTER XI

1. Fab. What's the occasion?
2. Airport?
3. Sorry... Sir.
4. This is a thing of beauty, boss.
5. Any particular eyes in mind?
6. Surprise.
7. What are you, the narrator? Keys to the cuffs?
8. No, but it will cut through bone.
9. Hunh. Made him an offer he couldn't survive.
10. Go on, go on.
11. Nothing.
12. No, I'm over it. She can have him.
13. Yeah they do, but looky what we got.
14. She's not gonna be brain-dead but she'd be to come back here tonight.
15. What?
16. Check out the bookworm.
17. Anyone with brains, anyone who knew what was going to happen to her, would try to claw her way out of this place. But you, you just can't stop Nancy Drew-ing, can you? Guess now you know too much and that kinda just naturally leads to killing.
18. Oh yeah? Give me the speech again, please. Faith, we're still your friends. We can help you. It's not too late.
19. You hurt me, I hurt you. I'm just a little more efficient.
20. You're begging for some deep pain.
21. Let's see what we can do about that.
22. I got someone. I got him.
23. Boss!

## CHAPTER XII

1. Hi, I'm looking for Professor Wirth.
2. Uh, I'm not from the college. I work for Mayor Wilkins. I'm Faith.
3. He's a big fan, professor.
4. We alone here, Lester?
5. I hear that. You want to turn and face the wall, Lester.
6. I'll make it quick.
7. Who wouldn't?
8. Sorry, friend, boss wants you dead.
9. You know, I never thought to ask.
10. Not if you're Mr. Wirth.
11. I don't know.
12. I feel I look stupid in this.
13. It just isn't me, though.
14. I hope I don't let you down.
15. Meant to.
16. He's dropped, boss.
17. Right in the back. He pitches over and Buffy's freaking, looking around, all panicked. It's a good time.
18. What next?
19. Ingest?
20. You're wicked gross.
21. You gotta give me something to do. There's no way I'm sleeping. Don't you need anyone dead? Or maimed? I can settle for maimed.
22. My mom used to call me that when I was little. I was always running around.
23. Tomorrow, at the Ascension and all that, am I going to get to fight?
24. So you'll still need me in there.
25. When I was a kid, a couple of miles outside of Boston there was this quarry. And all the kids used to swim there and jump off the rocks. And there was this one rock like forty feet up. I was the only one that would jump off it. All the older kids were too scared.
26. Naah. I could do it easy.
27. Good luck with your spiders there.
28. Is he dead yet?
29. Uh-huh. The Mayor got me the poison. Said it was wicked painful.
30. Damn. What is it?
31. Come to get me? You gonna feed me to Angel? You know you're not going to take me alive.
32. Well, look at you. All dressed up in big sister's clothes.
33. Ready to cut loose?
34. Okay then. Give us a kiss.
35. Not getting tired are you? I'm just startinh to feel it.
36. That's mine.
37. Man, I'm going to miss this.
38. You did it.
39. You killed me.
40. Still won't help your boy,though. Shoulda been there, B, quite a ride.

## CHAPTER XIII

1. It's a she. And aren't these things supposed to take care of themselves?
2. I'm pretty sure that's not what I meant.
3. Oh yeah. - Miles to go - Little Ms. Muffet counting down from 7-3-0.
4. Sorry, it's my head. A lot of new stuff.
5. They are never going to fix this, are they?
6. Scar tissue. It fades. It all fades.
7. You want to know the deal? Human weakness - never goes away. Not even his.
8. Beats me.
9. Getting towards that time.
10. Not gonna. It's yours.
11. Just take what you need. You're ready?

