

JOSS WALKER'S JANUARY DISPATCH

A New Year Means New Everything

Happy New Year, you glorious creatures! I hope your holidays were lovely and you're geared up for all the wonderful things 2023 is going to bring us. I have lots of plans for this year, which means tons of content for you! My alter ego [does annual reviews](#) of the year, which includes a section plotting out the year to come. A few of the plans that affect you include the following releases:

- Guardians of Fury (Guardians Volume 2) (May 23, 2023)
- [THE KEEPER OF FLAMES](#) (Jayne #3) (June 27, 2023)
- THE PROPHECY OF WIND (Jayne #4) (October 24, 2023)

TKOF is drafted and heading into editorial. It takes place in Italy and Argentina, brings new characters and new alliances, and our Jayne's faced with some of the biggest challenges to date. Having to work with an annoying, arrogant Frenchman being only one of them. Sofia is facing her own challenges, and the whole team is in mortal peril. It's So. Much. Fun! I mean, as much fun as mortal peril allows...

It's hard to imagine that we're halfway through this series, but we are. As Jayne's power grows, the rest of the magical and non-magical worlds are altering as well, which is so much fun to write, to envision, to dream about. I've always seen this series as a reverse dystopian; it's coming together nicely. R.L. is coming this week to plot TPOW and GOF, plan more stories and watch movies and gossip, which is always a great joy. Did you see the exciting update in her [newsletter](#) that she's expecting? That she's bringing another tiny co-writer into the world is a source of great joy for us all.

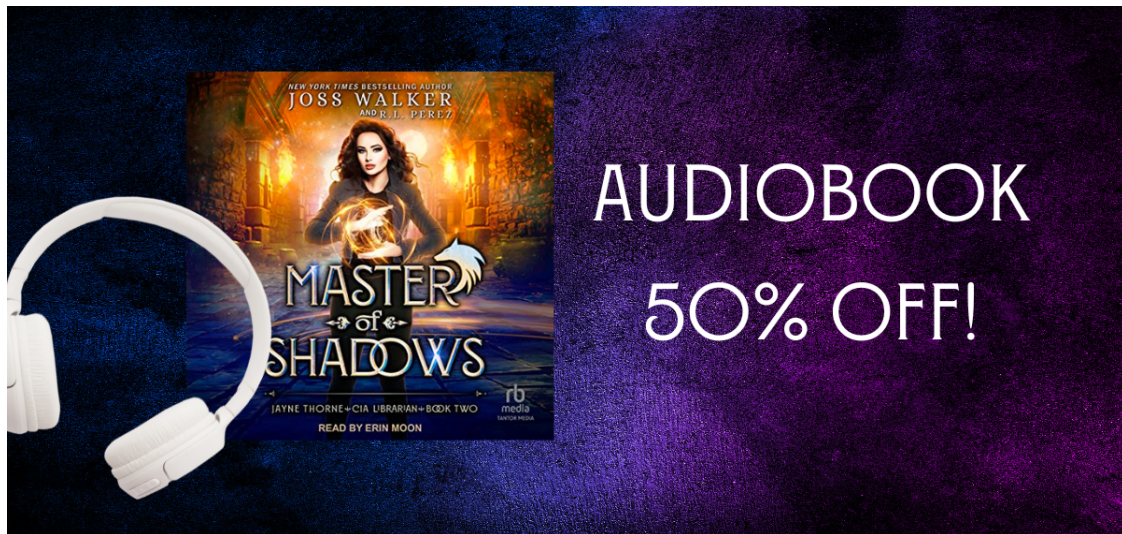
This is also the year we go wide with the series and the mini-series, which will give me so many more opportunities to get deals into your hands. I'm very excited to see where these shifts take us, both in editorial freedom and publishing power. And we plan to sell direct soon, too. We're growing, thanks to you. My deepest thanks for all your support!

And speaking of deals... I have a whopper for you. If you haven't read (or listened to) Master of Shadows yet... here you go!



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READER OF THE MONTH

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This month's pick is [@anabellasbooks](#)

I'm in love with the array of flowers across this feed! Such a lovely display of books and art ♥

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I'm his only hope.

He sends his blue-blooded friends to kidnap me so I can join their quest to Mount Ruin, the only place where I can heal him.

The path is terrifying, and the prince is lying, hiding things from me. To make matters worse, he isn't always nice. A Fae prince isn't supposed to lust for a human, especially when she's his prisoner. And a human girl isn't supposed to burn for someone so out of her league.

The quest might kill me, but it's my heart I'm worried about.

SOUNDS COOL!

Not all things born in the shadows are meant to be pulled into the light.

Slated for execution, shapeshifting assassin, Dahlia Nite, flees her world to hide in the human realm. As payment for the shelter they unknowingly provide, Dahlia dedicates herself to protecting humans from what truly lives in the shadows. Moving from town to town, she hunts the creatures that threaten an unsuspecting human race; burying the truth that could destroy them all.



