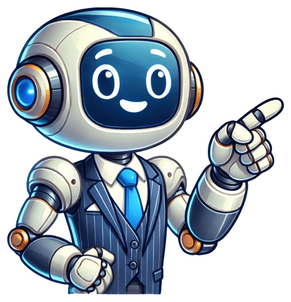
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The assassin's blade

The Assassin's Blade is a collection of five novellas set before the events of Throne of Glass, written by Sarah J. Maas. The story follows Celaena Sardothien, a skilled assassin feared across the continent, as she navigates her complex relationships with her master Arobynn Hamel and her fellow assassin Sam.Celaena is sent on missions that take her to remote islands and hostile deserts, where she must use her skills to survive. However, as she begins to act independently of Arobynn's wishes, she starts to question her own allegiance and the nature of their relationship.Throughout the novellas, Celaena forms connections with those around her, including Sam, who becomes a source of comfort and support for her. As they grow closer, they must navigate the dangers of their world and confront the consequences of defying Arobynn's orders.The Assassin's Blade offers readers a deeper look into Celaena's past and the world she inhabits, exploring themes of loyalty, friendship, and the blurred lines between good and evil.The Assassin's Blade by Sarah J. Maas: Celaena's Journey to EndovierCelaena Sardothien faces harsh reality at Endovier, a hellish place where she makes a promise to herself to uncover the truth about her past and those who wronged her, including Sam.Rolfe pretends to inspect slaves while secretly scouting their surroundings. He takes Celaena to observe another group of slaves, and she becomes enraged, attacking Sam in the process. Despite their animosity towards each other, Celaena confides in Sam, who agrees to help her plan. The following day, they sneak onto a ship, intending to free the captives. