

Comedic Fantasy

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SYNOPSIS

Adrianna Morticia is the spider princess, the eighth daughter of the eighth daughter, destined to marry a stranger and reclaim her ancestral home. But she doesn't want to be a pawn in a centuries-old feud between the spiderfolk and the flamehearts, the draconic army that occupies the floating castle above a volcano. She wants to be a hero, not a victim of a forced marriage and a prophecy.

When she arrives at the castle, she finds more than she bargained for: a prince who is not what he seems, a mystery that threatens to destroy the castle, and a war that could engulf the world. To survive, she must face her fears, forge unlikely alliances, and discover the truth about her heritage and her destiny.

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DEMOGRAPHICS: Fantasy Fans | Humor Seekers | Action Enthusiasts
COMP BOOKS: The Cruel Prince by Holly Black | The Name of the Wind by Patrick
Rothfuss | The Priory of the Orange Tree by Samantha Shannon | The Bone Witch by Rin Chupeco | The Goblin Emperor by Katherine Addison

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The Spider Princess

A cocktail with a bite and a twist.

Ingredients:

- 1 oz black rum,
- 1 oz coffee liqueur,
- 2 oz cream,
- 1/4 oz grenadine,
- whipped cream,
- chocolate shavings,
- and a cherry on top

Directions:

Fill a cocktail shaker with ice and add the rum, coffee liqueur, and cream. Shake well and strain into a martini glass. Drizzle the grenadine over the top to create a web-like pattern. Top with whipped cream, chocolate shavings, and a cherry.

Enjoy. This drink is perfect for celebrating a dark and twisted romance, or for drowning your sorrows after a doomed wedding. Cheers!

SIGNATURE DRINK

- Spider Dance by Toby Fox
- Dragonborn by Jeremy Soule
- Skeletons by Stevie Wonde
- Something Just Like This by The Chainsmokers and Coldplay
- Castle on the Hill by Ed Sheeran
- This is War by Thirty Seconds to Mar
- Hall of Fame by The Script and will.i.am
- A Sky Full of Stars by Coldplay
- Happily Ever After by Steven Universe

SPOTIFY MUSIC RECOMMENDATIONS

THIS GUIDE CONTAINS POSSIBLE SPOILERS FOR THIS BOOK IN THE DISCUSSION SECTION.

WARNING

- How does Adrianna's ability to Fold into a human form affect her sense of self and her relationship with others?
- What are the similarities and differences between the spiderfolk and the flamehearts? How do they view each other and why?
- How does the castle's history and magic influence the events and characters in the book? What is the significance of the title A Crown of Cobwebs?
- What are some of the challenges and conflicts that Adrianna faces throughout the book? How does she overcome them and what does she learn from them?
- What are some of the humorous and surprising moments in the book? How do they balance the darker and more serious aspects of the story?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1) What is the name of the castle that floats above a volcano?

2) What is the name of the spider princess who is supposed to marry the prince of the castle?

3) What is the name of the ability that allows Adrianna to transform into a human form?
4) What is the name of the army of draconic women who inhabit the castle?
5) What is the name of Adrianna's boyfriend who is not a thrall?
6) What is the name of Adrianna's sister who greets her at the castle door?
7) What is the name of the series that this book belongs to?
8) What is the name of the other series by the same author?
9) What is the name of the pact that was broken by the prince's ancestors?

TRIVIA QUESTIONS

*ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND AT THE END OF THIS DISCUSSION GUIDE



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1) Krag's Doom 2) Adrianna Morticia 3) Folding 4) Flamehearts 5) Asakusa 6) Ismina 7) The Wild Lands 8) Interstellar Spring 9) The Pact of the Thirteen Sorcerers

TRIVIA ANSWERS