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Lucien is a vibrancer of the Church of Ixmarity, dedicated since childhood to an enslaved life of religious dance. . . until he meets Jeopardy. Cleo is a child-bride of a poisoner, until one of Jeopardy's offspring is brought to her home for disposal and she falls in love with both the child and his father. . . Jeopardy. Delilah is orphaned when a berserker named Trajan attacks and kills everyone in her village. She is the only one who is immune to the plague that Trajan carries, and promises to watch over him as he returns to the sanctuary. . . of Jeopardy.

Dauntless Javelot is a chivalrous knight of Ixmarity on his last campaign. . . until he joins Cleo on her journey to seek Jeopardy. Lord Pliance is a courtly vampire who accompanies the pilgrims in the hopes for a cure. . . from Jeopardy. And as they all seek the elusive Jeopardy, they are haunted by a ruthless adversary. Wilfish Implexion is an ecclesiarch in the Church of Ixmarity. Threatened by the power of the pagan Jeopardites, he will use any means possible to kill their prophet. . . Jeopardy!

And what of Resenence Jeopardy himself? Is he all that he seems? What is the secret of his charismatic power. . . and what will he decide to do with it?

This is the first U.S. edition of Sign for the Sacred, and includes a new introduction by the author. Also included is the original first draft of the beginning of the novel, when it was called "Prophet Dancer," as well as the first four chapters of an aborted sequel titled "Death by Sweetness."

Sign for the Sacred Details

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Vanessa says

I actually thought about giving this one 5 stars despite a certain... oddness... here and there but then that weird ass poorly thought out feeling ending happened and here we are.

RTC.

D says

You know how you read a Storm Constantine book and you go 'Where the fuck is this going?' but then she ties it all up in the end and it's perfect. Well, this novel is like that.

So we get a bunch of characters who don't know each other looking for a (probably) mad prophet, Resenence Jeopardy. I read half of this book when I was a sophomore at uni (it was one of those things). I had a row with the person I borrowed the book from and had to give it back before I finished the thing) and back then I really hated Jeopardy's character. I mean, here we have a sort of mystical guy who can supposedly do all sorts of things, and everyone loves him, and he's super beautiful, and he's perfect and OKAY? I didn't know what's so special about him.

This time around (and giving Lucien's narrative bits more attention), I think I get what Jeopardy is meant to be, and I like what Storm Constantine did for him.

Let's have the characters while we discuss Jeopardy's character:

Lucien Earthlight - former vibrancer (dancer to you, son), who left his master's household in order to follow his former lover, Res. Lucien's version of Jeopardy is probably the one closest to the 'truth', if there is such a one, in that Lucien knew Jeopardy before he became the prophet. Lucien doesn't really 'get' Jeopardy's motives, but Jeopardy allows Lucien to see what no one else (aside from Delilah, later on) is privy to.

To Lucien, Res is freedom. True, Jeopardy preaches about freedom to his followers and all that jazz, but the very first lesson about freedom that Jeopardy teaches was to Lucien, and that's why it's important.

Delilah Latterkin - After a madman kills everyone in her small village, Delilah decides to travel with said madman (name of Trajan Sacripient) in order to see the mad prophet Jeopardy. Lots of talk about how Delilah is fated to open the eyes of the prophet (and I guess she does? Delilah is the only one who understands what happens in the end, even though Jeopardy told her AND Lucien. Lucien's just too bitchy at the time to get what's going on).

To Delilah, Jeopardy is part of a HUGE world that she has no idea existed outside her small village. Her journey doesn't exactly end when she finds Jeopardy. It's more of a milestone.

Cleo Sinister - wife of a poisoner, takes care of one of Jeopardy's children before her husband kills the child, looks for Jeopardy to find out what the fuss is all about. Later on joined by paladin Dauntless Javelot (view spoiler).

To Cleo, Jeopardy is a piece of a puzzle concerning the Jeopardites. Her journey to look for Jeopardy took her on a journey to her past.

Wilfish Implexion - important because he pretty much symbolises religious oppression: the authority that Jeopardy is fighting against. Jeopardy's foil (Lucien is also Jeopardy's foil, but more in a mirror-like way).

Basically, epic fantasy novel with talks about religion and freedom to choose what to believe in, homosexual romance, gothic Ghostbuster band, and gothic groupies? How can I actually say no to that?

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Mizuki says

I tried reading this book long ago, but couldn't finish it.T_T

Kristen says

Though I didn't find it as compelling as Storm Constantine's Wraeththu books, *Sign for the Sacred* is a memorable novel about journeys, power, and perception. A couple of the storylines were slow at times, but I did enjoy reading Lucien's story since it revealed more about the central figure, the prophet Resenance Jeopardy.

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