

# LOVE AT STAKE SERIES

## List of Characters

(\* means they have not yet appeared in a book)

### THE GOOD GUYS

#### Roman Draganesti (Vamp)

- 1461 – Born in Romania (in 2005, he's 544 years old)  
2 older brothers, 1 younger sister who died at age 2.  
Mother died when he was four.
- 1466 – Age 5, given to monastery, befriended by healer, Father Constantine
- 1479 – Age 18, becomes a monk and traveling healer
- 1491 – Age 30, transformed into a vampire by Casimir and his evil gang  
(in 2005, he's been a vampire for 514 years)
- 1492—Rebels against Casimir. Casimir destroys the monastery and murders the monks.  
Roman leaves and begins transforming dying soldiers.
- 1513—Transforms Jean-Luc Echarpe August 17, 1513 at the Battle of the Spurs.
- 1513—Transforms Angus MacKay September 9, 1513 at Flodden Field.
- 1542-- Transforms Connor Buchanan November 25, 1542 at the Battle of Solway Moss.
- 1710 – Great Vampire War of 1710. Roman leads an army against Casimir and strikes the fatal blow.
- 1862 – Involved with young, British debutante (Eliza) in London, flees to NYC.
- 1950 – Elected coven master of East Coast Vampires (term to last 100 years).
- 1982 – Started Romatech Industries in White Plains, NY, CEO.
- 1987 – Introduces synthetic, cloned blood. Starts the Annual Spring Conference and Gala Opening Ball.
- 2003-- Introduces Vampire Fusion Cuisine, beginning with Choclood.
- 2005 –Introduces Bubbly Blood and Blood Lite, discovers formula to stay awake during the day.
- 2005 –Meets Shanna Whelan (May 2005). Marries her in June 2005.

A scientist, Roman has black shoulder-length hair and golden-brown eyes. He owns a five-story Upper East Side Manhattan townhouse. His favorite blood type is Type A Positive (synthetic, of course).

#### Shanna Whelan (Mortal)

- 1978—Born (in 2005, she's 27 years old)  
Her family: Father (Sean Dermot Whelan, works for State Dept in diplomatic corps, actually the CIA), Mom (Darlene), one brother and sister.
- 1993 – Age 15, sent to boarding school in Connecticut.
- 2004-- Age 26, Shanna and friend Karen become dentists in Boston.
- 2005 – Four months before time of book (*How to Marry a Millionaire Vampire*), Karen is murdered in a deli in Boston. Shanna witnesses it and is now afraid of blood. She testifies against the Russian mafia and enrolls in the Witness Protection Program

under the name Jane Wilson. Now lives in Manhattan.  
2005 – Six weeks before time of book, she takes a job at the SoHo SoBright Dental Clinic.  
2005, June—Marries the Millionaire Vampire and becomes pregnant by the end of the month

A dentist, Shanna has smoky blue eyes, reddish-blond hair, and wears size 12. Her hair is first brown (dyed), then platinum blond. She carries a sequined Marilyn Monroe purse and likes pizza, diet cola, and chocolate brownies. Her blood type is Type A Positive. She has strong psychic abilities and can block vampire mind control.

### **Roman's Ex-Harem**

Originally ten women, by the time of *Vamps and the City*, it has dwindled to seven members. To learn more about the harem, check out their stories under Deleted Scenes from *Vamps and the City*.

Princess Joanna (Vamp)—Born 1246 in England. Transformed in 1270 by Baldassare of Venice. Princess is an honorary title. Moved to the harem of the East Coast Vampires in 1950.

Maria Consuela (Vamp)—Born in Spain in 1455. A survivor of the Spanish Inquisition. Rescued by Alfonso Montemayor, a vampire who transformed her. He was later killed in the Great Vampire War of 1710. Maria Consuela was given refuge in the harem of the French coven master. She transferred to the American harem of the East Coast Vampires after the Second Great Mortal War.

Lady Pamela (Vamp)—Born in England in 1796. Married vampire viscount Maximilian Smythe-Worthing who transformed her. Her father staked her husband. She joined the harem of the British coven master, then moved to New York during the Second Great Mortal War.

Miss Cora Lee Primrose (Vamp)—Born in Sumter Country, Alabama, in 1842. Was transformed on a riverboat at Mobile by Beauregard Duprée, coven master from New Orleans. Beauregard was killed in duel by vampire Colbert GrandPied (see Miscellaneous Vamps—New Orleans coven). Cora Lee fled to New York where she joined the harem of the East Coast Vampires.

Vanda Barkowski (Vamp)—Born in 1917 in southern Poland. Fled with her sisters to the Carpathian mountains when the German army invaded in 1939. Was transformed by vampire Sigismund, who also transformed her sister Marta. Vanda has short, purple spiky hair, a purple bat tattoo on the inside of her right breast, and wears black cat suits with a black leather whip as a belt.

