



The Sword by Jean Johnson



"Intiguing, entertaining debut novel of paranormal romance."

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Saber and Wolfer, Dominor and Evanor, Trevan and Rydan and Koranen and Morganen. Eight brothers, born in sets of twins two years apart, are exiled to Nightfall Island, where they're cut off from the civilization of Katan and, more importantly, women. For if one of these brothers falls in love, they will set in motion the Curse of Eight Prophecy, which promises disaster of unimaginable proportions.

However, one of the brothers, Morganen, is willing to take the risk of love. As the youngest of the siblings, Morganen wants to speed up the process of falling in love for his siblings so he will get his turn. Using his powerful magic, Morganen reaches through time and space, rescuing Kelly Doyle from certain death.

Kelly has been accused of witchcraft and her home set on fire by a group of narrow-minded idiots. When she's plucked from her world into another dimension, she finds herself in medieval time on an island inhabited by eight gorgeous men, each with magical gifts the likes of which she's never encountered. Though she has some trouble adapting to her new surroundings, she's more than a little intrigued by Saber, the eldest of the brothers, and therefore the one charged with her care until Morganen can find a way to return Kelly to her time.

Despite his determination to avoid the unexpected guest in their world, Saber finds himself drawn to the beautiful Kelly, and eventually decides to risk the fulfillment of the curse. No sooner does the couple wed than disaster befalls Nightfall Island with the arrival of intruders determined to claim it for their own. Only by some clever play-acting, a bit of magic and borrowing items from Kelly's world are they able to deter the intruders, though their success comes at the cost of one of their own.

Jean Johnson's debut novel is an intriguing and entertaining tale of another dimension, not much different from our own past. Initially confusing with the number of brothers and their unique names, it was difficult to be drawn into their world, but once the characters and the distinctiveness of their world were sorted out, I found the story quite entertaining. The battle of wits and words between Saber and Kelly was amusing and the unique interpretation of the curse and disasters creative. It will be fun to see how the prophecy turns out for the rest of the brothers.

The Sword Summary

Eight brothers, born in four sets of twins, two years apart to the day-- they fulfill the Curse of Eight Prophecy. To avoid tempting their destiny, the brothers are exiled to Nightfall Isle, a land where women are strictly forbidden. But, when the youngest of the mage- brothers rescues a woman from another universe, their world is altered forever.

Kelly Doyle had wanted to get away from the world. Threatened, attacked, and accused of witchcraft, Kelly had enough of her narrow-minded small town. And now she has somehow landed in another, magical dimension-the only woman in a realm inhabited by eight men who are desperately in need of a woman's touch.

Now, with Kelly in their midst, Saber, the eldest of the eight, is forced to confront the curse that plagues them-- if he falls in love, disaster is imminent. But in the aftermath of a mysterious attack, Saber and Kelly find themselves drawn to each other, despite the threat of the looming Prophecy. Their passion only grows stronger, as they soon give in to temptation. If only the fates didn't take such things so seriously...

brothers once and for all-destroying the star-crossed lovers as well.