## CHAPTER XIV

1. What?
2. I wouldn't know.
3. I noticed.
4. Oh, you have to go.
5. Little sis coming. I know. So much to do before she gets here.
6. So go. Don't let me keep--
7. Damn. Just when we made it so nice.
8. Are you ever gonna take this thing out?
9. Do you think it's gonna rain?
10. I don't know. It's just... it always seems like it starts raining right about now.
11. NO!
12. Ouch.
13. Uh, um . . . What?
14. Graduation.
15. Graduation. I gotta get to Sunnydale High School graduation now.
16. What day is it?
17. What... date? The date?
18. What year?
19. What happened to the school?
20. Just... tell me.
21. You're not me.
22. So. Check you out, B. Nice. The big girl on campus thing's really working for you.
23. I've been standing still for eight months, B. How hard you look?
24. Five by five. Best thing about a coma, you wake up all rested and rejuvenated and ready for payback.
25. What'd you think? I'd wake up and we'd go for tea? You tried to gut me, blondie.
26. So let's have another go at it. See who lands on top.
27. Actually, I think it has to be exactly like this.
28. No such animal.
29. Could say the same about you. I mean, you're still the same old "better than thou" Buffy. I mean, I knew it somehow. I kept having this dream - not sure what it means - but in the dream this self-righteous, blonde chick stabs me. And you want to know why?
30. That's one interpretation. But in my dream, she does it for a guy - Try it, red, and you lose an arm!
31. I wake up to find that this blonde chick isn't even dating the guy she was so nuts about before. I mean, she's moved on to the first college beef stick she meets. And not only has she forgotten the love of her life, she's forgotten all about the chick she nearly killed for him. So that's my dream. That and some stuff about cigars in a tunnel. But, uh, tell me, college girl... what does it mean?
32. You took my life, B. Payback's a bitch!
33. See ya around.
34. Hi, Joyce.
35. Mind if I come in?
36. Tsk, tsk. Ruby Sunset. Burgundy Skyline. Harlot. Hmm. Way to go, Joyce.
37. Now normally I wouldn't be going with a color this dark, but I read in some magazine, eight months in a coma will damage a girl's natural skin tone. Good thing pale is in this year. Or was it last year?
38. Anyway. For real, now.
39. I'm gonna ask you something and you got to promise you'll be honest, and not spare my feelings just 'cause I can kill you. You promise?
40. Okay. How do I look?
41. Hmm. I was shooting for sultry, but hey. Bet I know what you're thinking?
42. You're thinking . . . "You'll never get away with this!" Warm?
43. Whoa. You got a pair on you, Joyce. I like seeing that in a woman your age. Guess you can afford to talk that way. I mean, in the world according to Joyce, Buffy is gonna come crashing through that door any minute. Joyce doesn't say anything but is trying to remain calm.
44. But . . . look what I found.
45. "Buffy Summers. Buffy Summers. Buffy Summers. Buffy. Buffy." A lot of letters. She, uh, hasn't been by in a while, huh? And you'd think with a crazy chick like me on the loose - crazy chick with a wicked grudge against her, no less - she'd call and give you a heads-up. But Buffy's too into her own deal to remember dear old mom.
46. Don't I? I know what it's like. You think you matter. You think you're a part of something and you get dumped. It's like the whole world is moving but you're stuck. Like those animals in the tar pits. It's like you just keep sinking a little deeper everyday and nobody even sees.
47. Don't tell me you don't see it, Joyce. You served your purpose. You squirted out the kid, raised her up, and now you might as well be dead! I mean, nobody cares! Nobody remembers! Especially not Buffy-fabulous-super-hero! Sooner or later you're gonna have to face it. She was over us a long time ago, Joyce. Too busy climbing onto her new boytoy to give a single thought to the people that matter! I mean, you're her mother and she just leaves you here to die!
48. Thought I'd go after the clean marine, didn't ya? He's a cutie. Looks like he can use a good roll in the sack.
49. He's probably just never tried it.
50. Just something to remember me by once I've moved on.
51. The cops.
52. All things considered.
53. Weapon of some kind.
54. Didn't work whatever it was.
55. She's their problem now.
56. Five by five.

## CHAPTER XV

1. She's not a kid! I just mean that she's very strong.
2. She truly is.
3. You know. She's a nut job. Heh.
4. Well, how do you know she got drove? I mean, maybe she likes being that way.
5. Well, could be things are looking up. I mean, a littlestint in the pokey, show her the error of her ways. I'm sure there's some big old Bertha just waitingto shower her ripe little self with affection.
6. I'm sorry, mom. It's just uff when I think about how she might have hurt you, I just, uff I can't stand it.
7. No, I'm just, uff, sore from the fight.
8. Cause I haven't visited, right? I knew it.
9. I'm a busy little beaver. College and all.
10. Count on it. I'm gonna take a bath.
11. Why, yes, I would be Buffy. May I help you?
12. Buffy.
13. You can't do that. it's wrong.
14. You can't do that because it's naughty.
15. Because it's wrong.
16. Because it's wrong.
17. You can't do that. It's wrong. I'll kick your ass. I'm gonna kill you.
18. Not too bad.
19. Score.
20. 6-4-4-7. Uh, expiration, 5-0-1. Unh huh. Yeah. 10 a.m.'s your earliest flight? I'll take it.
21. Oh, just getting my mail.
22. Yeah. I got some time to kill. I'll go see the gang. All my friends. You don't mind if I steal this, right?
23. Yeah.
24. Burn it.
25. The scooby gang's all here. Willow, Xander, and... everybody. What's up?
26. Didn't Joyce tell you? I already kicked that ass.
27. On her way to the big house. Cops took her off my hands about an hour ago. Poetic justice.
28. Well, she did all those crimes, and now she's being arrested. I guess that's just regular justice. It's cool, anyway.
29. What are you talking about?
30. Well, yeah, I mean, 'cause it worked so well when Wesley tried it.
31. So they're taking her to England?
32. Heh heh heh. ahhh Hah hah. Hah hah. ohhh I'm sorry. It's just...I'm happy. Faith is evil.
33. I forgot how much you don't like Faith.
34. I bet I know what Faith would say to that.
35. I'd never let her hurt you.
36. Well, we certainly don't want to cut into that seven minutes.
37. Lighten up. We're out of danger. Everything's good.
38. Yeah. Adam. What's up with him?
39. Well, don't worry about it. I'll patrol tonight, as long as it takes. You guys have your fun, I'll be out there doing my job.
40. Whoop.
41. And you.
42. Um, do I usually give you a hard time?
43. You're a vampire.
44. Ok.
45. Spike? Spike. William the Bloody with a chip in his head. I kind of love this town.
46. 'Cause I'm a stuck-up tight-ass with no sense of fun?
47. Cause I could do anything I want, and instead, I chooseto pout and whine and feel the burden of slayerness? I mean, I couldbe rich, I could be famous, I could have anything. Anyone. Even you, Spike. I could ride you at a gallop until your legs buckled and your eyes rolled up. I've got muscles you've never even dreamed of. I could squeeze you until you popped like warm champagne, and you'd beg me to hurt you just a little bit more. And you know why I don't? Because it's wrong. Humh humh.
48. Count on it.
49. Chug, chug, chug.
50. Chug, chug, chug.
51. ooh ooooh
52. Back off. You're nothing but a disappointment.
53. Willow and - uh
54. So we've never met. Cool. Just have a thing with names.
55. Unh-huh.
56. Got tired. You know, the whole Faith thing. I let off some steam.
57. That's my philosophy.
58. So you guys been hanging out a lot lately, hunh?
59. So Willow's not driving stick anymore. Who would have thought? I guess you never really know someone until you've been inside their skin. And Oz is out of the picture? Oh, never seen two people so much in love. She just couldn't get enough of old Oz.
60. He w-w-w-w-what? You gonna get that sentence out sometime tonight?
61. Yeah. Good call.
62. Wicked obvious. So I should slay him.
63. Nah, I got it.
64. Hey!
65. You'll live.
66. Yeah, well, he's gone now.
67. Yeah. It's cool.
68. All's well in the world.
69. Yeah. You give her whatever she needs.
70. Hi, baby.
71. You miss me?
72. Everything's great.
73. Faith has a won a fabulous trip to England, and I got the consolation prize, which is you.
74. Oh, you wouldn't have liked Faith. She's not proper and joyless, like a girl should be. She has a tendency to give in to her animal instincts.
75. So?
76. Oh, maybe they could learn something.
77. You're hurt.
78. Maybe we should take you for a test drive.
79. So...how do you want me?
80. Yeah. what do you wanna do with this body? What nasty little desire have you been itching to try out? Am I a bad girl? Do you wanna hurt me?
81. I'm Buffy.
82. Well, if you don't wanna play--
83. Uggnnh Get off. No. No. No! Get-get off! No. Off me. Get off. No, no-o. G-get
84. Who are you? What do you want from h-her?
85. This is meaningless.
86. Nnnh.
87. Nothing. Nothing.
88. What?
89. I think maybe you should stay out of other people's lives.
90. You've got a mission? I've been fighting demons since before you could shave.
91. No. I don't care. God, I don't care.
92. Thank you.
93. How many are in there?
94. I can do three.
95. How did you respond so fast?

96. Look, when the troops get here, send 'em in, but I'm going.
97. Don't tell me what to do! I'm Buffy. I have to do this.
98. I can't use you. someone comes out, you get 'em to safety. Unless they've got fangs.
99. Well, I'm not the cops. I just come to pray.
100. You're not gonna kill these people.
101. Because it's wrong.
102. The one and only.
103. Then let all these people go, and all three of you can take me on.
104. Shut up! Do you think I'm afraid of you? You're nothing. Disgusting. Murderous bitch. You're nothing. You're disgusting.

## CHAPTER XVI

1. I'm cold.
2. Now I got money - and a place to stay. I think I'm gonna like it here.
3. Okay, you're excused.
4. Really? You have your name on him? Because I don't see it - anywhere.
5. Yeah, Billy, do something - like this!
6. I guess we could go somewhere and talk, but I'm not much of a talker. I'm more of a doer.
7. No, I think you misunderstood mine. I like that watch. Diamonds, right?
8. How do you know my name? I don't think I told you.
9. We do, do we? Who is we, and why do they know me when I don't know Jack about you?
10. I like black.
11. You don't know how many man have promised me that.
12. Who am I supposed to kill?
13. No problem.
14. Yeah. Besides getting me off, how much are you going to pay?
15. Huh?
16. How do you look now?
17. That was so cool! This is gonna be fun!
18. Hey, baby! Come give us a hug.
19. Ooh, good idea! But no, this is for you. You know - I'm going to kill you slowly and inventively, so I'm gonna give you one chance to...
20. You didn't shoot to kill. We're gonna have to up the stakes, get you in the game a little.
21. Dude, I'm getting paid. They hate you almost as much as I do.
22. You think? Because what if you kill me - and you experience that one true moment of pleasure? Oops! I'd get off on that. Go ahead. Do me. Let's take that hell ride together. Come on, Angel, I'm all yours! I'm giving you an open invitation. - Jeez, you're pathetic! You and your little tortured soul, got to think everything through. Well, think fast, lover. You don't do me, you know I'm gonna do you!
23. Gosh. That one wasn't a blank. - Let the games begin.
24. I've got a little problem. - I don't feel Angel's in the game. But, somehow, I feel you guys are the key. Now what can I do to really make him hate me?
25. Shut up, Wesley.
26. For cappuccino? 'cause it just keeps me up.
27. What do you believe in your heart now?
28. Alright, Wes! - My turn.
29. All these little cuts and bruises - just bring out the mother in me. Come on. Now, now, don't poop out on me, damn it! Otherwise this all just going to be over too fast, and you'll be dead and I'll be - bored. - Come on, Wesley! Where is that stiff upper lip? Now, we've only done one of the five basic torture groups. We've done blunt - but that still leaves sharp, cold, hot and loud. Have a preference? Well, that great! It's always better with audience participation. - May I take your order please?
30. What's that, love?
31. You should talk, huh? I guess I'll just have to try a little harder.
32. We'll switch to sharp for a while.
33. That's refreshing. But I'm feeling a little cold. What do you say we warm the place up?
34. Did you ever wonder if things would have been different - if we'd never met. What if you'd had Buffy - and Giles would have been my Watcher? You think you'd still be here right now? Or would Giles be sitting in

