

The Ultimate Fourth Wing Hangover Cure

Your 2025/2026 Romantasy Survival Guide

(Grab your
TBR list,
you're going to
need it!)

Anatomy of a Book Hangover

Let's be real—we're all chasing a specific high.



Underestimated
But Lethal
Heroine

The
Obsession

Morally Grey
Shadow Daddy

*The competence kink!
The forced proximity!*

It isn't just the dragons.
It's the dynamic.

It's a guy who would literally burn the world down to keep her safe, but respects her enough to let her wield the matches.

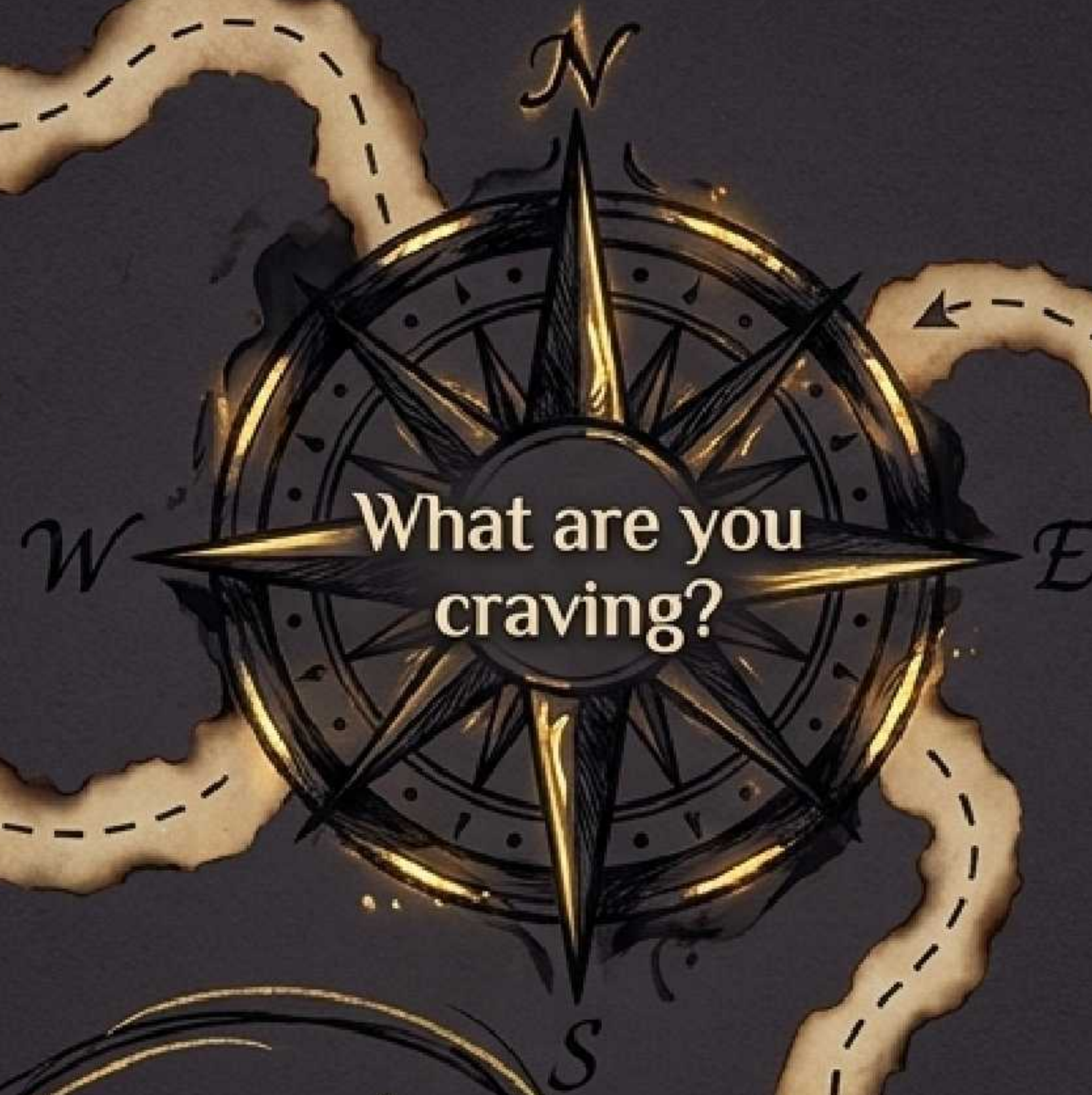
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Choose Your Next Fix



