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THE SWORD

A Novel of the Sons of Destiny

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Kelly Doyle awoke in her smoke-filled bedroom on Earth, to find a burning ceiling beam crushing her legs. Darn the small-minded small town bullies who accused her of witchcraft in this day and age! And if the prospect of burning quickly to death wasn't horrific enough, Kelly suddenly found herself out of her burning bedroom and in a castle in another universe! Completely bewildered and unable to communicate with the eight strange men surrounding her, Kelly does the only thing she can think of: she bites. Hard.

Saber of Nightfall, is the eldest of the cursed and magical eight brothers. The brothers each have their own destinies and special magical abilities, but Saber was to be the first to fall victim to the curse. And with his falling in love, his country of Katan will risk destruction. With the prophesy looming over the eight brothers, they were exiled to the isle of Nightfall by the Council. Never to have women step foot on the isle, the prophesy was sure to be avoided. But when the youngest and most powerful brother saved Kelly Doyle from certain death by transporting her across universes, he started Saber's inevitable fall.

As attracted as Kelly is to Saber, she still finds him overbearing and annoying. And exactly *what* kind of disaster is she supposed to cause Saber and the country of Katan? Has the prophesy been interpreted correctly? Do prophesies even have to come true? And most importantly, should they risk disaster for the chance at true love?

The first novel of the series, this was an excellent beginning! I thoroughly enjoyed the character of Saber, with his possessiveness and arrogance. Kelly was wonderful in that she wasn't afraid to use her Kung Fu on any of the eight brothers, should they step out of line. Kelly had wits, humor, and guts...all my favorite heroine traits! An excellent novel, I look forward to reading the next installment!

Reviewed by Rista Tompkins

Rating: 4 1/2