Maggie (Vamp)—Born in 1865, Margaret Mary O'Brian. Maggie's parents immigrated from Ireland to NYC in 1852. She was the eighth child of

12 children, though only 7 of them lived past the age of 10. In 1872, Maggie took her First Communion at the age of seven and was given a gold cross-shaped ring. Joined the Salvation Army in 1884 at the age of nineteen and went to work in the slum brigade, preaching repentance. She got lost by the docks and was attacked by a vampire who transformed her. Rejected by her father, she ended up in the harem of East Coast Vampires. Maggie is short, with her black hair cut into a bob. She favors short skirts and tight sweaters. Maggie is infatuated with soap opera star Don Orlando de Corazon and wants to be a soap opera star. In 2005, Maggie becomes assistant director on a vampire reality show.

### **Darcy Newhart (both)**

1973—Born in San Diego, CA, oldest of three sisters, excels in academics and sports, loves to play beach volleyball, majors in journalism at USC, lands a job as a reporter on a local television station

1997--Takes a job at Local 4 News, a television station in Queens

2001, October 31--Age 28, disappeared at the Fangs of Fortune Vampire Club in Greenwich Village while doing a story on kids who pretend to be vampires

2001—Becomes a member of Roman Draganesti's harem, good friends with Vanda, Maggie, and Gregori, works part time at Romatech

2005—Roman allows her to leave the harem as long as she works in the Vampire World. She applies for a job at DVN, hoping to be a news reporter for the vampire *Nightly News*. She becomes the director of the vampire world's first reality show, *The Sexiest Man on Earth*

2006—Working undercover in Eastern Europe for MacKay Security and Investigation

### **Employees of Romatech Industries (White Plains, NY)**

Radinka Holstein (Mortal)--Roman's personal assistant, psychic

Gregori Holstein (Vamp)—Born in 1964, Radinka's son, MBA from NYU, Vice-President of Marketing at Romatech, attacked by Ivan Petrovksy in 1993, transformed at the age of 29 by Roman. For the fun of it, Gregori plays the host of DVN's first reality show in the summer of 2005.

Laszlo Veszto (Vamp)—Hungarian, gifted chemist, inventor of VANNA, drives a green Honda Accord. Short (5'2"), round innocent face, fiddles with buttons when nervous.

Todd Spencer (Mortal)--Vice-President of Production at Romatech during the day

### **Employees of MacKay Security and Investigation (London, Edinburgh)**

**Angus MacKay (Vamp)**

- 1480—Born in Scotland (in 2006, he's 526 years old).  
1494—First battle at age of 14. Bears a scar from an injury.  
1502—Marries at age of 22. He and his wife have three children.  
1513—33 years old. Changed into a vampire by Roman at Flodden Field. (in 2006, he's been a vampire 493 years). Rejected by his wife. Becomes an ally and close friend to Roman.  
1542--Transforms Ian MacPhie at the Battle of Solway Moss.  
1710—Serves as the General in Roman's army, raised to defeat Casimir in the Great Vampire War of 1710.  
1746 – Transforms his last group of vampires at Culloden, including his descendant Robby MacKay.  
1927—Begins his company based in London and Edinburgh--MacKay Security and Investigations.  
1950 – Elected coven master of British vampires (term to last 100 years).

Angus has long, dark auburn hair and green eyes. He dresses in a kilt of the MacKay tartan (green and blue plaid) and always carries a weapon.

#### Connor Buchanan (Vamp)

- 1512—Born in Scotland  
1542--Transformed by Roman at the Battle of Solway Moss (November 25, 1542).  
1710—Served as a captain in Roman's army and fought in the Great Vampire War of 1710.  
1927—Began working for MacKay Security and Investigations.  
1950—Assigned to Roman Draganesti as head of security for Romatech Industries.  
Connor has light auburn hair, blue eyes, and wears a bright red and green kilt.

#### Ian MacPhie (Vamp)

- 1527—Born in Scotland  
1542-- Transformed by Angus at Solway Moss at the age of 15.  
1955—Began working for MacKay Security and Investigation, assigned to Connor's security team at Romatech

#### Ewan MacGregor (Vamp)

- 1705—Born in Scotland  
1746—Transformed after the Battle of Culloden by Angus MacKay  
1935—Began working for MacKay Security and Investigation  
2005—poisoned by Galina (Nightshade) and murdered by Ivan Petrovksy while guarding Laszlo at Romatech

Dougal Kincaid (Vamp)—works on Connor's team at Romatech

\*Mikhail (Vamp)—Russian employee in Moscow

\*Robby MacKay (Vamp)—Transformed by Angus in 1746 after the Battle of Culloden.