Giant creatures &
military camps
**The Animal
Bonds**

Cutthroat classes
& hidden powers
**The Lethal
Academies**



What are you
craving?



Reaping shadows &
impossible survival
**The Deadly
Trials**

Mist-cloaked
cathedrals & demons
**The Gothic
Rebellion**



*(Bring on the
touch-her-and-die
energy)*

Feed Your Animal Bond Cravings



The Pitch:

Meryn Cooper is a street fighter drafted into a brutal military academy where trainees must survive the Bonding Trials to link with vicious, massive direwolves—or die trying. Toss in a cold, feral instructor named Stark Therion and a dangerously handsome crown prince, and the tension is lethal.

Spice
Level



The DNA Match:

Animal bonding + Deadly military college + "Who did this to you?" energy.

The Target Reader:

Romance-First. If you want high spice, a delicious love triangle, and a morally grey instructor who hates everyone but her, clear your weekend.



Fantasy-First

The Spectrum



Romance-First





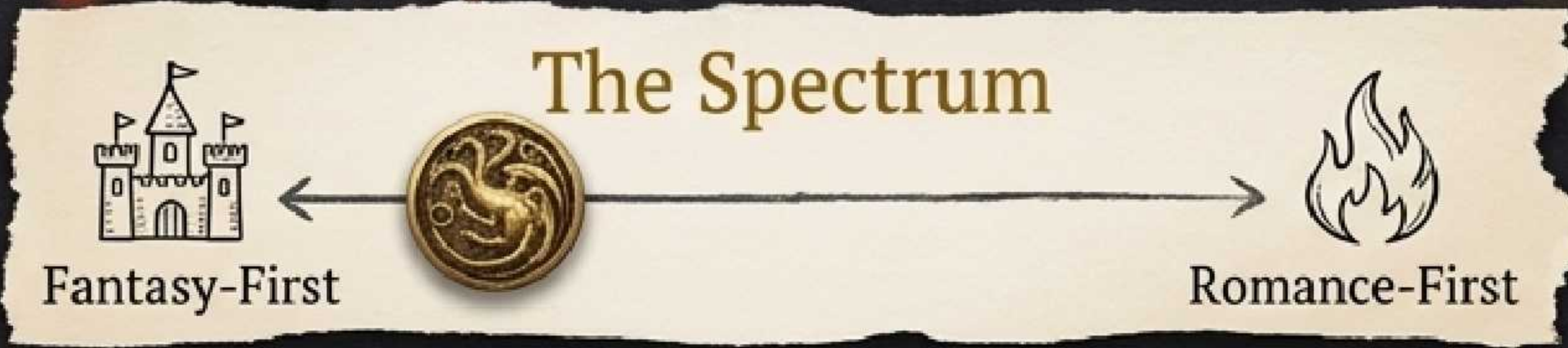
The Pitch:
Welcome to an alternate 1923 London where dragons soar the skies. Brilliant polyglot Vivien Featherswallow is recruited to a secret Bletchley Park-style facility to crack dragon codes—only to accidentally ignite a civil war.

The DNA Match:
Dragon riders + Political rebellion + Sneaky government secrets.

