

# NOVA

## REVISED AUDITION SCENE

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INTRO NOVA

**START**

ZED  
Hi! I'm Z-

FLIP-FLIP-FLIP! The WARRIOR TEEN SUMMERSAULTS AROUND ZED.

She seems to be able to harness the power of the sun itself to blind him, and uses her strength and speed to take him down! The LIGHT dissipates, and we see she has Zed thoroughly immobilized and tied up.

ZED (CONT'D)  
(winded from getting his  
butt kicked)  
Zed. I'm Zed. Hi. Ow.

We now clearly see, standing over Zed, NOVA. She's 16, and she is nobody you want to mess with, ever. She is flanked by DAYWALKERS. They are all dressed for imminent battle, and covered ALMOST HEAD TO TOE (gloves, hoods up, etc.)

DAYWALKER 1  
VAMPIRE!

NOVA  
STAND DOWN!

The Daywalkers IMMEDIATELY relax.

ZED  
Wow, nice crowd control. What's  
going on here?

NOVA  
I ask the questions.

ZED  
Sure, okay, makes sense. Here's a  
NON-question: If you have a name, I  
would like to know it.

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NOVA  
 (sighs)  
 It's Nova.

ZED  
 Nova, hi! Zed, Zombie. Football  
 star, generally well-liked. Why are  
 these people calling me a Vampire?

NOVA  
 Because apparently they've  
 forgotten that Vampires explode  
 like fireworks in the sunlight.  
 Which you have not. HE'S A ZOMBIE.  
 NOT A VAMPIRE. CHILL OUT.

The Daywalkers stand back. Nova unties Zed.

ZED  
 You're in charge here, I assume.

NOVA  
 Second in command. My Dad,  
 Commander Bright, is Sunnyside's  
 leader. We're Daywalkers.  
 (gestures to moonstone)  
 Our Lightstone gives us the power  
 to harness the sun. Vampires are  
 our sworn enemies and you're lucky  
 you're not one.

ZED  
 (rubs eyes)  
 Yeah, no kidding! Well, look, I've  
 already taken up too much of your  
 time, so if you know anyone with a  
 tow truck or-

He looks around, and for the first time notices an ORCHARD OF  
 SICKLY, DYING TREES.

ZED (CONT'D)  
 Whoa. I don't think you guys are  
 watering those enough.

NOVA  
 You've met us during our darkest  
 hour, Zombie Zed. These trees used  
 to bear Blood-Fruit, which was our  
 town's only source of food. But  
 that was before the Vampires  
 started "the pulse".

ZED

The pulse?

NOVA

Flashes of light in the sky, this strange low hum... it's been happening for weeks and...

She gestures to the dead trees.

NOVA (CONT'D)

Caused this. It's killing our trees. Destroying our fruit.

ZED

Oh, wow. That must have been what messed with my Z-Band and the car! My friends and I got stranded.

NOVA

Well, then, you can join us in our battle! Help us STOP the Vampires and the pulse once and for all. While the daylight is on our side...WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK!

ZED

Uh, wish I could squeeze in a little battle but I really gotta get back-

Just then we hear from offscreen-

COMMANDER BRIGHT (O.S.)

NOVA!

We see the town patriarch (and Nova's dad), COMMANDER BRIGHT, approaching. He is flanked by a couple of GUARDS, and his son/Nova's younger brother, RAY (14). Commander Bright is FURIOUS!

COMMANDER BRIGHT (CONT'D)

Nova, what have I told you? Upon the first sight of ANY outsider, you detain them, and come get me, IMMEDIATELY!

Nova's "tough warrior kid" front softens.

NOVA

But DAD, I had the situation under control! And he's harmless!

ZED  
I mean I wouldn't say "harmless"...

NOVA  
QUIET!

RAY  
Dad! I saw the whole thing from my window! Nova was awesome! She was all like "Flip flip flip!"

NOVA  
Thanks, lil bro.

COMMANDER BRIGHT  
NO MATTER! He could've been a Vampire spy!

NOVA  
He is OBVIOUSLY not a Vampire, dad! He can survive the rays of the sun, and also Vampires are all pale and weird. He's green and weird.

ZED  
So flattering.

COMMANDER BRIGHT  
It's the PRINCIPLE, Nova! If you want to be the town's next leader, you need to put your people first. Protect first. Think second.

**END**