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New York Times bestselling author Jennifer Estep serves up an urban fantasy adventure filled with secrets, lies, and super spies with amazing magical abilities. Perfect for fans of Alias, James Bond, Jason Bourne, Nikita, True Lies, and Netflix's Bodyguard. A SPY . . . My name is Charlotte Locke, and I'm an analyst for Section 47, a secret government agency that tracks terrorists, criminals, and other paramortal bad guys who want to unleash their abilities on an unsuspecting mortal world. I have a magical form of synesthesia that senses danger and uncovers lies—making me a stealthy operative. I'm trudging through another day when one of Section's cleaners—assassins—takes an interest in me. I don't need my synesthesia to realize that he is extremely dangerous and that he will do anything to achieve his goals—even if it means putting me in the line of fire. . . . AND AN ASSASSIN I'm Desmond Percy, one of Section 47's most lethal cleaners. I'm also a man on a mission, and I need Charlotte Locke's skills to help me keep a promise, settle a score, and kill some extremely bad people.

Charlotte might not like me, but we're stuck together until my mission is over. Still, the more time we spend together, the more I'm drawn to her. But at Section 47, you never know who you can trust—or who might want you dead. The sixth book in the "USA Today"-bestselling Elemental Assassin urban fantasy series featuring Gin Blanco, who by day owns a Tennessee BBQ joint, and by night is a tough female assassin known as the Spider. Original. After the shocking revelations of the previous book, *Bitter Bite*, the world of Ashland's become even more sinister, and Gin Blanco (aka Ashland's most fearsome assassin, the Spider) no longer knows who—or what—she can count on. Only one thing is for certain: danger and new enemies await Gin in *Unraveled*, Book 15 in the New York Times bestselling Elemental Assassin urban fantasy series that RT Book Reviews calls "unbeatable entertainment!" What could go wrong when you're trying to unravel a decades-old conspiracy? As the current queen of the Ashland underworld, you would think that I, Gin Blanco, would know all about some secret society controlling things from behind the scenes. I might be the Spider, the city's most fearsome assassin, but all my Ice and Stone elemental magic hasn't done me a lick of good in learning more about "the Circle". Despite my continued investigations, the trail's gone as cold as the coming winter. So when Finnegan Lane, my foster brother, gets word of a surprising inheritance, we figure why not skip town for someplace less dangerous for a few days? That place: Bullet Pointe, a fancy hotel resort complex plus Old West theme park that Finn now owns lock, stock, and barrel. At first, all the struttin' cowboys and sassy saloon girls are just hokey fun. But add in some shady coincidences and Circle assassins lurking all around, and vacationing becomes wilder—and deadlier—than any of us expected. Good thing this assassin brought plenty of knives to the gunfight ... "The dashing, sword-wielding

heroine saves the day . . . Estep hits us with everything she's got in the explosive conclusion of the *Black Blade* trilogy."—*Fresh Fiction* As a thief, I'm good at three things: hiding in the shadows, getting in and out unseen, and uncovering secrets. I put these skills to work for the Sinclair Family, one of the magical mobs that run the tourist town of Cloudburst Falls. Everyone knows Victor Draconi wants to take over all the other Families—and kill every last Sinclair. What they don't know is that I'm on to him, and no way will I let the man who murdered my mom get away with hurting all the other people I care about. Especially when I've got places to break into, stuff to steal, and Devon Sinclair fighting right by my side . . . Praise for the *Black Blade* series "An adventurous ride you will never want to get off."—Jennifer L. Armentrout, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author "The characters are as fantastic as Estep fans have come to expect."—RT Book Reviews "Jennifer Estep is a genius!"—Simply Nerdy "Packed with action and a nice twist, this is just the book for fans of the *Mythos Academy* series who want more Jennifer Estep."—*Bristol Herald Courier* After a Fire elemental and his goons kidnap her close friend, assassin Gin Blanco ventures into the black woods of Ashland for revenge. Original. 75,000 first printing. What kind of assassin works pro bono? It's hard to be a badass assassin when a giant is beating the crap out of you. Luckily, I never let pride get in the way of my work. My current mission is personal: annihilate Mab Monroe, the Fire elemental who murdered my family. Which means protecting my identity, even if I have to conceal my powerful Stone and Ice magic when I need it most. To the public, I'm Gin Blanco, owner of Ashland's best barbecue joint. To my friends, I'm the Spider, retired assassin. I still do favors on the side. Like ridding a vampire friend of her oversized stalker—Mab's right-hand goon who almost got me dead with his massive fists. At least