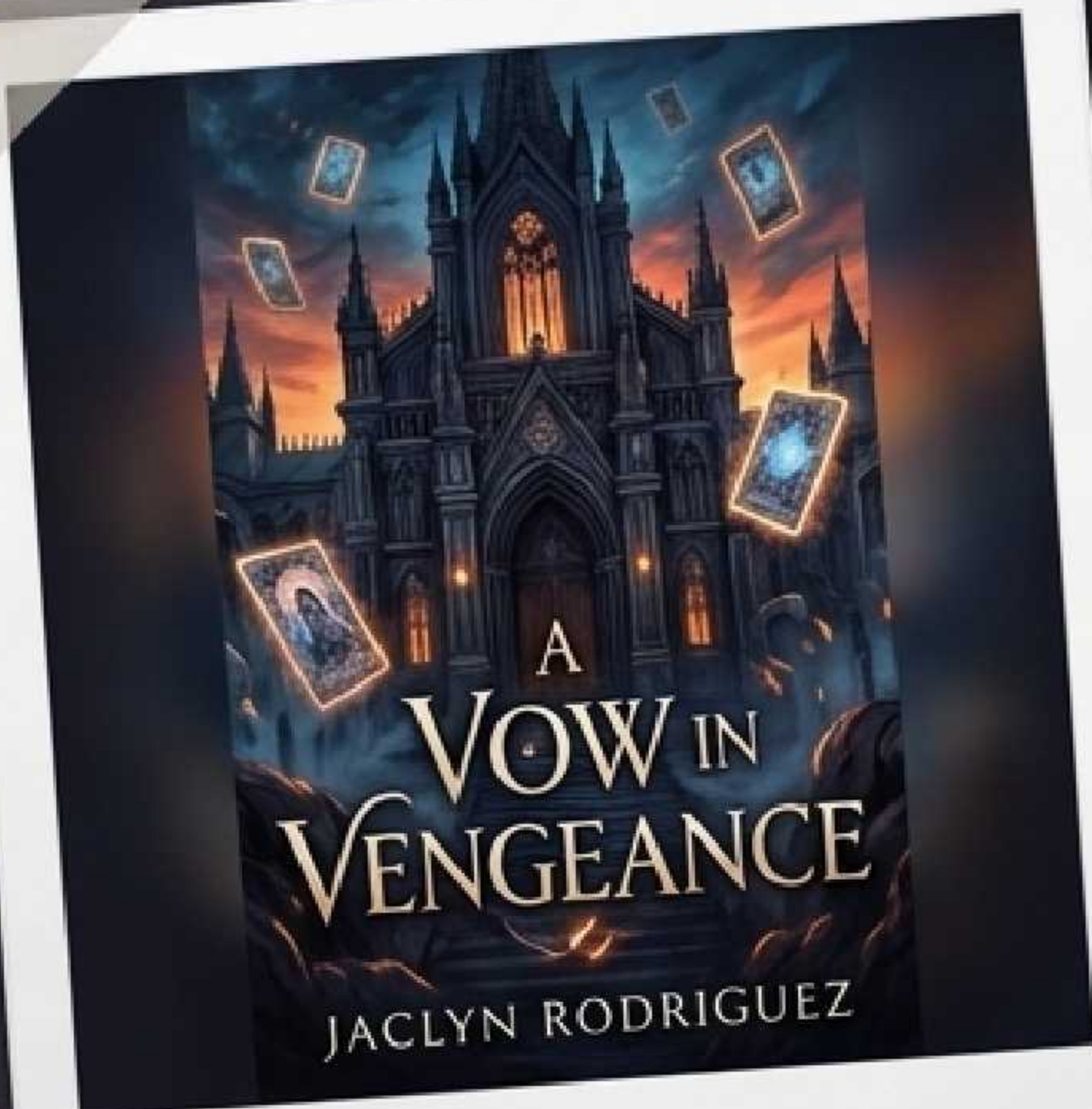
The Target Reader:
Fantasy-First. A slow-burn, plot-heavy ride. Perfect if you loved the political maneuvering, scribe-level nerdiness, and deep lore of Navarre.

Spice Level


Kissing only!