- that chair? - Or is it just like fate. You know, there is no choice. You were gonna be here no matter what. - You think about that stuff? - Fate - and destiny. I don't. Not that any of this is your own fault. Since this may be - the last chance we will have to unload on each other, I feel that it is kind of my duty to tell you that if you'd been a better Watcher, I might have been a more positive role model! - Face it, Wesley, you really were a jerk. Always walking around as if you had some great big stake rammed up your - English Channel. - I think I want to hear you scream.
35. Admit it, Wesley, didn't you always kind of have the hots for me?
  36. About time, soul-boy. Ready to play now?
  37. Okay, you showed. But how do I know you are really in this? I mean if I kill him, would that help, or just be really funny?
  38. You I have to kill. Wesley is just for the hell of it.
  39. No, baby, he's payback.
  40. 15 000 plus expenses.
  41. Hey, I'm young, willing to work my way up.
  42. Is that all you got, vampire? Get in the game.
  43. Come on, Angel! I thought you were bad!
  44. You can't take me! No one can take me!
  45. Come on!
  46. You're gonna die!
  47. You hear me? - You don't know what evil is! - I'm bad! - Fight back!
  48. I'm evil! I'm bad! I'm evil! Do you hear me? I'm bad! Angel, I'm bad! I'm ba-ad. Do you hear me? I'm bad! I'm bad! I'm bad. Please. Angel, please, just do it.

49. Angel please, just do it. Just do it. Just kill me. Just kill me.

## CHAPTER XVII

1. Angel.
2. Nothing.
3. I've been asleep for eight months. - You rest.
4. You know what? It doesn't matter.
5. Why are you doing this? Why are you being nice to me? Just - stop it. - You're gonna step aside or do we throw down? I mean, am I your prisoner here?
6. So I'm free.
7. Help me?
8. So, how does this - work?
9. So how does this work?
10. Yeah. I can - live off the stuff. - Tell Cordelia I'll pay her back.
11. Oh, maybe we - just don't mention it then.
12. Are you saying I got to apologize?
13. I don't know. - How do you say 'Gee, I'm really sorry tortured you I nearly to death?'
14. What?
15. And what if I can't say it? There are some things you can't just take back, no matter how sorry you are, right?
16. Right. And you've been doing this for a hundred years! I'm not gonna make it through the next ten minutes.
17. I don't think I can.
18. God, it hurts. I hate that it hurts like this.
19. I've got to be the first Slayer in history sponsored by a vampire.
20. Oh god. B - how am I ever going to make things right with her?
21. All my life there was only one person that tried to be my friend, - went out of her way when I had no right or reason to expect her to - and I screwed her. Not to mention her boyfriend, only - him literally.
22. No, not you. The new one. Oh, my god. - Angel, I'm so sorry I...
23. It was touch and go for the four minutes you left me alone, but somehow I got through it.
24. No.
25. Buffy. Oh, god.
26. Buffy... I'm sor...
27. Go ahead.
28. Don't - so this.
29. No. Just wanted to be alone.
30. Yeah.
31. What do you wanna do? You're gonna throw me off the roof -again?
32. There is nothing I can do for you, B. I can't ever make it right.
33. It would make things easier for you.
34. That's not gonna happen.
35. Angel said there was no way you were gonna give me a chance.
36. And you can't stand that. You're all about control. You have no idea what it's like on the other side! Where nothing's in control, nothing makes sense! There is just pain and hate and nothing you do means anything. You can't even..
37. Just tell me how to make it better.
38. Go.
39. Okay.
40. I'd like to make a confession.

## CHAPTER XVIII

1. Hey.
2. Pretty good, I guess. I did sign up for this.
3. Bad day. One of the girls in the yard tried to build a rep by throwing down with me. She had low self esteem, and a home-made knife, so..
4. She lives to tell the tale. Took the knife away - and I can't say much for the wrist it came in.
5. I really wanted to. - Took a big beating from the guards, too.
6. Earned worse. Guys like us kind of got it coming.
7. You're kidding.
8. And here I am talking about my petty little problems.
9. Copa cabana?
10. The road to redemption is a rocky path.
11. You think we might make it?
12. You know, it's not that different from what I grew up on. It's a little one note. Eating the same thing every day.
13. Right...