Robby heads up the security team guarding Jean-Luc Echarpe in Paris

\*Giacomo (Jack) di Venezia (Vamp)—Italian employee

\*Phineas MacKinney (Vamp)—assigned to Connor’s team in NY

Howard Barr (Mortal)—head of daytime security team, guarding Roman Draganesti

Phil (Mortal)—on daytime security team, guarding Connor and his night team

All daytime security (mortals) wear khaki pants and navy Polo shirts.

### **The Europeans**

Jean-Luc Echarpe (Vamp)

1513—Transformed by Roman at the Battle of the Spurs.

Greatest swordsman in Europe, he trained Roman and ran a fencing academy.

1710—A Lieutenant-Colonel, he fought in the Great Vampire War and watched Roman’s back.

1922—Began designing evening wear for vampires.

1933—His designs are the rage in Hollywood. He becomes a famous fashion designer of evening wear in Paris.

1950—Elected coven master of Western Europe (term to last 100 years).

1975—Began designing everyday wear for mortals called Chique Gothique.

Tall, slim and agile, Jean-Luc has black, curly hair and blue eyes.

\*Zoltan Czakar (Vamp)—Hungarian from Budapest, elected coven master of Eastern Europe in 1950 (term to last 100 years).

### **Employees of the Digital Vampire Network (DVN)**

Corky Courrant (Vamp)

AKA Catherine Courrant, she worked for Henry VIII in a torture chamber in the Tower of London. She was personally responsible for wrenching the confession of incest from Anne Boleyn’s brother. She now works as the hostess for the celebrity news magazine *Live with the Undead*. Corky has breast implants.

Corky’s crew—large cameraman, makeup artist, lightman, all wear black t-shirts with DVN in white letters.

Sylvester Bacchus (Vamp)—nickname Sly, producer and CEO of DVN, looks about 50,

balding with head shaved, graying beard, sexist pig

Stone Cauffyn (Vamp)—newscaster of the *Nightly News*

Rick (Mortal)—film editor, fond of donuts

Bart and Bernie (Vamps)—cameramen for the reality show *The Sexiest Man on Earth*

Tiffany (Vamp)—blond bombshell and aspiring actress

Don Orlando de Corazon (Vamp)—star of the soap opera *As a Vampire Turns*, reported to be the greatest lover in the vampire world, discovered by Corky Courrant. Don Orlando typically wears black pants, black boots, and a black silk cape (no shirt).

Susie (Vamp)—receptionist, black hair with red streaks, nasal voice

\*Gordon (Vamp)—director of soap operas

**Miscellaneous Vamps (considered good since they take their meals from a bottle)**

Simone --Top model for Jean-Luc in Paris, vain and ill-tempered, long dark hair, very thin, stars in the exercise DVD for fangs

Signor Giovanni Bellini—famous Italian film director

Dr. Uberlingen -- plastic surgeon from Zurich

Vamp Contestants from *The Sexiest Man on Earth* reality show

The first four were eliminated the first night--

Tadayoshi from Tokyo, Japan

Derek from Newark, New Jersey

Harsha from New Delhi, India

Ferdinand from Salzburg, Austria

Ahmed from Cairo, Egypt

Pierre from Brussels, Belgium

Antonio from Madrid, Spain

Reginald Berkely from Manchester, UK

Otto from Dusseldorf, Germany

Roberto from Buenos Aires, Argentina

Fred—the artist who painted all the portraits of the reality show contestants

New Orleans Coven from “*A Very Vampy Christmas*”

\*Colbert GrandPied—coven master

\*Giselle

\*Scarlett  
\*Tootsie

From *Be Still My Vampire Heart*

\*Dr. Schweitzer from Switzerland—Shanna’s doctor  
\*Dr. Lee from Houston—Shanna’s doctor  
\*Richard Beckworth—lawyer  
\*Mr. Darnley--lawyer

**Miscellaneous Mortals (some good, some bad)**

From *Millionaire Vampire--*

Bob Mendoza—U.S. Marshal in Witness Protection Program, assigned to Shanna, seduced by Katya, and killed by the Russian vampires.  
Tommy—Pizza delivery guy from Carlo’s Deli, wears Scooby-Doo underwear and flirts with Shanna.  
Karen—Shanna’s friend who was murdered by Russian mafia.  
Oringo—NY cabbie from Africa, name means ‘loves to hunt.’  
Stesha Bratsk— leader of Russian mob who finances the hit on Shanna.  
Pavel— hit man for Russian mob.  
Father Andrew—takes Roman’s confession, becomes Roman’s friend, performs marriage ceremony for Shanna and Roman