Survive the Lethal Academies



*Tarot
Magic!*

The Pitch:

At The Forge, a cutthroat college where students wield elusive tarot magic, Rune possesses the rarest power of all. This forces her into an alliance—and a fake fated-mates relationship—with Prince Draven, an arrogant, ruthlessly ambitious royal who happens to be the only other person who shares her magic.

The DNA Match:

Wingleader/Cadet forced proximity + Fake fated mates + Dangerous academy.

The Target Reader:

Balanced. The banter is immaculate, the tension is suffocating, and the enemies-to-lovers progression is completely earned without sacrificing the plot.

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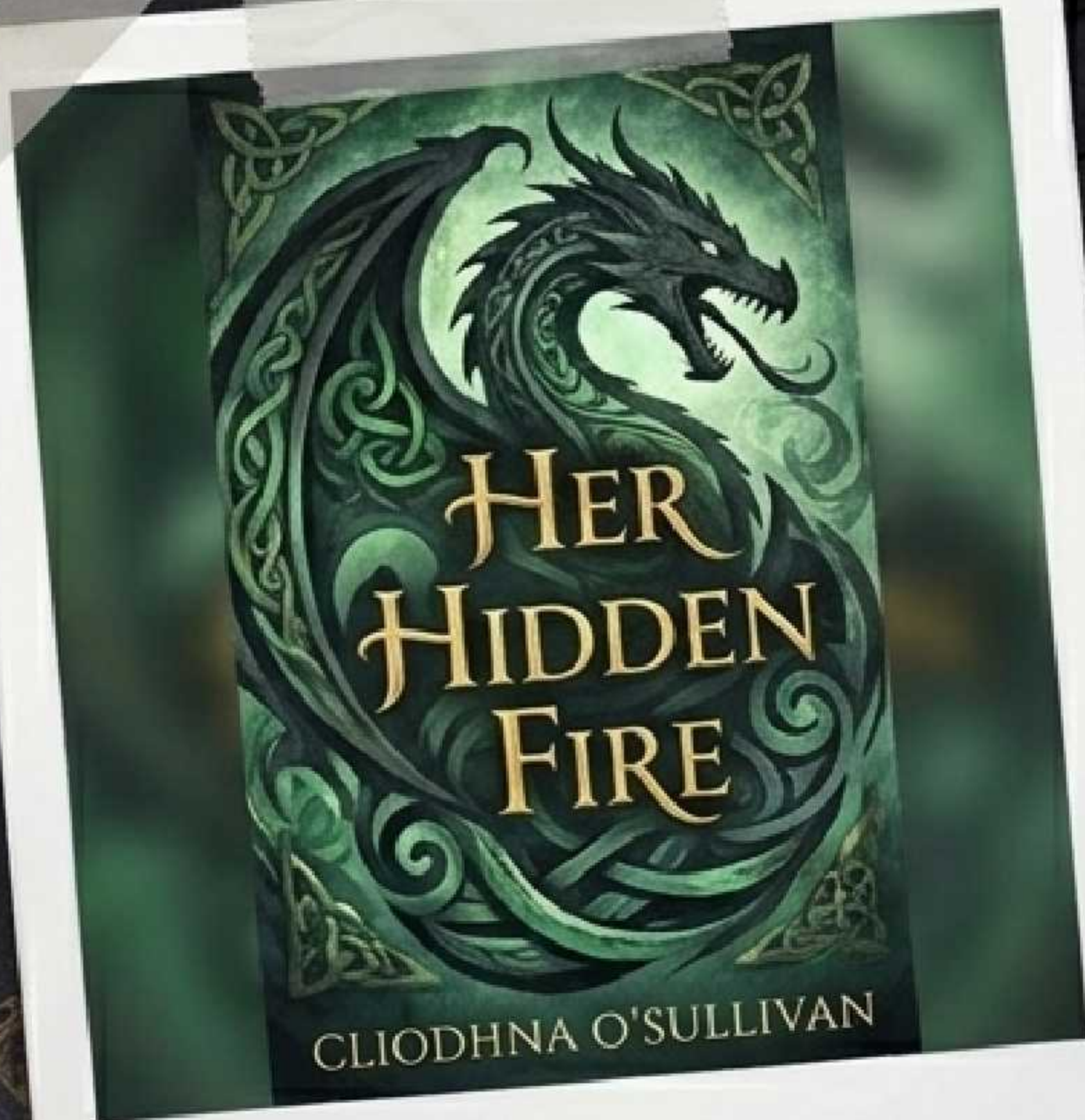