## CHAPTER XIX

1. Okay, you got my attention. What's your beef, Deb?
2. You really oughta think twice.
3. Or not.
4. For a nose job?
5. Hey, hey... self defense. She attacked me, Eddie.
6. What? You saw?
7. They told me my lawyer was here to see me. You my lawyer now, Wes?
8. Still alive. Never thought I'd live long enough to see you paying me a visit.
9. Whatever it is suits you. I mean, you're looking... good.
10. Seen the news, sure. Never-ending night, rain of fire...
11. Team Angel must really have their hands full.
12. But you're here to fill in the blanks for me. Why?
13. Well, I hate to wet the paper for you, Wes, but I'm kinda unavailable right now. Maybe you want to check back in a few decades when my parole comes up.
14. It's Armageddon again. I dig. Last thing you need is me in the mix. Besides, Angel will come shining through in the end like he always does.
15. Step away from the glass.
16. You okay?
17. Angel's got a kid?
18. A teenage kid... born last year.
19. Right. And what? Cordelia spend her last summer as...?
20. Uh-huh. Can I just ask... what the hell are you people doing?
21. Unleashing Angelus to help you stop this demon who put the lights out. That's just -
22. Gas to the flame, is all I'm sayin'..
23. I'm not gonna kill him, Wesley. Angelus. Don't care what you thought you sprung me for. Angel's the only one in my life who's never given up on me. There's no way I'm giving up on -
24. If I'm -
25. Maybe I am.
26. Well, what did you have in -
27. Just like riding a biker.
28. Sweet crib..
29. Fred. Yeah, Wes kinda gave me the skinny on you.
30. Nice to see you, too, Cor.
31. Murder two, 25-to-life. For the record.
32. Cordelia, you have every right to feel that way about me. You have no reason to trust me. But I don't have loads of time so why don't we save it till after this is over, cool?
33. Okay, let's get down to it. We're gonna keep this hunting party tight. Gunn, right?
34. Love the name. Hear you're a good fighter.
35. That's a shame. You're with me, Wes and the kid.
36. Connor. Arm yourself how you like but I want you to carry the trunk gun. If I can't take him down, I want you to be ready to take the shot, yeah?
37. In case anyone has any other ideas, this is a salvage mission, not search and destroy. Okay?
38. Listen up, junior. When I need a bloodhound, I'll call you. If Angelus needs putting down, I'll be the one to do it, not you. So is there anything else you're not okay with? Good. Show me the weapons.
39. I don't know. Better at it, I guess..
40. Let's not.
41. Eyes and ears peeled. Watch the periph. Nobody make a move until I -

42. Are you deficient? What did I just say?
43. You thought it was Angelus. If you can't listen, you're no good to me. Get him out of here. Someone take him back to the hotel.
44. He'll do what I tell him.
45. I get it. You're a super-being.
46. Are you a murderer? 'Cause I am. And if it comes down to you or Angelus, you haven't shown me a thing to make me want to take your side.
47. Come on.
48. Not especially.
49. The old-fashioned way. The kid's not the only tracker. Something will turn up. Trail of bodies, tell-tale clue... maybe a carpet fiber.
50. You take low.
51. I'll hit him high.
52. So what are you waiting for? Come out and give me a kiss.
53. Sure... let's get it on...

## CHAPTER XX

1. No drama. I'm good.
2. I could use a shower.
3. A little sticky.
4. Squeaky clean. Let's blow. Right. Sorry about
5. your bathroom. Come on, let's do it.
6. Five by five, boss.
7. We track him, we find him, we -
8. Let him go. This is between you and me.
9. What are you doing with that?
10. I thought we weren't going for the kill?
11. We'll start with a perimeter sweep. I'll take point. Stay frosty. If he's still in the area -
12. This coming from the boy hostage?
13. He would have killed you.
14. Gee, I wonder what color you'll be when I'm done?
15. I'm gonna work real hard on the not understanding that, lumpy.
16. Oh, let's find out.
17. We've been breathing stale beer and blood half the night in piss-holes like this.
18. Think yours will?
19. Back where?
20. What the fuck -
21. You okay?
22. Hey, we're gonna get you out of here.
23. Can you walk?
24. What'd they do to her?
25. There was a vampire in here earlier. Tall, dark hair - listen!
26. Tall, dark hair, talking to himself.
27. Did you see him?
28. She doesn't know anything.
29. What are you doing, Wes?
30. Have you totally lost it?
31. So what - torturing humans part of the new makeover?
32. I hit her.

33. You crossed it back there, Wes. What did -
34. Yeah, well, it's not me anymore. You know that.
35. You think I'd hurt you again?
36. Wes, I -
37. No.
38. I can't risk killing Angel. Not after what he's done for me. There's gotta be another way.
39. Even if he got the fake hoodoo from this Maury guy, why would Angelus hang around?
40. No...
41. No.
42. No!
43. Screw you.
44. Save the head-trip, GQ. Wes told me you'd try to get under my skin, give me just what I need to scratch you out.
45. Yeah. And this.
46. Shut up.
47. No! You're wrong. I'm different now. I'm not like you.

