

JOSS WALKER'S NOVEMBER DISPATCH

Hello, you gorgeous creatures,

Are you still drowning in Halloween candy? I admit I had bigger plans for the kids of the neighborhood than they did—we had exactly four kids—and all of them came to the door before dark. I mean, I didn't even have the pumpkin lit yet. So all in all, a whomp whomp night for us. My brother, on the other hand, served approximately 120 adorable ghouls and goblins. Lucky guy.

The wonderful part of Halloween, though, was the release of [THE EIGHTH ROAD](#), the first short story in the Jayneverse. If you haven't gotten yours yet, [here you go](#). The second most-lovely part is the first book in the series, [TOMB OF THE QUEEN](#), is only \$2.99 this month to complement the short. [You're welcome](#). (Yes, that's a Moana reference. You're welcome, again. ☺)

R.L. and I had a lot of fun building Sofia's backstory, and as a result, the backstory of several other characters and "world-building" aspects of the story. I'm new to writing fantasy, yes, but I'm not new to reading it, and I've been anxious to build my own world for a very long time. R.L. is a genius at taking my disparate ideas and finding ways to make them actually come to life in the story. We have enough going on that we needed a single place to capture everything that's going on in the background, all the little machinations that you the reader won't see until later in the series. You can imagine how much fun it was deciding on software that allowed us to accomplish everything we needed: Maps! Character studies! Timelines! Family trees! Political systems, value systems, magical systems, historical details, real-world aspects... Yep, we've been having a total blast. Two heads are better than one. (Oh, we decided on [World Anvil](#), in case you're looking for something that addresses everything.)

And then I took a vacation. A long overdue five days away to a remote beach on the gulf coast (okay, Gulf Shores) where I did nothing but sit in the sun, sheltered from the wind, and read.

One of the BIG bonuses to being an author is the chance to see books before they release. My friend [G.R. Macallister](#) has been working on a massive new world called The Five Queendoms, and the first book in the series, [SCORPICA](#), is on NetGalley. I quite literally LEAPT at the chance to read this book, and I was not disappointed. It's being billed as a feminist Game of Thrones, but let me tell you, it is all that and more. It stands shoulder-to-shoulder with any elevated epic fantasy/sci-fi, and I will be in a reading slump for a while. It's just that good, and I'm not saying that because G.R. is a friend. Actually, this is what you wish for from your friends, a book that lives up to its promise. You can find out more [here](#), and start spreading the word, okay? We need to support our fellow creatives!

With that, I'll leave you with the good news that we're all happy, healthy, and gearing up for the holidays. I hope you are as well. See you next month!

READER OF THE MONTH

Each month, I feature a bookstagrammer who's caught my eye! If you'd like to participate, be sure to use the hashtag #josswalkerbookstagram and tag me at @josswalkerbooks!

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

I love the whites and the sparkles on this feed. Simple yet beautiful! These pictures make my heart happy. Give her a follow [here!](#)



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Owen

I was handed a miracle. I found my soulmate. Only I never thought that she would reject me.

Selina is mine. She is my future. My everything. Until she rips my heart out. Now I spend my life in vicious fights, or in strangers' beds, using my body to dull the never-ending agony she left behind. I know I've neglected my pack, my duty, even my *brothers*. When the inevitable death challenge comes for my position as Beta, it's from someone I trusted. But it never happens. Instead, I'm ordered to take over as Alpha to the Canadian pack, to hunt and kill whoever is suicidal enough to kidnap and threaten our kind. But Fate, bitch that she is, throws my soulmate into my path once again. This time, though, I'm ready. This time I have armoured my heart against her.

Selina

My name is Selina. And I am a wolf-shifter with a damning secret.

The scars I carry are a testament to my violent past. But the worst one is on the inside. And I can never reveal it, especially not to the sinfully sexy and powerful alpha, who is my soulmate.



But if I stay with him, my secret could shatter his life and undo all I've done to protect my son. I won't do that. I can't. Not to my soulmate and not to my son. So, with my heart in tatters, I walk away.

But Fate is a cruel bitch. After a year of living with my actions, she throws him right back into my life. Only this time, he's battle-hardened and cold as hell.

No matter his hate for me, I can't walk away, not when danger lurks so close. Protecting my soulmate and my son is everything. My secret might ruin my life, but I won't let it ruin theirs. Ever.

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