irresistible Owen Grayson is on my side. The man knows too much about me, but I'll take my chances. Then there's Detective Bria Coolidge, one of Ashland's finest. Until recently, I thought my baby sister was dead. She probably thinks the same about me. Little does she know, I'm a cold-blooded killer . . . who is about to save her life. After unfortunate "coincidences" befall her friends, Gin Blanco, aka the Spider, discovers that she has a new enemy, the mysteriously named M. M. Monroe, who, trying to get her framed for murder, has a master plan that will take more than her powerful Ice and Stone magic to stop. By a best-selling author. Original. 60,000 first printing. The truth won't set me free—but it will probably get me killed . . . As Gin Blanco, aka the assassin the Spider, I'm used to having a target on my back. But ever since I started investigating the secret society known as the Circle, that target seems bigger than ever. Still, I'm trying to relax and enjoy the events leading up to my friends' wedding when I learn that an old enemy has returned to Ashland. And that's the just beginning of my latest nightmare. Soon, I have Circle goons watching my every move, but I have no choice but to continue searching for a key piece of evidence against the evil group. The deeper I dig, the more horrifying secrets I uncover, and the more dangerous things become for me and my friends. Just when I think I finally have a handle on things, a shocking revelation shatters my heart and leaves me with an ugly realization—that betrayal is the sharpest sting of all . . . More than 100 hilarious and ridiculous things that you should never, ever do in real life. We all know that we should never fight a tiger or become a mafia boss, but that doesn't mean it isn't funny and fascinating to learn about. Forbidden Knowledge offers a collection of the most ridiculous things that you should never attempt in real life—but will make you laugh none the less. You'll learn everything from how to take over

a cult to swimming with piranhas to how to build an atomic bomb or escape from prison. Forbidden Knowledge invites you to embrace the absurd with pranks that are sure to make you laugh. With over 100 extremely bad ideas that you should never do, this entertaining and light-hearted book makes each hilarious scenario so much fun to imagine. Retired Navy SEAL Jake Boucher returns to stop a terrorist plot against New York City. Al Qaeda and the South American terrorist organization FARC have aligned their interests and are operating together. Israel is on the verge of attacking Iran's weapon development facilities. Europe is crashing, Russia is surging, and confusion reigns as to the make-up of this new terror-alliance and its apparent intent. Tossed into this boiling cauldron, tasked with killing the master puppeteer, Boucher must alone determine whom, if anyone, he can trust. Some of his enemies may lie on his side of the firing line. When assassin Gin Blanco, a.k.a. the Spider, is robbed and taken hostage at gunpoint during the biggest gala event of the summer at Ashland's fanciest art museum, she is more than happy to show these unlucky thieves that red is her favorite color. The fifth book in the "outstanding" (Romantic Times) Elemental Assassin fantasy series featuring Gin Blaco, who by day is a waitress at a Tennessee BBQ joint, and by night is a tough female assassin. Old habits die hard for assassins. And I plan on murdering someone before the night is through. Killing used to be my regular gig, after all. Gin Blanco, aka the Spider, assassin-for-hire. And I was very, very good at it. Now, I'm ready to make the one hit that truly matters: Mab Monroe, the dangerous Fire elemental who murdered my family when I was thirteen. Oh, I don't think the mission will be easy, but turns out it's a bit more problematic than expected. The bitch knows I'm coming for her. So now I'm up against the army of lethal bounty hunters Mab hired to track me down. She also put a price on my baby