## CHAPTER XXI

1. Kicked his ass.
2. ...scratch you out...
3. ...dimension but...
4. You tell me. It's your flashback.
5. You know what the definition of insanity is, baby? Performing the same task over and over and expecting different results. Learned that in murder rehab.
6. Don't know. Must be the magick side effects of my incredibly simple ruse.
7. You'd think. Me, I'm guessing it's more like "Angelus, This Is Your Life" because... Lack-of-Hygiene world? It sure ain't mine.
8. Seriously, man. Did you miss the invention of the bath?
9. Angel's?
10. 'Cause I'm dying, dumb-ass.
11. Way I figure, I got one last job. Babysit the psycho until they shove a soul up your -
12. Then I'm - whatever. Dust in the wind. Candle in the wind. There'll be a general wind theme.
13. I rolled the dice. It paid even odds.
14. Trippy.
15. Why? You freakin' out?
16. What's coming?
17. Angel, get out of the road!
18. Dude! You just rescued a puppy.
19. We're reliving Angel's good deeds. You are in hell. Wicked.
20. Mandy, huh? It must kill you he's got a jones for the power ballads.
21. Only it's not your gut, princess. Angel's the one that belongs on the outside. Not you.
22. When he gets it back.
23. It wasn't even his fault. God, does the guy gotta pay for everything?
24. He won't.
25. Angel!
26. He was going to save him.
27. You kiss your mama with that mouth?
28. All the same, I hear this holler in the distance... tells me you're about to get what's coming to you.
29. Ugh... when is this?
30. He's paying for what he did.
31. Angel, it's good to see you. Hate the hair.
32. Just waiting to see this pervert get stuffed back into the deep crazy ground he came from.
33. Angel, I'm dying...
34. I've rolled the bones. You for me.
35. I did... my time.
36. It hurts...
37. Arf, arf, psycho.
38. I guess I am.
39. Break me off a switch, son... there's about to be a whuppin'.
40. Hey.
41. Like I did mushrooms and got eaten by a bear.
42. Yep.
43. I think I prefer the bear but the way Willow talks it up, that's where I'm needed.
44. Hey, I was gonna but someone got all pep-talky on me.
45. Another time.
46. Well, that vice is plenty versa. Don't even start. It's only gonna lead to hugging and...
47. No.
48. Hey, cheer up, punk. That just makes you one of us.
49. Yeah, no tears, big guy.
50. It was pretty funny.
51. Wes.
52. See? Brits know how to say goodbye. Angel here wanted to hug.
53. You ran a good show.
54. Time goes by, Will.
55. He's gonna tell you how much he owes you.

## CHAPTER XXII

1. Yep. Guess I'm back in Sunnydale.
2. You sure she's one of us? She don't look like much now. Not a potential slayer, I mean.
3. If she regains consciousness. Girl's been gutted like a catfish.
4. Something's killing girls all over the world, trying to end the slayer line. Thing like that, figure I might get a heads up.
5. Guess it doesn't really matter as long as you got the true slayer intact.
6. Yeah, that's prison. Safe as a kitten.
7. Someone came at me with a nasty looking knife. Didn't really know why 'til now.
8. Forget it. It's cool. I get by. What're we gonna do about her?
9. Let's go look for her. Cemetery's more fun anyway.
10. Fine, sit tight. I'll be back.
11. You told her the sitch, right? She knows I'm coming. Probably been up all night hanging streamers.
12. I can't stay here, Willow. Spent way too much time in hospitals. We don't click. Don't worry. I'm sure we'll all get along just fine.
13. Whatcha wanna do to her, vamp? Huh? Somthin' like this?
14. Oh, goodie. I'm famous.
15. Spike. Yeah, we've met before.
16. Yeah? Maybe you haven't heard. I've reformed.
17. Please. You think I'm stupid?
18. You were attacking that girl.
19. It's all right, B. Luckily, you still punch like you used to.
20. Are you protecting vampires? Are you the bad slayer now? Am I the good slayer now?
21. Oh, he's like Angel?
22. Yeah, well if he's so good, what's he doing chasing down defenseless –
23. You should make 'em wear a sign. May I? Thanks.
24. OK, catching up. Anything else I gotta know?
25. Whoa. Memory Lane. Same old house.
26. Hey, got a spare bed for a wanted fugitive?
27. Well, I guess "wanted" wasn't really accurate.
28. Check it out. Brat's all woman-sized.
29. Well, that makes me feel better about me, worse about Giles... kinda shaky about you.
30. Well, I guess you can smoke all you want - the big C not really an issue.
31. Huh.
32. Hey, to each his own, man. This one guy I ran with, he liked me to dress up like a school girl and take this friggin' bull-whip, and I'd be like –
33. This before the soul, or after?
34. Not if you're all repenty. Takes the fun out of it. No more Starbucks for the wannabe's man. They've been spazzing for, like, hours.
35. They're good girls. Just green is all.
36. That's Buffy's thing. Anyway, I just spent a good stretch of time locked away with a mess of female-types. Kinda had my fill.
37. Three squares, nice weight room, movie every third Sunday. Could've been worse.
38. Last one was Glitter. I guess it couldn't have been worse.
39. I stopped me. I got dangerous for a while.
40. More or less. I pull for the good guys now.
41. The usual stuff...
42. I was thinking about looking up the guy with the bull-whip. Long incarceration.
43. It's all old-hat, man. Every guy's got some whack fantasy. Scratch the surface of any granola-type dude - naughty nurses and horny cheerleaders. I figure, if you can't beat 'em –
44. Just don't forget who's on top.
45. You got that right. I've met you before, you know.
46. Not in the graveyard. Before that. I was kinda wearing a different body.
47. You seemed OK with it.
48. She fill you in on that whole deal?
49. I may have said a few things...
50. Should've known it wasn't blondie behind the wheel. She'd never throw down like that.
51. Don't even tell me little Miss Tightly-Wound's been getting her naughty on?
52. Wow. Everybody's just full of surprises. Hey, B.
53. Yeah. Uh, you just know all the cool vampires.
54. Point me where you want me.
55. No eyes, but look at him go. He got SONAR or something?
56. Do they just roam free around town?
57. Lends weight to the whole "it's a trap" theory.
58. Hey, I'm with you. Drop me in the hornet's nest, what the hell? You got a rough sitch here, trying to turn a bunch of little girls into an army...
59. Right. Maybe they'll do as good as us.
60. I'll work with 'em. Some of 'em seem real eager. Fashion disasters, yeah, but they're ready to fight.
61. Willow said you needed me. Didn't give it a lot of thought. Do you - Am I getting you want me to be not here?
62. No problem. You know me. All about the good deeds.
63. Yeah. He says "Hi."
64. Sure.
65. Better. Had to do this whole magical mind-walk with him.
66. Buffy... What is this place?
67. I think we just found our hornet's nest.
68. Damn. I never knew you were that cool.
69. I get that now.
70. Never was much for the good book.