Balanced



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*Immaculate
Tension!*



The Pitch:

In a dragon-ruled world, servant girl Éadha secretly gives her rare magic to the lord's son she loves so he won't be exiled. Now they're both at a brutal magic academy, and she must hide her true power from every scheming master—especially the enigmatic new guy, Gry.

The DNA Match:

Secret/forbidden power + Magic school survival
+ Class rebellion.

The Target Reader:

Fantasy-First. An intricate YA crossover exploring the dark, life-draining cost of magic and systemic patriarchy, complete with top-tier love-triangle angst.

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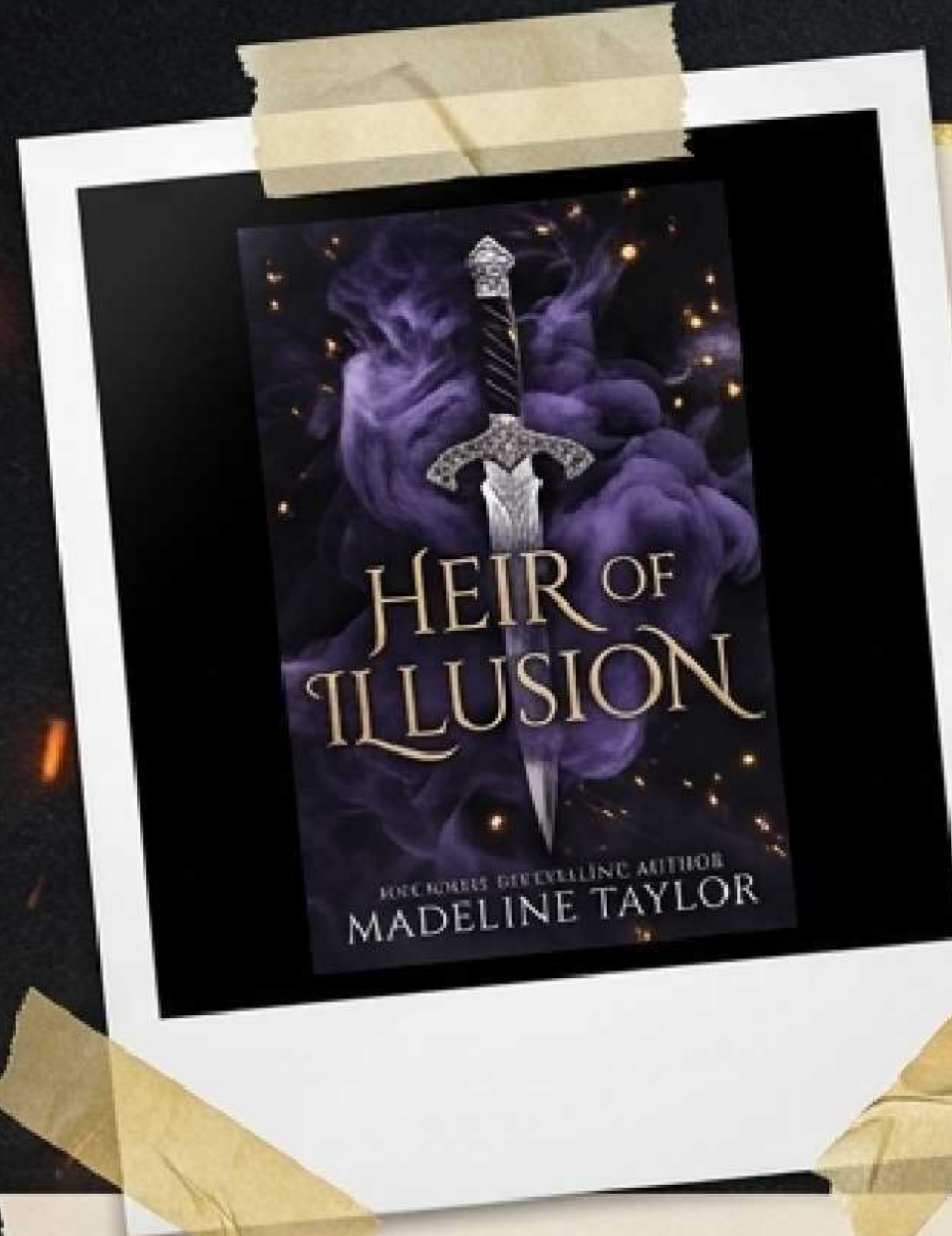