sister's head. Keeping Bria safe is my first priority. Taking Mab out is a close second. Good thing I've got my powerful Ice and Stone magic—and my irresistible lover, Owen Grayson—to watch my back. This battle has been years in the making, and there's a good chance I won't survive. But if I'm going down, then Mab's coming with me . . . no matter what I have to do to make that happen. 'Think Game of Thrones meets Buffy the Vampire Slayer with a drizzle of E.L. James' TELEGRAPH BOUND BY BLOOD. TEMPTED BY DESIRE. UNLEASHED BY DESTINY. Bryce Quinlan loves her life. Every night is a party, and Bryce is going to savour all the pleasures Lunathion – also known as Crescent City – has to offer. But when a brutal murder shakes the very foundations of the city, Bryce's world comes crashing down. Two years later, Bryce still haunts the city's most notorious nightclubs – but seeking only oblivion now. Then the murderer attacks again. And when an infamous Fallen angel, Hunt Athalar, is assigned to watch her every footstep, Bryce knows she can't forget any longer. As Bryce and Hunt fight to unravel the mystery and their own dark pasts, the threads they tug ripple through the underbelly of the city, across warring continents and down to the deepest levels of Hel, where things that have been sleeping for millennia are beginning to stir . . . Perfect for fans of Jessica Jones and True Blood, this is a blockbuster modern fantasy set in a divided world where one woman must uncover the truth to seek her revenge. With unforgettable characters and page-turning suspense, this richly inventive new fantasy series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Sarah J. Maas delves into the heartache of loss, the price of freedom – and the power of love. A collection of urban fantasy stories that take place at carnivals. From vampires and creepy clowns to mermaids, Druids, and wisecracking Irish wolfhounds, you'll find out that carnivals aren't the healthiest types of places to hang out at.... Follow Gin Blanco, a

kick-butt female assassin who moonlights at a BBQ joint in Tennessee, as she searches for the person who double-crossed her in this heart-pounding and fresh paranormal romance series. After Gin's family was murdered by a Fire elemental when she was thirteen, she lived on the streets and eventually became an assassin to survive. Now, Gin is assigned to rub out an Ashland businessman, but it turns out to be a trap. After Gin's handler is brutally murdered, she teams up with the sexy detective investigating the case to figure out who double-crossed her and why. Only one thing is for sure—Gin has no qualms about killing her way to the top of the conspiracy. A teenage student of magical combat gets put to the test against an evil god in the New York Times bestselling author's YA urban fantasy novel. As a warrior-in-training at Mythos Academy, I've battled the Reapers of Chaos before—and survived. But this time I have a Bad, Bad Feeling it's going to be a fight to the death. . .most likely mine. Yeah, I've got my psychometry magic, my talking sword, Vic, and even the most dangerous Spartan on campus—Logan Quinn—at my side. But I'm still no match for Loki, the evil Norse god of chaos. I may be Nike's Champion, but at heart, I'm still just Gwen Frost, that weird Gypsy girl everyone at school loves to gossip about. Then someone I love is put in more danger than ever before, and something inside me snaps. This time, Loki and his Reapers are going down for good . . . or I am. The next thrilling book in Jennifer Estep's New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling Elemental Assassin series—"an extraordinary series....One of the most intriguing heroines in the genre" (Romantic Times Book Reviews). Keep your friends close but your enemies within stabbing distance. One important lesson I've learned in the assassination business is that to be the best you have to roll with the punches. Now that I'm queen of Ashland's underworld—by default, not by choice—a lot more punches

are being thrown my way. But I suppose that's the price of victory for taking down some of the underworld's top dogs. Good thing I have my Ice and Stone magic to help me survive my volatile new position. Just when I think things are finally settling down, someone tries to murder me during a hush-hush underworld meeting. But the real surprise is how strangely familiar my shadowy assailant seems to be. My job is to maintain order among killers, crooks, and thieves, and soon I'm embroiled in a bloody game where the ability to keep secrets could be the greatest superpower of all. My enemies have all sharpened their knives and laid their traps, waiting for me to fall. But this Spider weaves her own webs of death... *Gladiator meets Game of Thrones*: a royal woman becomes a skilled warrior to destroy her murderous cousin, avenge her family, and save her kingdom in this first entry in a dazzling fantasy epic from the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of the Elemental Assassin series—an enthralling tale that combines magic, murder, intrigue, adventure, and a hint of romance. In a realm where one's magical power determines one's worth, Lady Everleigh's lack of obvious ability relegates her to the shadows of the royal court of Bellona, a kingdom steeped in gladiator tradition. Seventeenth in line for the throne, Evie is nothing more than a ceremonial fixture, overlooked and mostly forgotten. But dark forces are at work inside the palace. When her cousin Vasilia, the crown princess, assassinates her mother the queen and takes the throne by force, Evie is also attacked, along with the rest of the royal family. Luckily for Evie, her secret immunity to magic helps her escape the massacre. Forced into hiding to survive, she falls in with a gladiator troupe. Though they use their talents to entertain and amuse the masses, the gladiators are actually highly trained warriors skilled in the art of war, especially Lucas Sullivan, a powerful magier with secrets of his own. Uncertain of her

