

HOT AND BOTHERED: TWILIGHT IN QUARANTINE

NEW MOON CHAPTER 18: THE FUNERAL

Julia Chapter 18: The Funeral. "I sprinted down the stairs and threw the door open." [theme music starts] "It was Jacob of course, even blind Alice wasn't slow. He was standing about six feet back from the door, his nose wrinkled in distaste, but his face otherwise smooth, mask-like." I'm Julia Argy.

Vanessa And I'm Vanessa Zoltan

Julia And this is Hot and Bothered, Twilight in Quarantine.

[theme music continues]

Vanessa Can we talk about the five seconds where I was like "The Funeral", that means that Bella decides to go! And then no, it ends up being about Edward.

Julia Yah, it seems like really no one is really going to the funeral in this chapter, because like Jacob was supposed to go but instead at the end of the chapter he ends up turning into a werewolf, so it doesn't seem like he's attending either.

Vanessa Maybe he goes as a werewolf!

Julia I mean, it might be accepted given that you know, that whole community seems to know that werewolves are running amok.

Vanessa Yeah, and maybe the way that werewolves grieve is by going [howling] awoo-woooooo.

Julia That's a really interesting idea.

Vanessa Okay, should I recap?

Julia Please do

Vanessa Laughing Oh- kay

Julia Three two one, gooo

Vanessa [ticking sounds in the background] So Jacob is at the door and he's 'like Bella you smell and she's like 'uhhh' and then he almost kisses her and she's like 'oh my god, could I kiss him? I'm not ready, ahh' and then the phone rings and he grabs the phone and he thinks

he's talking to Carlisle and then he's like 'um, Charlie's isn't here he's at the funeral' and then Carlisle hangs up and Alice is like what just happened and Jacob is like 'Carlisle hung up' and Alice is like 'no, it's Edward!' and he thinks thinks that the funeral is Bella's funeral and so Alice and Bella have to go because he's going to get the Volturi to kill him! OH NO! [buzzer sound]

Julia I know the stress, really high stakes.

Vanessa I started out too calmly at the beginning and I wasted precious seconds, so don't make the same mistake that I did.

Julia Okay

Vanessa Be stressed the whole time. On your mark get set go

Julia So it's Jacob at the door and Bella opens the door and they're in a fight, and I'm really confused about why they're in a fight. And then they make up super quickly bc Bella starts to cry and she never realizes that she starts to cry and only after she starts crying does she realize she's crying, and then they almost make out but then the phone rings and it's Edward, and then Rosalie told Edward that Bella was dead, and then Edward was like well now I'm gonna die, I'm gonna do something super theatrical, who knows what will happen, but we're all going to ITALY, [singing] dun, dun, duhhhh. [buzzer sound]

Vanessa I just had the dumbest aha moment that everyone listening already knows. [laughing] It's like Romeo and Juliet.

Julia [sarcastically] STOPPP, NOOOO

Vanessa Rosalie gives false information that Bella is dead just like the priest does that Juliet is dead. And they're like not going to Verona but they're going to Volturi land in Italy. [explosion sound] Mind BLOWN. These books are layered!

Julia This realization means that Twilight the first book was actually Genesis. [Vanessa laughs] And you just weren't paying attention?

Vanessa Let's see if that maps. The book of Genesis all the animals get named? The sky gets separated from the earth; Adam and Eve happen.

Julia Oh there's the apple! The forbidden fruit, the apple shows up!

Vanessa Oh, yeah. They're... they ARE Adam and Eve! Bella is trying to tempt Edward, poor innocent Edward, into biting her. SHE's the apple!

Julia [Laughing] She's Eve, she's the apple, and she's a snake.

Vanessa [Laughing] She's a complicated woman [laughing]. Did you know that this book was Romeo & Juliet before my revelation just now?

Julia Yes.

Vanessa Well, to the three of you listening, who didn't see that too, email us at therompod@notsorryproductions.com, or DM us, or write a review or something, cause I wanna hear from you that I'm not totally alone, okay thanks. Okay I have breaking news [singing]

Julia Tell me

Vanessa Okay Jacob's arm is as big as a couch

Julia Say more

Vanessa So Bella, like faints, and she is being held up and she's like 'I fell onto the couch' and then she's like 'the couch was shaking', and then she was like oh no it's Jacob shaking, and I have fallen onto his arm, which means that she confused Jacob's arm for a couch.

