

Alex Deveraux

Have you ever read a book and wanted to know more about the character? Me too. So, I decided to go behind the scenes and conduct an interview with Alex Deveraux , the most powerful woman in America. Here's what she had to say.

1. Alex Deveraux, tell me a little about yourself. Where are you from? Is there anything you would like your fans to know about you that maybe wasn't revealed in your story?

I'm from New York and as you know I grew up a Deveraux. Mom married Luke when I was little and my life was amazing. Then, a couple of years ago things spiraled out of control. Mom died and a year later, Luke followed. I guess the one thing I hope my fans know is that I'm doing my best. Sometimes I get overwhelmed and wonder if I'm doing enough or if I'm the right person for the job. My warriors keep telling me I'm too hard on myself, but my people are depending on me. I just hope I can rise to the challenge and win this war before we have more casualties.

2. Where did you grow up and what was your childhood like?

For those of you that have been reading our story, you know my childhood memories are pretty sketchy. I'm slowly remembering that I had a wonderful childhood with an amazing father who loved me. We lived on a small farm surrounded by family and I was lucky enough to have so many happy adventures with my father and my two cousins.

3. What makes Alex Deveraux so special?

That's a hard question. Many fae believe I am special because of my lineage. They think being the Fae Queen makes me special. I'm not so sure about that. My title comes with tremendous responsibility. Then, those around me keep saying that being a healer makes me special. I have to admit I'm beginning to believe them. Without my gift, I would have already lost family and friends. But again, my gift is also a burden. I keep wishing I could have done more. I can't always get there fast enough to save those who need me. I think maybe the thing that makes me so special is that I was the daughter of Luke and Marlena Deveraux. They were truly special people and I was so lucky to have them as role models.

4. Tell me about your reputation and how it has impact your life and your relationship.

I guess that depends. Are you talking about my reputation today? Or a few months ago. Mom thought she was doing the right thing by hiding me from her people. I guess I can't say if she was right or wrong, just that her efforts to help me have a normal life made it more difficult for my people to accept me. When I first learned our family secret, my reputation wasn't all that great. The fae, the warriors, nobody knew me and we all know in the absence of facts, people believe the worst. I think my rep is improving as the community gets to know me but I guess you would have to ask the fae that question to know for sure. As far as how it has impacted my life and relationships? I guess it has made me more driven. I feel like I have to prove myself worthy, to the warriors, to my community, to the other species battling alongside us in this war. I tend to put a lot of pressure on myself and expect perfection.

5. Do you have any regrets? Is there anything you wished you had done differently?

My biggest regret is moving to Italy after mom died. If I hadn't run away, I would have had more time with Luke before he died. I keep wondering if I had stuck around if my gift would have developed earlier. I'll never know if I could have saved Luke's life if I had only been here to help.

6. Where do you see yourself in five years?

I know where I would like to be. Here in New York, living in peace. Once the war is over I want to travel the world and meet the other Kings and Queens and their council's. Then I'd like to settle in and try to start a family. I can't wait to have a little Dimitri running around our home.

7. If there was one thing you could change about your past, what would it be?

I would have liked to have been a part of my world from the beginning. It's something I had no control over, mom decided for me. I wish she would have let me experience my entire life as a child, not just the human part.

8. If you could go anywhere with one person, who would you take and where would you go?

I was lucky, Luke took me and Thomas around the world starting at a very young age. So, there are many places I would love to revisit, but this time I'll do it with Dimitri. He is truly my soulmate and I can't wait to experience life with him by my side.

9. Describe something that happened to you for which you have no explanation.

I still can't explain how I saved Tanya. My gift is growing and I'm starting to understand it but back then it just happened. I have no idea how.

10. What was the best compliment you have ever received?

Victor's trust. He is such a complex and wounded individual. Having him trust me, completely, is the biggest compliment anyone could ever give me. Especially when you understand his history with women.

- 11. If you could have anyone locked in a room so that you could torment them for a day, whom would you choose and how would you torment them?**

I would have to say Radek. Although Lilith is a close second. They have both caused so many people heartbreak and pain. I would enjoy getting a little payback. How? By inflicting as much pain as possible before plunging a knife through their heart and ending their lives forever.

- 12. Would you rather be ugly and live forever or attractive and die in a year?**

Lucky for me, I don't have to make that choice. As a fae, I will basically live forever anyway. So, I'll take me just as I am.

- 13. If you could go to anyone (living or dead) for advice who would it be and what would you ask?**

That's easy, mom. I would love to have a long conversation with her about our people, their history, her choices and most of all for advice on how to fight this war against her son. I know there are so many things she could teach me if I only had the chance.

- 14. What is the weirdest thing about you? Are you proud of it or embarrassed?**

Well...I guess that depends on who you ask. If my high school friends knew my secret they would think that is the weirdest thing about me. And of course I am proud to be fae and of my healing gift. If you ask the warriors, they think this whole fuzzy future thing is weird and I have to admit I have mixed feelings about it. Their reaction makes me embarrassed, but as my ability grows I'm starting to be proud of who I am and what I can do.

15. Mountains or Beach?

Definitely mountains. I have visited a million beaches throughout my childhood but there is nothing more relaxing than a hike through the mountains. Nature is so peaceful and that is something I need in my life right now.

16. Who would you like to be stuck in an elevator with?

Dimitri. And that's all I'm going to say on the matter.

One follow up question. Are you blushing from a memory or a fantasy?

Alex just grins and remains completely silent. I guess that means this interview is over...for now.

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