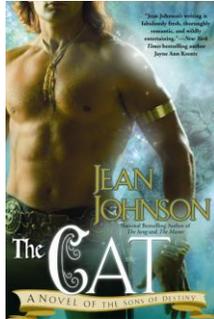


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Nightfall Isle - Concurrent with Earth Present

Four sets of fraternal twins born two years apart...exiled...but not defeated...*The Sons of Destiny*

Amara and her twin, Arora, are in dire straits when they reach the shores of Nightfall Isle. Circumstances have forced the sisters to flee their home. Arora is being hunted by those who wish to use her unique abilities to cause harm and damage. When the ship the two are on is forced into a destructive storm by their pursuers, only Amara's shapeshifting talents allow them to survive.

Trevan, the fifth-born of the Corvis brothers, finds them and convinces them to come to the castle he shares with his seven brothers and four sisters-in-law. Amara is quite hesitant to go with him, but knows that she and Arora have little choice. However, she does make her reluctance clear.

Amara encounters several things at the castle that irritate her. Among her own kind, she was royalty. She finds it very hard to be respectful to Kelly, the Earth-born wife of Saber, the eldest of the eight siblings. The fact that Kelly is the Queen of Nightfall is very difficult for Amara to comprehend. She also finds her growing attraction to Trevan impossible to accept. Avoiding Trevan is her main goal, and keeping Arora out of the vicinity of

Trevan's twin, Rydan, is her second priority. But, Trevan knows a way to win Amara's trust, and his dark, often surly, privacy-loving brother surprises them all with his gentleness with Arora.

The population of Nightfall Isle is growing as a new city is slowly arising on the ruins of one from long ago. Craftsmen, tradesmen, and those just wanting a new start have accepted the invitation to help make Nightfall a thriving place to be. Of course, the busybodies from Katan are still trying to devise a way to make a profit on the improvements that have been made. They conveniently forget that the brothers were stripped of their lands and exiled on Nightfall with a slim chance of survival.

Kelly and Amara butt heads on more than one occasion, and Saber and Trevan don't know how to deal with such things. Amara feels that she is losing herself and her sister.

In *THE CAT*, Jean Johnson draws readers further into her fantasy world. She still keeps her characters in character, and adds to what she has created with totally logical advancements in the rebuilding of Nightfall and shows readers even more of her diverse magic-wielders and the customs that may or may not blend to form a whole. She leaves no plot holes, and her descriptions are rich with clarity and reality-based soundness. To tell more would spoil some of the wonderful surprises in this story. Although it helps to have read the first four in the series, each book can stand on its own. I recommend *THE CAT* very highly.