Julia I thought that she fell onto Jacobs arm cause he was sitting on the couch, so it's like she fell onto the couch, his arm was underneath her, and that's what was the shaking item in that situation.

Vanessa Oh, so it's the couch and an arm.

Julia Yeah.

Vanessa Well that is not what the text says explicitly, so I would just like to say that both of our readings are equally logical. OKay. I have more breaking news

Julia Okay say.

Vanessa Alice, if given an appropriate amount of time, can forge passports.

Julia Well we know she's pretty crafty. She has great artistic skill.

Vanessa Yeah, I knew she could do claymation, and window drawing. I just think that that sounds really hard, to forge a passport, so. It's impressive.

Julia Oh totally.

Vanessa Okay and then my last piece of breaking news is that Bella is in on the fact that this book is repetitive. Like in the last chapter she was like spring break and being hunted by another vampire, and now again she's like spring break and an emergency trip because of being hunted and confusion, and I just like that she and I are on the same page

Julia Mhm.

Vanessa I bet that she doesn't know that her life is similar to Romeo & Juliet either.

Julia You don't think she's going to figure it out? She talks about Romeo & Juliet so much in the last chapter.

Vanessa I think she might figure it out, but I think that I figured it out ahead of her.

Julia Mm, that's good you're smarter than seventeen-year-old Bella.

Vanessa Yep, thank you. What about you Julia? [singing] Breaking news?

Julia Well, I feel like Jacob and Bella should kiss, my reason being is that I wanted them to, and so why didn't it happen?

Vanessa Yeah, I want everyone to kiss all the time.

Julia Did you want them to kiss when they were doing the like face close I feel emotion almost kiss?

Vanessa No, because I was distracted by Bella saying 'I can't say no now' I'm like yes you can! Like that really took me out of the moment. He would understand if she was like 'I might want this, I need a little more time to think' and if he doesn't then he sucks.

Julia Mhm

Vanessa So I just like got really distracted at that thought. But yeah, of course I want them to kiss, I want everyone to kiss. Everyone should be kissing. With consent.

Julia [giggles] So true. Okay. My other piece of breaking news is despite the scare we had earlier where it was Jacob was not gonna get new shoes, he did get new shoes, because as Bella and Alice sped away once again in the Mercedes Benz or BMW or whatever fancy car they have, she sees just like a flying piece of a sneaker pass the windshield as he turns into a werewolf.

Vanessa I often on like, hikes and stuff -- do you ever see this, like you see like one mitten that fell off of a kid, or something. But what always weirds me out is when you find a shoe.

Julia Mhm, mhm

Vanessa Like a mitten I get, but I'm always like HOW DID SOMEONE LEAVE A SHOE HERE? But that mystery has been solved: werewolves.

Julia There're werewolves, yeah. They're out there.

Vanessa Okay, did you have a moment of genuine enjoyment? I feel like we need a song for genuine enjoyment, like is it the sound of a sigh, like 'ahhh'?

Julia Laughing That was too sexy, Vanessa, I can handle that kind of noisemaking.

Vanessa Oh I didn't mean to be sexy, I meant it to be like, getting onto a couch at the end of a long day [sighs again]

Julia [Laughing] Getting onto Jacob's arm after a long day.

Vanessa Laughing Exactly! Oh, that is sexy. Nevermind, okay. I'll brainstorm what sound effect we should do for genuine enjoyment. Feel free to write in with ideas for that too, folks. We wanna hear from you! We need a line for people to call. Okay, what did you genuinely enjoy?

Julia I loved when Bella showed another moment of growth. She's thinking about what will happen when Alice eventually leaves, before all of the Edward drama happens, and she goes 'I would metaphorically die.' I'm like oh my god, pages and pages of her saying she's literally going to die from things that don't seem actually terminal, she finally puts in that she's only being metaphorical. She's really trying to get a handle on the drama in her life, which is great because a lot of drama is about to happen, so to like pare down the unnecessary drama is really gonna serve her.