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Hunt for Shadow Daddies & Trials



*Ultimate
Shadow Daddy
Alert.*

The Pitch:

Ivy is a badass fae assassin with illusion magic, enslaved by a cruel king via an enchanted collar. When she teams up with Thorne—a mysterious, shadow-wielding grim reaper—to find a god-killing weapon, sparks and bodies fly.

The DNA Match:

“Touch her and die” + Reluctant allies to lovers + He falls first.

The Target Reader:

Romance-First. Open-door spice, rapid-fire banter, and a male lead who is completely, utterly obsessed with her from day one.

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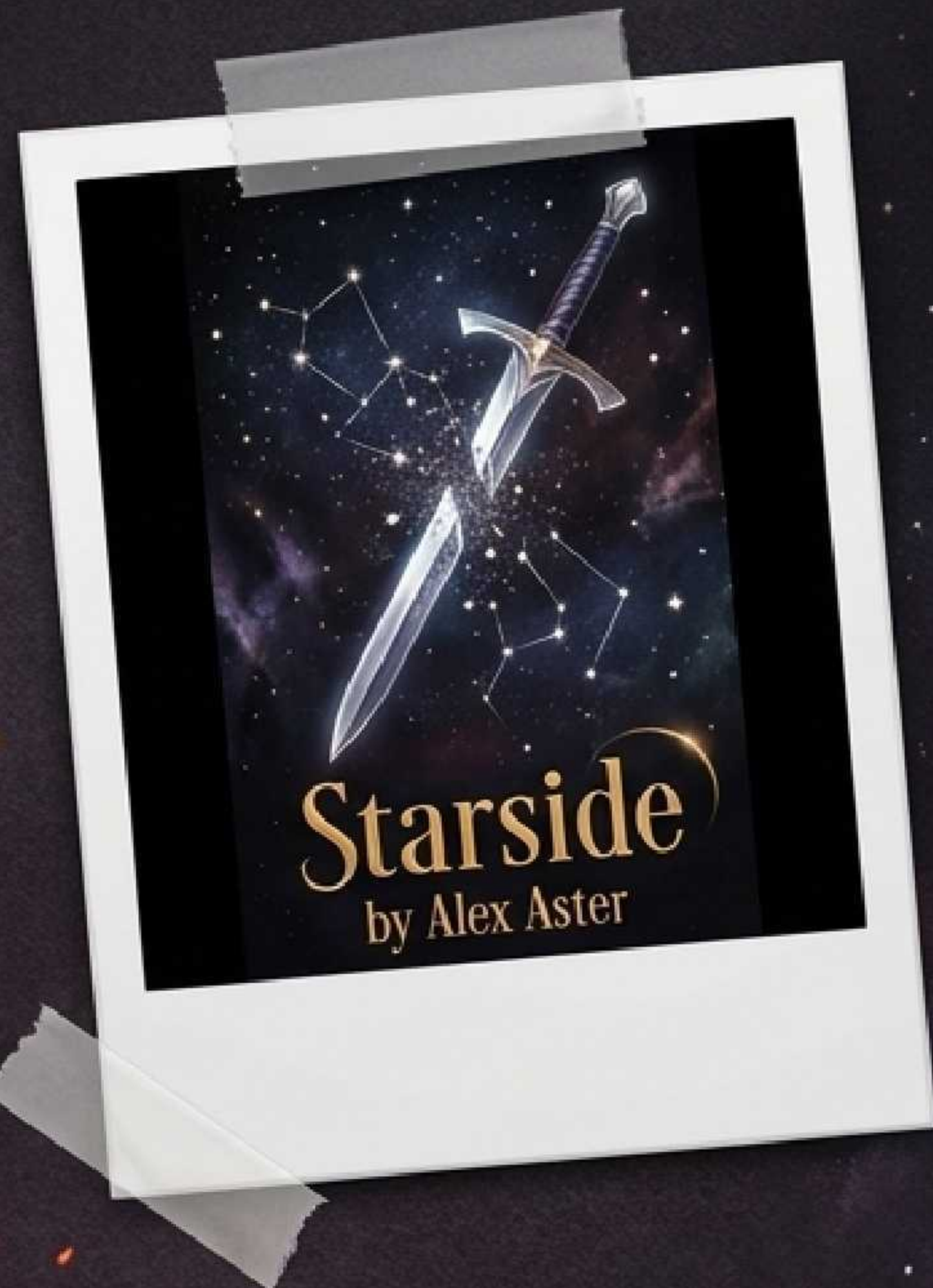