From *Vamps and the City*

Jack—Darcy’s cameraman from Local 4 News  
Draco and Taylor—college students at the Fangs of Fortune Vampire Club  
Elizabeth Stein-- owner of the Stars of Tomorrow Casting Agency, dark hair in bun, expensive suit, red power lipstick  
Michelle—secretary of the Stars of Tomorrow Casting Agency  
Bobby Streisand—male transvestite, auditions for the reality show  
Chuckie Baddabing – auditions for the reality show  
Walter—the dancing chicken for Captain Jake’s Buffalo Wings, auditions for the reality show  
Fabio Funicello—the mountain troll, auditions for the reality show

Mortal Contestants from *The Sexiest Man on Earth* reality show

Seth Howard from Boston  
Nicholas Poulos from Chicago  
George Martinez from Houston  
Garth Manly (aka Garrett Manning from the CIA)  
Adam Cartwright (aka Austin Erickson from the CIA)

From “*A Very Vampy Christmas*”

\*Durand Dérangé  
\*Désirée Dérangé

\*Dorotea O'Callahan  
\*Patrick Reynaldo O'Callahan  
\*Rosalinda O'Callahan  
\*Lucy  
\*Uncle Bob  
\*Aunt Betty

From *Be Still My Vampire Heart*

\*Lindsey and Tina from New York  
\*Hubert and Rolfe from Paris  
\*Brian Robertson from London

**The CIA Stake-Out Team (Mortals)**

**Sean Dermot Whelan**

Leader of the Stake-Out team and Shanna Whelan's father. Worked overseas, presumably for the State Dept, but was actually a spy for the CIA. Sean discovered a vampire in St.Petersburg in 2005, when he caught the vampire attacking a woman. The vampire's attempt to erase Sean's memory didn't work since Sean possesses strong psychic abilities. Sean transferred to US to head up a team to eliminate vampires. Everyone on the team must have some psychic ability to avoid vampire mind control. Sean has reddish-blond hair and blue eyes. Psychic power: 10.

Alyssa Barnett—computer specialist, usually can be found staking out Romatech Industries. Psychic power: 5.

Garrett Manning—Tall, muscular, dark hair, brown eyes, worked undercover on the vampire reality show as Garth Manly. Psychic power: 3.

Emma Wallace—born in Houston, TX in 1973 with an American mother and a Scottish father, Emma has dual citizenship. Graduated from University of St. Andrew in Edinburgh, then joined MI6 to combat terrorism. Emma holds several black belts in various forms of martial arts. She transferred to the Stake-Out team several months after it began and has been secretly slaying vampires without Sean's knowledge. Psychic power: 7.

**Austin Olaf Erickson**—

1976—born in Minnesota, eldest with four younger sisters, named after Papa Olaf, his grandfather who often took him fishing. Olaf had psychic ability and taught Austin how to use it. Austin uses psychic power to protect his younger sisters.

1991—age 15, family moves to Wisconsin to separate Austin from his grandfather.

Austin's father dislikes his son's psychic power and suspects it is somehow evil.

1998—age 22. Papa Olaf calls Austin to visit him before he dies. Austin decides to resume practicing his psychic power and use it for good.

2002 – age 26, Austin applies to CIA, and they train him to use his powers. He works overseas, mostly in Czech Republic and Baltic states.

2005—age 29, becomes a member of the Stake-Out team and learns of the existence of vampires. Works undercover on a vampire reality show, using name Adam Cartwright

2006—Working undercover in Eastern Europe for MacKay Security and Investigation

Light brown hair streaked with gold, sky-blue eyes, dimples, strong mind-reading abilities and telekinetic power. Psychic power: 10.

## **THE BAD GUYS**

### **The True Ones (aka Malcontents)**

#### **Casimir**

Leader of the Malcontents, evil vampire who transformed Roman in 1491, believed to have been killed in Great Vampire War of 1710, now amassing an evil vampire army in eastern Europe.

\*Jedrek Janow—Polish assassin and Casimir's second in command

\*Bruno—Casimir's French operative

\*Brouchard—Katya's evil friend in Paris

#### **Russian-American Coven**

Ivan Petrovsky--Former minion of Casimir who saved him at the Great Vampire War of 1710.

1868—in Russia, Ivan is buried alive by angry peasants. An angel gravestone falls on his head and breaks his neck

Coven master of Russian and Russian-American vampires. He works as an assassin for the Russian mafia.

Alek—Ivan's second in command, betrayed him for Katya

Katya Miniskaya—former lover to Ivan, long dark brown hair, pale skin, seduces U.S. Marshal who is assigned to Shanna Whelan, takes over coven as co-master after killing Ivan.

Galina Gorlovka—redhead, former prostitute from the Ukraine, now one of Ivan's harem girls, takes over coven as co-master after helping Katya kill Ivan.

Vladimir (Vlad)—Ivan's driver, killed by Emma Wallace

\*Uri, Buriel, Miroslav, and Stanislav