Vanessa And you, cause you were confused about it.

Julia Yeah, so I was happy about that. Um, what about you?

Vanessa a I love that even though Bella is in the middle of fainting, she gets mad that Jacob swore. She's mid-faint, and he says some boring curse word like 'oh crap,' or something, and she's like 'ugh, that must have been his friends, and I don't like it.' I'm like, 'just faint, you don't need to judge other people's holy oaths while you're fainting. Just faint.'

Julia They're not holy oaths, they're low oaths.

Vanessa Oh yeah [laughing], they're the opposite of a holy oath.

[both laugh]

Vanessa Yeah!

Julia Bella's like 'No praying in my presence! No holy oaths.'

Vanessa Okay great. Good work Julia, thank you. Do you have anything else that you genuinely enjoyed?

Julia Yeah, there's a moment when Bella is not being able to process what Edward's phone call means, which I can understand cause it seemed like, pretty low key. She's like 'he'll call back and we'll say I'm alive!' [laughing] And like, Alice really ominously says 'he's going to Italy' which in any other context sounds delightful? And here it's so funny that it's like the worst thing in the world. It's like "Oh, he's going to Italy? Like, can he bring me back some olive oil?' It's like 'NO, he's going to ITALY.'" It was great.

Vanessa I thought you were going to say ' Can I come?' because I bet he's staying in a really nice hotel, and you love really nice hotels.

Julia Yeah, Yeah. He's totally pampering himself.

[transition noise]

Vanessa Okay what advice do you have?

Julia My first piece of advice is like one of the earliest lines in this chapter. Jacob is mad at the door, and Bella says, "It brought back that awful afternoon, when he'd chosen Sam over me. I felt my chin jerk up defensively in response." So my advice to Bella is about how to navigate friend groups in different cliques. I think it also applies to Jacob, because they seem to think that whenever they go from hanging out with one specific person, to hanging out with anyone else in the world, it betrays their friendship. And that's just not the case. And it seems like Bella knows this a little bit, because she'll like, sit with Jessica during math class, and she won't be like 'and now I'm cheating on Edward.' It's just like they need to detangle what it's like to have different relationships with different kinds of people. Because it's not betrayal to like, go into your house and see Alice. Like that doesn't mean that you can Jacob are done forever.

Vanessa Wait a minute. Are you telling me that you have other friends?

Julia No, I'm just saying that if I did have other friends, it would be okay.

Vanessa It wouldn't, though.

Laughing

Vanessa You forbid me from having other friends named Julia.

Julia Yeah, obviously. There can only be one and it's me. [laughing] That's totally reasonable.

Vanessa Okay. [Laughing]

Julia Friends with different names: permitted. Friends with the same name: not permitted. There cannot be more than two Jacobs, we would be so confused. [Vanessa giggles] What's your first piece of advice?

Vanessa I actually, this is like a little bit of a freebie. So I'm going to give three pieces of advice today because this first one I'm just like, stealing. But Jacob gives great advice in this chapter, at the end of this chapter he's goes 'Don't die!' And I'm just like 'that's great advice Jacob!' So I just wanna lift that up. I just wanna lift up that wisdom! Don't die. Don't, eighteen year old Bella, die just by going to Italy. Bad idea, don't do it.

Julia I second. Do you have any real advice, like do you want to be creative and think of your own thing now?

Vanessa Yea my next piece of advice is for Alice, and it's: don't be mean to Rosalie! So like, Alice calls Rosalie and is like 'Oh my god, did you tell Edward that Bella was dead?' and Rosalie is like 'yeah, of course i did, you said she was dead. And I'm super happy that she's dead, because she was bad news bears, and like super annoying!' And Alice yells at Rosalie for that, and like, Rosalie was just misinformed. And, really it's generous to be the person who like shares the bad news. Nobody wants to be that person. It's not Rosalie's fault that Alice shared too firmly that Bella was dead.

Julia I have so many opinions. I kind of thought Rosalie was stirring the pot, but I was in favour of that. I was like 'yeah do it.' let him know. His plan was unsuccessful. He only caused more problems.