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The Pitch:

Mortal girl Aris enters a lethal 50-year competition against immortals to win a magical tool and enact her revenge on the gods. To survive, she has to team up with the king's brooding guard, Harlan Raker.

The DNA Match:

Deadly competition + Sentient weapons + "I hate everyone but you" guard.

The Target Reader:

Balanced. It gives massive Goblet of Fire meets Fourth Wing energy. The stakes are brutal, and absolutely no one is safe.



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The Pitch:

Princess Aella, an outcast raised in a secret spy network called the Aviary, must go undercover in a rival kingdom's deadly bridal trials. The catch? She has to report to her elite team leader—who just happens to be her former flame, Raven.

The DNA Match:

Lethal trials + Squad dynamics + Forbidden romance.

The Target Reader:

Balanced. Fast-paced, plot-heavy romantasy that perfectly nails the “found family” military squad vibes.



Craving Something Darker & Gothic?



gothic!

*curse
lore*

*blood
magic*

The Knight and the Moth

If you loved the Venin lore, start here. Diviners, cursed gothic cathedrals, foul-mouthed knights, and dark, atmospheric blood magic. A masterpiece of world-building.

(Fantasy-First)



chaos

*demonic
reality
show?!*

*immortal
wraith
+
banter*

Enchantra

Pure, unhinged chaos. Genevieve is trapped in a demonic reality show on a Tuscan estate, saved only by a marriage of convenience to Rowin Silver, an immortal shadow wraith. Immaculate banter.

(Romance-First)

The Romantasy Radar Matrix

S

S-Tier (Drop everything and read):

- 🔥 Dire Bound (The perfect wolf-bond successor)
- 🔥 Heir of Illusion (For peak shadow daddy cravings)
- 🔥 A Vow in Vengeance (For academy tension junkies)

A

A-Tier (Incredible, but know the vibe):

- 🏰 A Language of Dragons (S-tier for plot, but low spice)
- 🔥/🏰 Starside (High stakes, brutal action)
- 🔥/🔥 Songbird of the Sorrows (Great trials, romance is a subplot)

B

B-Tier (Solid reads with specific twists):

- 🏰 Her Hidden Fire (Great YA world-building, heavy love triangle)
- 🔥/🔥 Shield of Sparrows (Slow-burn monster hunting by Devney Perry)

*The ultimate
screenshot guide
for your next
bookstore run.*



**Don't just survive the book
hangover. Upgrade it.**

Happy reading, riders.

May the scribes record your reading speed!