future—or if she even has one—Evie begins training with the troupe until she can decide her next move. But as the bloodthirsty Vasilias exerts her power, pushing Bellona to the brink of war, Evie's fate becomes clear: she must become a fearsome gladiator herself . . . and kill the queen. This prequel tale follows Gin Blanco's transformation into the deadly assassin known as the Spider after she learns how to use her elemental Stone and Ice powers alongside old-fashioned human street smarts to become a lethal adversary. Original. The sixteenth book in the New York Times bestselling Elemental Assassin urban fantasy series that RT Book Reviews calls, "An extraordinary series...[containing] one of the most intriguing heroines in the genre." If you don't know Gin "the Spider" Blanco, you don't know dangerous female heroines. Irony 101—The Spider herself snared in someone else's web... Another week, another few clues trickling in about the Circle, the mysterious group that supposedly runs the city's underworld. Gathering intel on my hidden enemies is a painstaking process, but a more immediate mystery has popped up on my radar: a missing girl. My search for the girl begins on the mean streets of Ashland, but with all the killers and crooks in this city, I'm not holding out much hope that she's still alive. A series of clues leads me down an increasingly dark, dangerous path, and I realize that the missing girl is really just the first thread in this web of evil. As an assassin, I'm used to facing down the worst of the worst, but nothing prepares me for this new, terrifying enemy—one who strikes from the shadows and is determined to make me the next victim. Harper Connelly had a lucky escape when she was hit by lightning: she didn't die. But sometimes she wishes she had died, because the lightning strike left her with an unusual talent: she can find dead people — and that's not always comfortable. Everyone wants to know how she does it: it's a little like hearing a bee droning inside

her head, or maybe the pop of a Geiger counter, a persistent, irregular noise that increases in strength as she gets closer. It's almost electric: a buzzing all through her body, and the fresher the corpse, the more intense the buzz. Harper and her brother Tolliver make their living from finding the dead, for desperate parents, worried friends ... and police departments who have nowhere else to look. They may not believe in her abilities, but sometimes the proof is just too much for even the most sceptical of police chiefs to deny. But it's not always easy for someone like Harper, for the dead **want** to be found - and too often, finding the body doesn't bring closure; it opens a whole new can of worms.

Kristin Cashore's bestselling, award-winning fantasy *Graceling* tells the story of the vulnerable-yet-strong Katsa, a smart, beautiful teenager who lives in a world where selected people are given a Grace, a special talent that can be anything from dancing to swimming. Katsa's is killing. As the king's niece, she is forced to use her extreme skills as his thug. Along the way, Katsa must learn to decipher the true nature of her Grace... and how to put it to good use. A thrilling, action-packed fantasy adventure (and steamy romance!) that will resonate deeply with adolescents trying to find their way in the world. This ebook includes sample chapters of *FIRE*, *BITTERBLUE*, and *JANE, UNLIMITED*.

A lost colony is reborn in this heart-pounding fantasy adventure set in the near future. Enter the world of the *Elementals*, which James Dashner called "completely gripping and full of intrigue, revelation, mystery, and suspense." Sixteen-year-old Thomas has always been an outsider. The first child born without the power of an element—earth, water, wind, or fire—he has little to offer his tiny, remote Outer Banks colony. Or so the Guardians would have him believe. In the wake of an unforeseen storm, desperate pirates kidnap the Guardians, intent on claiming the island as their own.

Caught between the Plague-ridden mainland and the advancing pirates, Thomas and his friends fight for survival in the battered remains of a mysterious abandoned settlement. But the secrets they unearth will turn Thomas's world upside-down, and bring to light not only a treacherous past but also a future more dangerous than he can possibly imagine. Written by an award-winning author, this dynamic series is perfect for fans of dystopian thrillers like James Dashner's *The Maze Runner* and Marie Lu's *Legend*. "Plenty of action for readers who enjoy survival stories with a twist of the supernatural and a hint of romance." -School Library Journal "The novel's captivating storyline, rapid pace, and cliffhanger ending are sure to leave fans of novels like Grant's *Gone* series absorbed with the action and anxious for a sequel." -Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books "Engaging characters and plenty of mystery, adventure, and action." -Publishers Weekly