## CHAPTER XXIII

1. Trade ya for a carton of cigarettes and some soap. Sorry. Habit. Shouldn't you be down at Hogwarts?
2. All right. Playin' hooky. Score one for the boarding school brat. Anya's technique's probably a little different than what you're used to.
3. Yeah. Whenever she starts talking about getting all sweaty with Xander like that I just remind her I had him first. Shuts her right the hell up.
4. No one's come up with any info on Caleb yet?
5. Whatcha got?
6. "Incidents of violence and vandalism connected to California religious institutions in the last 10 years." Looks like this gives us a place to start.
7. Hey, pipsqueak, why don't you go get some of the stuff you've already gotten from Giles?
8. Yeah.
9. Sounded like there was news.
10. Maybe. In the meantime, the troops here gotta sit and stew, feeling crappier by the minute.
11. Yeah. I know how to keep them occupied.
12. Hey, hey, how old are you?
13. Yeah, we're gonna get you a real nice 7-up, OK?
14. Hey, I was wondering what was taking you boys so long. Where you been?
15. Yeah, or we could try this one on instead. How 'bout you guys buy me another drink, and we see where the evening takes us.
16. It's cool. I got it. It's nothin'. Get - get off me.
17. I tell you right now, I'm not goin' back to jail.
18. Just blowing off steam. Well, it started that way. Turned when the cops went evil on us.
19. They needed a break, all right? They've been running themselves into the ground. Things just got out of hand.
20. Seemed like a good idea at the time.
21. They didn't.
22. No one got hurt, B. Look, you don't even know these girls. Maybe you should have a little more confidence in 'em, let them mess up sometimes, you know, get down and dirty. How the hell else are they gonna learn?
23. They're not children.
24. Yeah, what about the vineyard?
25. How safe were they when you dragged them off to meet Caleb? How safe was Rona or Amanda or Molly?
26. God, I hope so.
27. You must be Principal Wood. Heard a lot about you.
28. Troops are still gathering. I think you're safe.
29. Yeah. Cops. Mostly.
30. Yeah. This one's from someone who just thinks she's a cop. It's my favorite of all my current bruises.
31. I'm not gonna kill her. Wanted to, but didn't. By the way, bully for me since no one else said it.
32. It's this new thing I'm tryin'.
33. Believe every word.
34. Other things matter more.
35. I think you need to brush up on your Buffy and Faith history.
36. You, uh, live around here, right?
37. This town, walking anywhere after dark is like an extreme sport. Someone who didn't know you very well might think you were out lookin' for a fight or something. Maybe you got bigger issues than what's wrong with B. I read people, too. Xander's home.
38. Or, in the alternative, how 'bout...we don't? I mean, it's a neat theory, B, but I'm not going back in that place, not without proof, and neither should you and neither should they.
39. Maybe it ends OK the way you wanna play it, but maybe it doesn't. And right now, I don't think I want you playin' the odds.
40. Listen, we're fighters, all of us, but you gotta give me something to fight, something real, not –
41. What? Whoa, whoa, whoa. So not what I meant. I'm not in charge chick. I think B here needs to just...chill out for a little bit, take a siesta or something. But I'm not the one you want.
42. Learn their names?
43. You have no idea what I'm feeling.
44. I didn't come here to take anything away from you, but I'm not gonna be your little lapdog, either. I came here to beat the other guy, to do right, however it works. I don't know if I can lead. But the real question is...can you follow?
45. Hey. Look, I swear I didn't want it to go this way –
46. I mean it, I –

