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V.E. Schwab's newest story in her bestselling fantasy series hits its climax, as Maxim becomes The Steel Prince.

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## From Reader Review Shades of Magic #4: The Steel Prince for online ebook

### C.R. says

Kind of confusing at first. I breezed through them in under an hour. I'm not used to reading comics, but I feel like depth was missing in these comics. Some scenes jumped back and forth several times with out indication and it was hard to follow in that regard.

I had expected more from this first installment. I want to know more about Maxim and what made Schwab want to tell his story. I hoping the next installment we'll get more of that.

I felt that the events wrapped up too quickly (comics are short so I'm not surprised at this). If this were a full length graphic novel there'd probably be more time to develop these characters.

Very curious to see what arc 2 will bring. Overall, I'm not a big fan so far.

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### - ??milou ??- ☆ says

Okay this may sound weird but I don't really seem to that fond of these graphic novels, and that might be because I cannot bring myself to care that much for any of these characters or the plot. It just doesn't click with me. That could be because these graphic novels are immensely short and they're over in a flash.

I just don't like Maxin that much.

Still I will continue with this because I want to see what happens next and if I can like the next novels more.

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? 2,5 stars

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### Marti says

when is the next arc coming out??? i need it more than i need air???

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### Mandy says

I seriously LOVED this comic!! I'm not sure if there will another issue or some of form of continuation but I'm ready for whatever comes next. I'm seriously hooked on these! Volume 4 is my favorite so far!

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**Manon says**

**\*4.5 Stars\***

Great conclusion to this arc. I cannot wait for Night of Knives. Victoria is everything. And that cover is just... perfection.

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**? Silvia ? says**

Ohhh so the first arc is done! I'm excited for the next ones!

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**Maria says**

WHAT A BADASS ARTWORK.

A good conclusion to the arc. Now we wait for the next one.

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**Filipa says**

Finally stakes get a bit higher as characters play dirty.

I enjoyed this issue the best, I believe, since it was hard to foresee what the outcome was going to be.

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**R. L. Carlo says**

These comics are so short and even all together so far they tell a story that is anticlimactic and not super interesting. Maybe my expectations are too high. Maybe I should just wait for the graphic novel. I do better with those than individual comic books.

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**Bailey Shrewsbury says**

Much better towards the end but this was way too fast. I know comics are not the same as a novel but this was too quick and too convenient. As much as I wanted to know more about a young Maxim, I don't know if I'll be continuing these.

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## **The Awkward Bibliophile says**

(I forgot to post this review after I finished it) -- This was brilliant!! This one had even more action than the previous 3 and we got to see even more of the Red London magic in the artwork!!?? The ending wasn't what I was expecting, but I really enjoyed it! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHERE THE NEXT VOLUMES GO!!!!????

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## **Cozywitch Becca says**

In the fourth and final installment of V. E. Schwab's debut graphic novel series *The Steel Prince*, Maxim Maresh has been bested by Isra the common guard and denied the chance to face The Pirate Queen Arisa in single combat. Isra is also denied the chance to face her villainous aunt Arisa when the "Queen" sends the crown's fighters home for rest before the big contest. Everyone knows pirates can't be trusted, however, and when the queen orders her crew to break into the soldiers' quarters and wreak havoc, the crown's fighters quickly rally and turn the tides. But the Pirate Queen has an ace up her sleeve -- magic -- that she uses to trick the guard, capture Maxim, and make her escape. Once Isra and the other soldiers realize what's happened, they pursue Arisa's ship and the battle begins to free Maxim and Verose from her bloody hold.

I've been a huge fan of the *Shades of Magic* series and a cautious-but-optimistic supporter of the comic franchise. Generally, I've found the comics to be interesting but each installment is short and there have been cases where I felt too much page time was given to action sequences when it could have been used to flesh out story arcs a little more. That said, *The fourth installment of The Steel Prince* is its most satisfying, bringing together Maxim's personal conflicts, Isra's family complications, and Verose's pirate plague in a whirlwind culmination that sets us up for Schwab's next big adventure.

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## **Claire (Jst1MoreChapter) says**

I just read all four together, great stuff

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## **Anamaria says**

Still have no clue what's going on. But the pictures are pretty.

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## **Jessy says**

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**I will cut out that tongue of yours and make you eat it.**

I need more of the Pirate Queen, guys. That woman is so fucking vicious. I'm terrified. But the first arc "The Steel Prince and the Pirate Queen" is finished now and I look forward to reading the next arc!

This issue (and the whole arc in general) was a bit rushed and ended abruptly but I love it nonetheless. The last two pages are great. You can really see Maxim's development. He's slowly growing on me.

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