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## **Interview with Serafina**

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Thank you for meeting with me to discuss a few things. I know you are a busy girl, so I appreciate the time.

1. Now that you can shape-shift into a panther, do you spend most of your nights that form?

*Some nights, but not most. I remain a girl most of the time. It makes my Pa nervous when I am in my panther form, and I might spook the guests if I walk around the estate as a giant cat.*

2. Do you prefer to be in your human form, or your panther form better?

*I feel like myself when I am either way. I love the freedom of running through the woods as a panther and being able to utilize my true skills, but when I'm just a girl, I get to interact with my friends and fit into this human world where I never did before.*

3. What is the coolest thing about being a catamount?

*The coolest thing is definitely the speed that I have! I love to run through the woods and know that I can outrun many of the other creatures out there. But it's also great that I get to experience the best of both worlds, where most people only get one.*

4. If you could shape-shift into another kind of animal, what would it be and why?

*I think I would like to be a hawk! They are so beautiful and fierce! And who wouldn't want to soar through the skies??*

5. Braeden is your best friend. If someone would have told you one year ago that you would befriend the young master at Biltmore Estate, would you have believed it?

*Never in a million years! The only friend I ever had was Pa, and I would have sworn that it would be that way forever. I never thought I would have any friends since my existence was a secret. But even if I would have expected to make a friend, I never would've dreamed that it would end up being Braeden Vanderbilt!*

6. Did you ever expect some much to happen in your life in such a short amount of time?

*Nope, not at all! It is crazy how things happen though.*

7. Now that we know that Braeden has some sort of ability to heal wounded animals, do you think he could heal you if you were ever hurt?

*We have never tried it, and we still don't know exactly what we are dealing with when it comes to Braeden's powers, but I'm sure he would try if he needed to. But for the most part, I'm one tough cookie and can heal just fine on my own.*

8. You grew up in a basement and remained hidden most of your life. How hard has it been to adjust to not having to hide anymore?

*It was more difficult at first, and I'm still trying to figure it all out, but I'm adjusting quite well. I still think it's weird when I'm walking around the house in the*

*daylight and pass people that I always hid away from. But I'm sure it will always seem a bit weird.*

9. The ballroom in Biltmore is absolutely stunning! Which part of Biltmore Estate is your favorite?

*Biltmore is beautiful, isn't it? But with all its beauty, I still appreciate the outside of it most of all. The gardens and the forests are where I find the most peace and beauty.*

10. Do you still spend a lot of time chasing rats out of the house?

*Yes, every night just about! CRC will always be my job, and I take my job seriously. Gotta earn my keep around here!*

11. Have you picked up any new hobbies now that you don't have to hide all day?

*Braeden keeps trying to get me to learn how to horseback ride, but I told him that cats don't belong on a horse's back! He thinks I will ride one day though. I think the only thing I do more now, but it isn't much of a hobby, is stalk the woods at night to make sure there are no more evil forces headed this way.*

12. Essie has also become a good friend of yours. Is it nice having a female friend that isn't an evil owl?

*Very much so! I should've kept my gut feeling about Rowena when I first met her. But Essie is nothing like that. She is kind and humble and has never looked at me like I don't belong. Essie is a great friend and I'm lucky to have her.*

13. You mentioned once that you wondered if Lady Rowena would have turned out differently had she not craved her father's approval so badly. Do you really think there could have been good in her after all?

*I think there was good in her. I think he pa just shared his greed and hatred all her life, so she had no choice but to end up like him. She just got unlucky with her family, I guess.*

14. Do you think that you and your Pa will always live at Biltmore in the basement?

*The basement has always been home. We are healthy and happy and have been allowed to stay. I don't think that will change anytime soon.*

15. Waysa is a new friend of yours who is also a young catamount. He originally wasn't welcomed by your mother, but they soon became allies. Do you think he will stay now that he has you guys, or do you think he will find a territory of his own?

*He is going to stay for a while, I think. My mother has taken him as her own, even though he could technically be on his own now. He likes us and likes it here, and I hope that he stays.*

16. If you had one wish for the people who live at Biltmore, what would it be?

*I would wish them all a lifetime of happiness, health, and peace. I truly hope no more evil comes and tries to take it away from them again, but now that I realize how much evil exists in this world, I'm not so sure. That's why I must stay and always protect them.*

Thank you so much again for your time, Serafina!

