

JOSS WALKER'S OCTOBER DISPATCH

Hello, glorious creatures,

I'm going to get you to the good stuff immediately. Look at what I have for you!

A New Jayne Story!

It's here!! An exclusive short story featuring Jayne's sister, Sofia! (And Jayne too, of course.) Click below to read the story for free! 😊



Before Jayne Thorne unlocked her magic, her sister sought to destroy it...

Haunted by memories of her mother's dangerous exploits, Sofia Thorne is determined to keep magic away from her sister, Jayne, forever.

In a desperate attempt to permanently sever magic from their lives, Sofia travels with Jayne to Miami to track down a dangerous witch who might have a solution. But when they find themselves caught in the crossfire between two powerful magicians, Sofia must face her greatest fear.

Can she protect Jayne from the dark magical energies that killed their parents? Or are the sisters destined to fall victim to the same twisted power?

THE EIGHTH ROAD is an exciting prequel to book one of the Jayne Thorne, CIA Librarian urban fantasy series, **TOMB OF THE QUEEN**.

READ IT HERE!

When you've finished, we'd greatly appreciate a [review on Amazon](#). The story will be live October 31, and we'll be sure to send a link to remind you!

I really do hope you love this story.

When I cooked up the idea for Jayne Thorne, I admit getting a tad bit excited and didn't necessarily think it all the way through. I knew the main story arc, for the most part, because the series is dependent on elemental magic, and we all know our basic elements: Earth, Air, Fire, Water, Ether...and I argue, Time, too. So six books seems perfectly natural to me.

But one of the first bits of feedback I got from my awesome teams at both Killion, Inc and Aurora was hey—you really need a reader magnet, and prequels are a great way to lead people into the story. Which means something more substantial than a few chapters of the first book.

OK. I can do this. Except...writing a short story in the Jayne cosmere felt totally out of reach. I mean, if Jayne discovers her magic in the first book... Then along came the remarkable R.L. Perez, who thought it might be cool if we explored Jayne's sister, Sofia, and her background instead. And that small idea has blossomed into a full-blown short story that is the kick off to a mini-series of several more, interconnected shorts set in the Jayne Thorne universe that we'll be writing over the coming months and years.

Collaboration is a tricky thing, tempestuous and fraught, because creatives by their very nature are isolationists, but with the right partners, amazing things can happen. Ideas flourish, and grow. They morph into bigger ideas, better ideas, stronger ideas. They take on a life of their own.

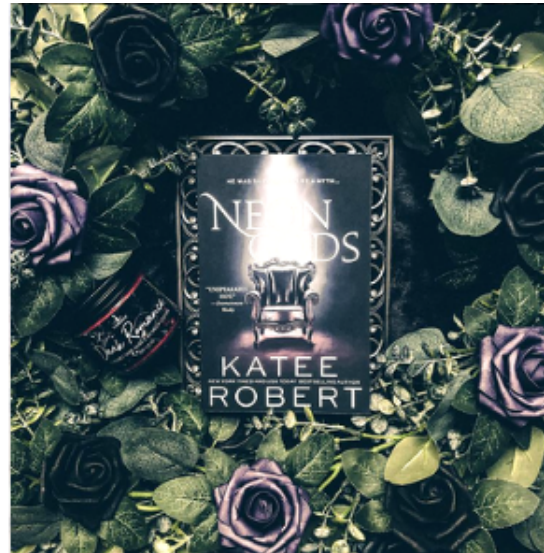
It's kind of like...magic.

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 [@lochs.library!](#)

This one's a bit on the darker side, but I love it! The roses, the dark theme of the bookshelves, all of it... Perfect for this spooky season! Give her a follow [here!](#)



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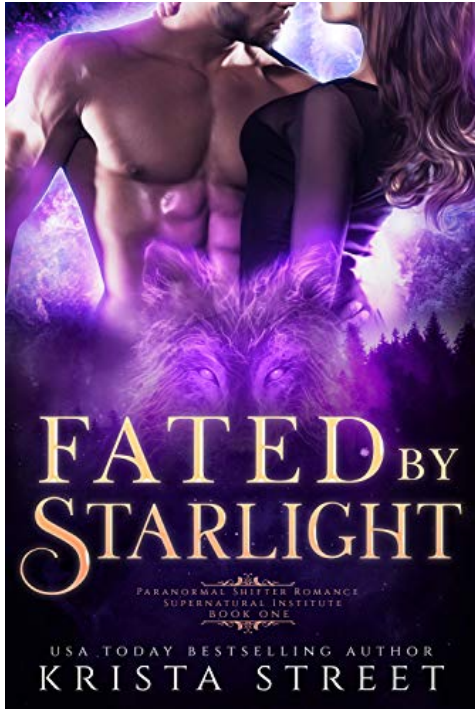
wolf shifter romance series!

Avery

Half witch, a quarter werewolf and barely passable at either.

Still, there's an upside to my lacking abilities. I'll be an excellent supernatural ambassador *if* I can survive three months of high-intensity training. I expected it to be rough and sweaty, but I didn't expect my commander to wear a face from the past.

Wyatt's my former teenage crush, and he's even more delicious than before. But as my superior he's forbidden fruit, so I can't let his distracting presence deter me. No matter how much I yearn for a taste.



Wyatt

Squad Commander. Pureblooded werewolf.

My responsibilities weigh on me daily, and I'm more crushed than ever under that weight. Because my new recruit isn't the shy, awkward girl I once knew. Avery's become a luscious temptation that duty demands I resist.

One glorious night under the stars, my willpower slips, but no matter how much I want her, I can't let it happen again. So I reject her, and I'm prepared for her hatred until a rare celestial event changes everything.

Now fate demands that I choose between Avery and duty. Little do I know, that decision is only the beginning...

SOUNDS COOL!



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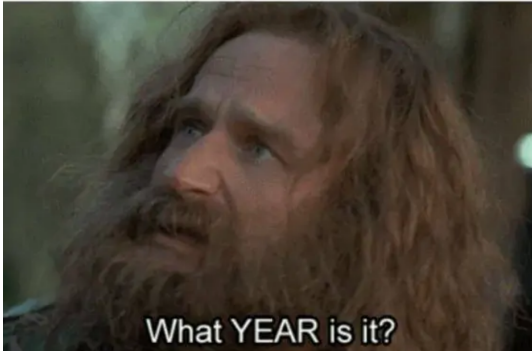
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