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A stinging blurry light was what woke me up, I hissed and withdrew from the blinding incandescent spotlight, my body didn't feel quite right. What happened last night? My memory is foggy but I remember working in my lab late one night; When- my eyes- they beheld an eerie sight, for my monster from his slab began to rise- and suddenly to my surprise, he did the mash, he did the monster ma- wait no- no. He did not in fact do the monster mash, it was more accurately a jugular dash; for the monster- the vampire- rose from his slab and immediately lunged for my throat.

As I regained my bearings, I realized I was still in my makeshift basement laboratory, only a completely messed up version of it with broken glass and my studies on vampirology littering the floor soaking up the puddles of spilled chemicals. But the culprit of this mess- the one who bit me was nowhere to be found. I Checked my reflection in a puddle, my neck wound- two tiny red holes the size of pinpricks, a trademark sign of vampiric infection. While I was studying vampires to find a cure to save humanity, I supposed I was now also finding a cure to save myself. I felt a pang of craving, not coming from my stomach but from my heart. As expected- I needed blood. Finding a cure can wait- first, I have to keep myself alive.

There are several ways in which I could go about satiating my hunger. I could walk up to a person and bite their neck and start feeding, however this would go against the rules of Kantianism. I would be doing this as a means to an end- surviving so that I can find the cure to vampirism- Kantian morals go against that and state that human beings should never be used

as a means to an end. This, on the other hand, would not break the rules of Utilitarianism in which you should choose the decision that results in the greatest amount of happiness. If I go up to a person and suck their blood, I would survive, which means I could create the cure to vampirism and save all the people who would have turned into vampires had I not survived, therefore resulting in the greatest amount of happiness.

There is another way to go about feeding as a vampire. Vampires in this universe have the ability to shapeshift into the vampire bat. The vampire bat feeds on sleeping mammals by making a small cut on the mammal and lapping up the blood, the animal, or in this case human does not feel the cut and the wound is so small that they never would suspect that anything took advantage of their blood. Doing this would follow the rules of Utilitarianism because the human would have no idea they were fed upon and I would be satiated. This might also follow the rules of Kantianism- Because I am an animal with no rational according to Kant- the rules of Kantianism would not apply to me. Therefore I could drink all the blood I wanted as a bat.

Since the vampire bat method followed the rules of both Kantianism and Utilitarianism, I decided on the bat method. While I waited for nightfall, I used my daylight hours to practice changing into a bat and flying. While it took some getting used to- I took to it easily. When the time finally came, I used my abilities to change myself into a bat and used my newfound wings to fly out my window. Now, all i needed to do was find a sleeping human host, the person needed to be unconscious so they don't suspect anything to follow the rules of utilitarianism.

I come to an open window and find a sleeping woman inside. I lightly crawl to her ankle and make a small incision with a sharp tooth. I lap up the delicious blood until my belly feels full. The woman does not stir once, and when she wakes up in the morning she will dismiss the small wound as nothing, if she even notices it at all. I fly out the window silently.

By turning into a vampire bat and sucking the blood of sleeping people, I found a consistent source of food to survive. As long as I don't get caught, the vampire bat method

would follow the rules of both Kantianism and utilitarianism. Now I just need to resume my search for the cure to vampirism and feed every couple days in order to stay alive.