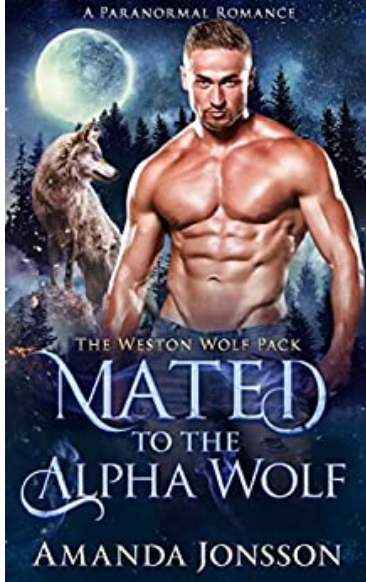
But the shadows are shifting. The lies are adding up. And when Sentinel City is threatened by a series of bizarre brutal murders, light is shed on what should never be seen. The secrets that have kept humanity in the dark for centuries are in danger of being exposed.

Wrestling with a lifetime of her own deceptions, Dahlia investigates the killings while simultaneously working to conceal their circumstances. But with each new murder, the little bit of peace she has found in this world begins to crumble. Each new clue leads her to the one place she thought to never go again. Home.

I'M IN!

Justin has it all. He's a gorgeous wolf who is about to become the alpha of his pack.

Nothing can stop him, until one night when he saves a beautiful young woman from an attack. The second their eyes meet he knows that she's his mate. But one of the strictest wolf laws is that



no wolf can ever mate with a human - the penalty is death...

Carly is a young woman dedicated to the life-path she's made for herself; going to college on a hard-won scholarship, determined to get a degree and begin a career. But she never factored in the chaos of falling in love with a werewolf, or desiring any man the way she needs every part of him with everything in her.

Their growing love is matched only by the fiery passion that consumes them with an insatiable hunger for each other, burning down everything they've ever known, and lighting a tempestuous future they cannot imagine.

If they stay together it will cost them more than their lives, but nothing can keep them apart, except the whole werewolf world.

I WANT IT!

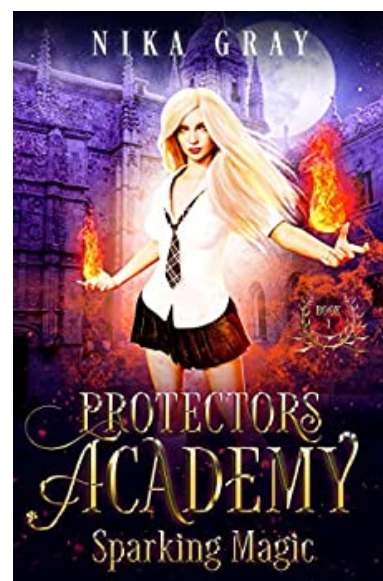
I don't know who I am. I don't know how I got here. All I do know is if I stop running, I will never be free.

When I burst from the woods into a rush of headlights and asphalt and open night sky, I think I've made it. I'm free. I'm safe. Then blinding energy explodes in front of me and the last thing I see before it all goes dark is a handsome face hovering over mine. Yay me, right?

I awake to find myself magicked to a hospital bed with some non-handsome guy telling me my magic is uncontrolled and dangerous. The way they see it, the choice is simple: enroll in their magic academy and learn to manage my power or spend the rest of my life in a cage.

And that's how I land at Protectors Academy, a cut-throat magic boarding school where the heirs of the rich and important rule while they compete for an elite position on the borderlands.

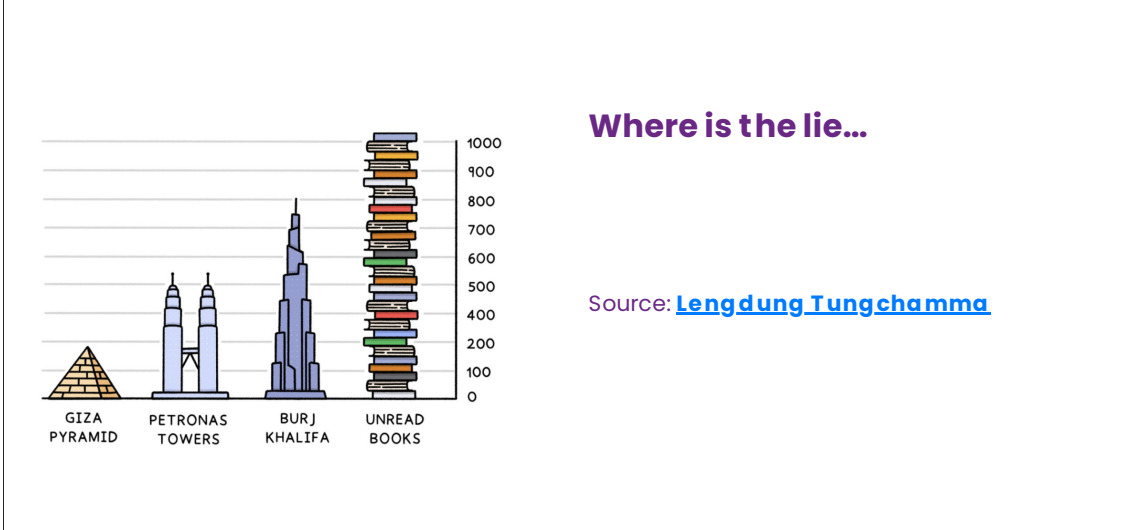
So I'm not free, but I am not safe here, either. I'm being followed, a group of mean girls is on my case, and four of the hottest guys on campus don't know what to do with me. And that's before I'm attacked and the entire school blames me for burning down my own dorm room. All I want to do is pass their tests and get out of here. But first, I have to survive.



YES PLEASE!

LITERARY LAUGHS

Something funny to brighten your day!



JOSS WALKER'S READERS & ROGUES

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