

Severance of the Sorcerer: The Lost Wells Trilogy Book Three

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A dynamic conclusion to an epic fantasy trilogy, Severance of the Sorcerer encompasses the emotions of a clash spanning thousands of years.

In Kate Gateley's fantasy novel *Severance of the Sorcerer*, a witch and a druid who are cursed to cycles of death and rebirth prepare for a final confrontation with an immortal sorcerer.

For thousands of years, Julia and Dom (prophesied to be the Sovereign and the World Ruler who guide the world out of darkness) have been bound to Cassius, a powerful sorcerer known as the Child of Rome. Part of the curse is that after they die, they are reborn and must reunite to recover their memories before Cassius finds them again. Their current lives have been their longest but also their most tragic; they've been betrayed and forced into hiding. To fulfill the prophecy, they must overcome their grief and rebuild trust in each other.

Meanwhile, Cassius and his unrelenting minions continue their dark machinations. But even as his power approaches new heights, Cassius still wants to capture, punish, and destroy Julia and Dom. A new prophecy warns, "Darkness wields a steady foothold, should only two destroy the throne": Julia and Dom will not win alone. Their allies—an eclectic cohort of witches and druids—have a part to play, and potential new life hinges on their ability to unravel new mysteries related to the source of Cassius's powers.

Julia and Dom are heroes whose passion for each other centers the tale. Dom chased Julia across centuries, protecting her while she recovered her memories. In their current lives, their love is even deeper, akin to craving. They seize every opportunity for intense erotic connection. And in the course of their exchanges, the subtler attributes of their personalities come to the fore, as with Dom's outbursts, wherein his language becomes archaic and religious. Elsewhere, Cassius's voice is ancient, making him seem out of touch when he interacts with others; he feels less human the more he speaks.

Beyond these personalities are vibrant action sequences in which Dom and the druids face Cassius's endless army of wraiths, their rising emotions matching the physical clashing of their weapons. Still, defeating Cassius isn't as straightforward a prospect as the prophecy would suggest. It becomes apparent that Julia and Dom have one last chance to defeat him—and that the path to their success is a perilous one.

In *Severance of the Sorcerer*, the powerful conclusion to an epic fantasy series, a prophecy-bound couple protects the world from unrelenting darkness.

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