Vanessa [laughing] Okay fine, then still don't-- my advice still stands. Don't be mean to Rosalie.

Julia However to invalidate both of our advice, it does seem a little suspect that she seems to have like, extensively tracked him down just to share the news, you know. Like I can imagine her gloating a little bit.

Vanessa Oh, no! If like, Peter died and I was travelling, I would like for you to really go out of your way to find me to tell me [nervous laughing]

Julia Okay but your... your ex-boyfriend?

Vanessa Sure, if like Tony who I dated when I was like, twenty, dies, like no one needs to tell me.

Julia Like I'll disrupt your vacation and be like 'Tony's dead, sucker!'

[both laughing]

Vanessa It would actually make me sad, he's so young. Uhm. Okay what other advice do you have?

Julia So my second piece of advice is to Edward. I've really taken up the role of his financial planner, telling him who to give money to at any given time. So, my advice is that for the emotional hardship that he's inflicted on Bella's family, he should pay for Renee and Phil to have a destination wedding on a beach in Mexico -- we heard those plans fell through, because Renee can't plan. He can hire a wedding planner and she can renew those vows that she's always dreamed to! Doesn't that sound nice?

Vanessa That's so nice, so like a- an anniversary vow renewal. Cause they're married.

Julia Mhm. A destination vow renewal.

Vanessa I love that idea. Can we come? I would totally go to that.

Julia Do you think Phil would try to talk to us about baseball though, like I might have to leave early.

Vanessa Yeah that's fine though, because Edward would definitely send us on the private jet.

Julia Thank you, that would be my first time.

Vanessa [laughing] Me too! It would also be our last time.

Julia I mean if we do a really good job at wedding guest, don't you think they would like, send us to more weddings, just around the world? Listeners, if you have a private jet, we would go on it. Just so you know.

Vanessa And if you have a wedding that you wanna send us on a private jet to, we are a delight at weddings -- we are on the dance floor the whole time.

Julia We probably won't go to your wedding, though.

Vanessa If they fly us to it?

Julia Okay, yeah. Sure. Listeners - the first person with a private jet is the only one whose wedding we'll go to. There're other listeners with a private jet, so you have to act fast - we'll only go to one.

[Transition chime]

Vanessa Okay, do you wanna hear my second piece of advice?

Julia Yeah please!

Vanessa My second piece of advice is to the Volturi. Don't let other people use you to do their dirty work

Julia Mhm

Vanessa Like, the Volturi is just this like, innocent vampire cult who's like trying to live its life in Italy, and Edward is like 'I'm gonna go and instigate a fight to use them to kill me.' Like don't do it Volturi! The way to piss off Edward is to do nothing. Don't fall for the bait!

Julia How does one become an innocent vampire cult? As opposed to a guilty vampire cult? If they're murdering people.

Vanessa I don't actually know anything about the Volturi yet. [laughing] So maybe they're not innocent. What I mean is that they are just going about their business, they're not...

Julia They're like, self sufficient.

Vanessa Like, they're not in Edward's life, right? Like they're just living their lives and Edward's going to come and disrupt shit. And then they're like, gonna do him a favour because he disrupted their lives. I just think like, yank him by the ear and like make him drink some human blood. Subvert expectations at every turn, Vulture.

Julia Mmm... that would provide a lot of fodder for the books. But we know that that would not deter Bella from dating Edward because she's said that even if Edward was an active murderer, she would still love him.

Vanessa Yeah, you're really bothered by that.

Julia How can you not be!?

Vanessa It would be like being upset that Walter White cooks meth.

Julia [Snort laugh]

Vanessa Like, he does that in the first episode; if it upsets you, don't watch.

Julia [Laughing] Okay I'm gonna stop reading. Thanks, thanks for the permission.

[Transition chime]

Vanessa I have some like bonus advice, that are just like, very short. Can I go through my extra pieces of advice?

Julia Sure.

Vanessa Everybody, stop telling Bella she smells bad, everybody keeps doing it.

Julia I think we've said that for the last three episodes!

