The Slayer, the Witch, and the Coffin: Willow and Tara in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*

Summary:

Teenage blonde, Buffy Summers (Sarah Michelle Gellar), relocates to Sunnydale, California, which happens to be situated right on top of a “hellmouth,” also known as desired real estate for vampires, demons, and other monsters who go bump in the night. She gets by with a little help from her friends, Xander Harris (Nicholas Brendon) and Willow Rosenberg (Alyson Hannigan), as well as her Watcher, Rupert Giles (Anthony Stewart Head) and some other friends along the line, including Willow’s werewolf boyfriend, Oz (Seth Green).

Season 4 starts with the teens heading to UC Sunnydale. Oz and Willow break up, and later she meets Tara Maclay (Amber Benson) at the college Wicca club. They start dating and break up in season 6 due to Willow’s misuse of magic, but they reunite a few episodes later. At the end of season 6, Tara is accidentally shot and killed by nerdy bad guy Warren (Adam Busch), who intended on shooting Buffy. Willow turns to the dark side of magic and flays Warren alive. Her friends bring her back from the brink of darkness.