To help out her cop sister, Gin Blanco, the assassin known as the Spider, infiltrates a gang of Burn-pushing thugs and discovers that behind the drug is a vicious vampire with a scientific eye for results and behind him is someone even more dangerous than her legendary nemesis, Mab Monroe. Original. Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken to become the protégée of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold. Curiosity is definitely going to get me dead one of these days. Probably real soon. I'm Gin Blanco. You might know me as the Spider, the most feared assassin in the South. I'm retired now, but trouble still has a way of finding me. Like the other day when two punks tried to rob my popular barbecue joint, the Pork Pit. Then there was the barrage of gunfire on the restaurant. Only, for once, those kill shots weren't aimed at me. They were meant for Violet Fox. Ever since I agreed to help Violet and

her grandfather protect their property from an evil coalmining tycoon, I'm beginning to wonder if I'm really retired. So is Detective Donovan Caine. The only honest cop in Ashland is having a real hard time reconciling his attraction to me with his Boy Scout mentality. And I can barely keep my hands off his sexy body. What can I say? I'm a Stone elemental with a little Ice magic thrown in, but my heart isn't made of solid rock. Luckily, Gin Blanco always gets her man . . . dead or alive. Gin Blanco, aka the assassin the Spider, might have finally killed her nemesis, Mab Monroe, but that doesn't mean that it's smooth sailing. Gin goes to Mab's funeral to say her goodbyes and runs into some of Ashland's most notorious underworld power players, including Jonah McAllister and Phillip Kincaid. McAllister wants her dead, and Kincaid has his own murky motives when it comes to the Spider, and Gin once again finds herself fighting for her life. Only this time, she might wind up in the cemetery right next to Mab... "An indulgently fun romp full of 'lochness' monsters, tree trolls, and housekeeping pixies . . . a welcome twist on familiar fantasy themes."—Publishers Weekly It's not as great as you'd think, living in a tourist town that's known as "the most magical place in America." Same boring high school, just twice as many monsters under the bridges and rival Families killing each other for power. I try to keep out of it. I've got my mom's bloodiron sword and my slightly illegal home in the basement of the municipal library. And a couple of Talents I try to keep quiet, including very light fingers and a way with a lock pick. But then some nasty characters bring their Family feud into my friend's pawn shop, and I have to make a call—get involved, or watch a cute guy die because I didn't. I guess I made the wrong choice, because now I'm stuck putting everything on the line for Devon Sinclair. My mom was murdered because of the Families, and it looks like I'm going to end up just

like her . . . “An adventurous ride you will never want to get off.”—Jennifer L. Armentrout, #1 New York Times bestselling author “Jennifer Estep is a genius!”—Simply Nerdy “Packed with action and a nice twist, this is just the book for fans of the Mythos Academy series who want more Jennifer Estep.”—Bristol Herald Courier Bestselling author Jennifer Estep returns to her Crown of Shards world with an all-new trilogy and a bold new heroine who protects her kingdom from magic, murder, and mayhem by moonlighting as a spy. Gemma Ripley has a reputation for being a pampered princess who is more interested in pretty gowns, sparkling jewelry, and other frivolous things than learning how to rule the kingdom of Andvari. But her carefully crafted persona is just an act to hide the fact that Gemma is a powerful mind magier—and a spy. Gemma is undercover, trying to figure out who is stealing large amounts of tearstone from one of the Ripley royal mines when she encounters Prince Leonidas Morricone of Morta—her mortal enemy. Gemma tries to steer clear of the handsome prince, but when she finds herself behind enemy lines, she reluctantly joins forces with Leo. Also coming to Gemma’s aid is Grimley, her beloved gargoyle. Despite the fact that Andvari and Morta are old, bitter enemies, a dangerous attraction sparks between Gemma and Leo. Further complicating matters is Leo’s murderous family, especially Queen Maeven Morricone, the mastermind behind the infamous Seven Spire massacre. The closer Gemma gets to the stolen tearstone, the more deadly plots she uncovers. Everyone is trying to capture the crown, but only one queen can sit on the throne ... An assassin at a renaissance faire. What could possibly go wrong? Everything, if you’re the Spider . . . I might be Gin Blanco, aka the assassin the Spider, but even I need a break from the bad guys every now and then. So when Owen Grayson, my significant other, suggests a trip to the Winter’s Web Renaissance Faire, it sounds like a perfect

distraction from all my problems. The faire starts off innocently enough, but something seems slightly off about the cheery atmosphere and costumed characters. Maybe I'm being paranoid, but I can't help but feel like I'm trapped in someone else's icy web—and that they don't want me to leave the faire alive . . .