Vanessa Well like, last warning everyone. Stop it. Stop it, stop it. It's so hurtful to tell people they smell bad. The only reason to tell someone they smell bad is if like, they are like, sick and can't smell it themselves, or like they're old and like aren't showering enough, like - if you're afraid they're going to embarrass themselves, tell them they smell bad. But if you just don't like their perfume, that's a you problem. I don't like it. My second piece of advice is to Alice: don't use the word 'dog' as a slur. She calls Jacob a dog and I'm pretty sure she means it as an insult, and it's actually the highest compliment.

Julia I mean, same with Bella calling Mike a Golden Retriever in a mean way. No wonder they're friends. They're cat people! I don't know why we can't just put that through our heads. They're cat people.

Vanessa Okay okay I get it.

Julia Do you have anything in your Twilight diary?

Vanessa So Jacob takes Bella's face in both hands, which I feel like is very controlling, and then Bella goes, 'Alice what's wrong?' And says I put my hands on her face to try to calm her. And like, no one try to calm me like that. I don't know, I'm just saying that I guess I'm not a face toucher, so this isn't a regular part of my life, but this is going on elsewhere. Like the only face I touch regularly is Rory's, because she likes a chin scratch.

Julia I mean you're not even supposed to touch your own face that much. One - COVID, two because the oils from your hands can clog your face pores and give you acne. So to touch someone else is like, you know, here are my germs, here's my dirty oils. You know Alice has

pretty perfect skin so it's less of an issue because she's dead. But for alive people you definitely shouldn't touch their face.

Vanessa So you're saying this isn't going on more often than I think it is.

Julia I can't recall the last time someone touched my face.

Vanessa Okay, that makes me feel better. Did you have anything your Twilight diary?

Julia I'm just like perpetually confused about, in the year of our lord 2005 when this book takes place, why all these richy rich people don't have pink Motorola Razrs. Like, call Edward and be like 'hey she's alive,' put her on the phone.

Vanessa He ditched his phone somewhere in South America.

Julia Oh, okay. Um my Twilight diary is that I didn't read the chapter closely.

[Laughing]

[Transition chime]

Vanessa What do you have in your care package Julia?

Julia So I'm gonna send Bella some Cheezits, because those are objectively the best plane snack, and people can fight me.

Vanessa Agreed!

Julia Okay well Vanessa can't fight me. Other people could hypothetically fight me. And so she can eat them on her journey from Washington to Italy, which I'm pretty sure will take a pretty long time in the air.

Vanessa Yeah it's like a twelve hour flight.

Julia Mhm. What are you gonna give her?

Vanessa I have two things for her care package, because Cheezits are pretty cheap, so I feel like we have extra money in the budget. One is I wanna get her like a tear-ometer (?) because she never knows when she's crying. So I feel like some sort of bell should go off when she's crying cause it always catches her by surprise, and I want her to be more in touch with her emotions. And then the other thing is I think that as part of my like clothes everywhere strategy for the wolves, Jacob should keep a pair of shoes at Bella's, like eight pairs of extra shoes. And

since we have the extra funds, I'm just gonna keep eight pairs of extra shoes at Bella's for Jacob.

Julia That's really nice.

Vanessa We built them that mud room, there's space.

Julia So what do you think is going to happen next chapter? Do you think Edward's gonna die?

Vanessa I'm not so sure what's gonna happen next chapter, but I'll tell you what I hope is gonna happen. Gelato.

Julia Great idea.

Vanessa Right? Some stracciatella, mmmm.

Julia She could have some gnocchi. It could be like a food tour of Italy

Vanessa Ugh, prosecco?

Julia Tortellini?

Vanessa Pizza?

Julia Cannoli?

[Theme music starts]

Vanessa This has been Twilight in Quarantine, a fancy private jet from Hot and Bothered. This episode and all episodes are executive produced by Ariana Nicole Nettleman, and produced by Ariana Martinez. This show was conceived of as a vampire baby by Julia Grace Argy, and I'm Vanessa Miriam Zoltan, and I am standing outside of your balcony, comparing you to the moon. We are a production of Not Sorry Productions, and are distributed by A-Cast. Thanks everyone!

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