## CHAPTER XXIV

1. Okay, you guys, let's try not freak out.
2. I hear what you're saying but -
3. Everyone listen to me. Chill.
4. All right, it's been a long night and I don't know about you but I'm wiped. I think we should catch some sleep and figure all this out in the morning.
5. Look, I understand you guys are wicked stressed. Frankly, our situation blows. But we've got to stay cool. It's the only way we're going to get through this. Can everyone handle that?
6. Don't bother. All the lights on the whole street just went out.
7. The people from the power company have got the hell out of Sunnydale.
8. All right, so what do we know?
9. Let's not get ahead of ourselves.
10. So we know we've got a lot of enemies. We'll start there.
11. I got this, okay? So let's go over our rogue's gallery. Who exactly do we have here?
12. Bringers. I think they're our weakest link.
13. Maybe or... okay, we could kidnap one.
14. I'm saying we think about getting us a Bringer and making it talk. Find out info on The First and Caleb that way.
15. No.
16. Things are different. Because now I'm your boss.
17. Look, you guys, I'm not Buffy. I'm not the one who's been
18. on your asses all this time. But I'm not one of you anymore, either. I'm your leader. Which means I go first and I make the rules and the rest of you follow after me. Is that clear? So Kennedy, back the hell off and let me do my job, all right?
19. Okay, let's get down to business.
20. Someone ripped out its tongue.
21. All right, well cool. While Willow's does that, the rest of us can -
22. Hey, why don't you take it down a notch or two? The time for speech-giving is over, bad boy.
23. Yeah, that's right. Save your lack of breath.
24. You're pretty sweet on her, aren't you?
25. I think it's cute... the way she's got you whipped.
26. I don't know.
27. Sewer tunnel on the north side is closest so guess we'll start there.
28. How about around seven? Seven sharp. So tomorrow we fight.
29. Yeah?
30. Get out.
31. You're wasting your time. I know who you are. What you are.
32. I know what you're doing and it's not going to work. But feel free to keep talking 'cause, hell, I could listen to you yap all night.
33. Hey, you let me worry about the girls.
34. That's not what we... Buffy got 'em this far.
35. It's different now.
36. You a shrink now?
37. Get out.
38. I said get out.
39. You shouldn't sneak up like that. I almost took your head off.
40. What'd you see?
41. What? You want to rap about my problems now? You looking to be the guy who puts the "pal" in principal for me?
42. Sorry. I don't know what I'm doing, I'm just...
43. It was The First.
44. Lucky me. I'm a player.
45. Man, look at that. My hand's shaking. Demons, vampires, women in the penitentiary system, none of that freaks me out.
46. Nah, it just talked to me. What? It does a heel thing, too?
47. Oh. The school thing. I was kind of absent that decade.
48. He was like an old boss of mine.
49. Yeah, right. Nah. It sounds retarded but he was like a dad to me.
50. Sorry.
51. I'm so pissed off at myself. I knew it was a trick...
52. Of course.
53. Hitting things and a whole lot of Jack D dulls it some.
54. When it came to you, did The First tell the truth?
55. It said that we've got to watch out for Buffy. That Buffy's dangerous. Could be. I mean, we've given her a pretty good reason to be pissed off. You know the messed-up thing? The First is telling me to worry about her and I just wish she was here. In a couple of hours, I'm going to lead these girls into some serious crap. And she's the only one -
56. I'm an ex-con who didn't finish high school.
57. Well, I hear otherwise.
58. Forget about tomorrow. This is tonight.
59. Been awhile. Am I out of line?
60. Touch me...
61. You're not coming.
62. Weapon. Okay, got it. Good. Good thinking, Andrew.
63. Okay, I need you four to suss out the situation on B. I don't want you talking to her, getting in her way or, for that matter, letting her know you're there. Just do a little recon.
64. By your phone. I'll call you when I need you.
65. We're just making sure she's okay. Those of you who are coming with me to the arsenal, you know who you are. Everybody ready?
66. Let's do this thing.
67. Everybody stop. I think we just found it.
68. Maybe 'cause they didn't.
69. Everybody get down!

## CHAPTER XXV

1. Damn... and damn. That's something.
2. It's old... it's strong and it feels like... like it's mine.
3. I guess that means it's yours.
4. Slayer in charge... which I'm guessing is you.
5. It never mattered to me. Somebody has to lead. Let's vote for Chao-ahn. It's harder to lead people into a deathtrap if you don't speak English.
6. I'm really not looking for forgiveness.
7. What do you want me to say? I blew it.
8. Tell that to -
9. So here's the laugh riot. My whole life I've been a loner.
10. I'm trying to -
11. No ties, no buddies, no relationships that lasted longer than... well, Robin lasted pretty long. Boy's got stamina.
12. Don't tell me you two got wriggly?
13. Okay, the point. Me, by myself, all the time. I'm looking at you, everything you have and, I don't know... jealous. Then there I am, everybody's looking to me, trusting me to lead them and I've never felt so alone in my entire life.
14. And that's you, every day. Isn't it?
15. There's only supposed to be one. Maybe that's why you and I can never get along. We're not supposed to exist together.
16. Good point. Also a factor.
17. And no one else can feel it. Thank god we're hot chicks with superpowers.
18. Comforting.

## CHAPTER XXVI

1. It's pretty radical, B.
2. It is beaucoup d'mojo.
3. Buffy's wacky that way.
4. That's assuming they get past us.
5. Come on. You gotta have a little faith.
6. Well, I trundled right into that one, didn't I? Look, I'm sorry if it seemed like I was blowing you off the other day. I was just trying to, you know, blow you off.
7. It's nothing personal. It's just... after I get bouncy with a guy, there's not that much more I need to know about him.
8. Way of the world.
9. And he comes out swingin'.
10. A guy looks at me, let's just say his priorities shift.
11. It is what it is, yo.
12. You're trippin'! That was rock 'em, sock 'em.
13. Dude, I got madd skillz!
14. No, hell with that! We're going again, baby. You're gonna learn a little respect here, pal.
15. What would be the surprise?
16. Fine. Deal.
17. No way you're prettier than me.
18. You first, B.
19. Cheer up, Liz. If Willow's big spell doesn't work, it won't matter what you wear.
20. Buffy!
21. Rona!
22. Everybody out now!
23. Buffy, come on!
24. Go!
25. Ease off. We're clear.
26. It's not bad. You just sit here. I'll get someone to -
27. We made it. We won.
28. Looks like the Hellmouth is officially closed for business.

29. Can I push him in?
30. I just want to sleep, yo. For like a week!
31. Yeah, you're not the one and only Chosen anymore. Just gotta live like a person. How's that feel?