*Note: Winter's Web is a 27,000-word novella that takes place after the events of *Venom in the Veins*, book 17 in the *Elemental Assassin* urban fantasy series. *Winter's Web* first appeared in the *Seasons of Sorcery* anthology in 2018. "He's no good to me dead." Though he was a man of few words, the bounty hunter Boba Fett instantly became one of the most popular *Star Wars* characters of all time. Now, finally, he is getting his very own series, from the creators of *The Mandalorian*. These 16 full-color pull-out posters feature the original iconic *Star Wars* bounty hunter, Boba Fett, as well as his cohort, the deadly assassin Fennec Shand, to coincide with the airing of the highly-anticipated streaming series *The Book of Boba Fett*, on Disney+! Bring the most iconic bounty hunter of all time to your home, office, locker, and more! What kind of assassin works pro bono? It's hard to be a badass assassin when a giant is beating the crap out of you. Luckily, I never let pride get in the way of my work. My current mission is personal: annihilate Mab Monroe, the Fire elemental who murdered my family. Which means protecting my identity, even if I have to conceal my powerful Stone and Ice magic when I need it most. To the public, I'm Gin Blanco, owner of Ashland's best barbecue joint. To my friends, I'm the Spider, retired assassin. I still do favors on the side. Like ridding a vampire friend of her oversized stalker—Mab's right-hand goon who almost got me dead with his massive fists. At least irresistible Owen Grayson is on my side. The man knows too much about me, but I'll take my chances. Then there's Detective Bria Coolidge, one of Ashland's finest. Until recently, I*

thought my baby sister was dead. She probably thinks the same about me. Little does she know, I'm a cold-blooded killer . . . who is about to save her life. When her foster brother's suddenly not-dead relative comes back into the picture, Gin Blanco, who wields potent Ice and Stone elemental magic, finds herself on the outside looking in until she discovers that this sudden interloper is planning something that could destroy them all. Some curses aren't meant to be broken . . . Lady Griselle Mottern is cursed. On her sixteenth birthday, an evil wizard transformed Griselle into a wolflike beast because of a past misdeed by one of her ancestors. Now, with her twenty-first birthday approaching, Griselle has only a few days left to make a boy fall in love with her, or the curse will become permanent, and she will forever be a beast. But breaking the curse isn't Griselle's only problem. An evil is lurking in the forest, one that is creeping closer and closer to her castle. Griselle will have to summon all her beastly strength to defeat this evil, even if it means dooming herself forever . . . Note: This 7,000-word short story originally appeared in the Von Flusshexen und Meerjungfrauen German-language anthology in 2020. The seventh book in the hugely popular Elemental Assassin series by New York Times and USA TODAY bestselling author Jennifer Estep—Gin Blanco is back and ready for action. I used to murder people for money, but lately it's become more of a survival technique. Once an assassin, always an assassin. So much for being plain old Gin Blanco. With every lowlife in Ashland gunning for me, I don't need another problem, but a new one has come to town anyway. Salina might seem like a sweet Southern belle, but she's really a dangerous enemy whose water elemental magic can go head-to-head with my own Ice and Stone power. Salina also has an intimate history with my lover, Owen Grayson, and now that she's back, she thinks he's hers for the taking. Salina's playing a

mysterious game that involves a shady local casino owner with a surprising connection to Owen. But they call me the Spider for a reason. I'm going to untangle her deadly scheme, even if it leaves my love affair hanging by a thread. I'd rather face a dozen lethal assassins any night than deal with something as tricky, convoluted, and fragile as my feelings. But here I am. Gin Blanco, the semi-retired assassin known as the Spider. Hovering outside sexy businessman Owen Grayson's front door like a nervous teenage girl. One thing I like about Owen: he doesn't shy away from my past—or my present. And right now I have a bull's-eye on my forehead. Cold-blooded Fire elemental Mab Monroe has hired one of the smartest assassins in the business to trap me. Elektra LaFleur is skilled and efficient, with deadly electrical elemental magic as potent as my own Ice and Stone powers. Which means there's a fifty-fifty chance one of us won't survive this battle. I intend to kill LaFleur—or die trying—because Mab wants the assassin to take out my baby sister, Detective Bria Coolidge, too. The only problem is, Bria has no idea I'm her long-lost sibling . . . or that I'm the murderer she's been chasing through Ashland for weeks. And what Bria doesn't know just might get us both dead. . . .

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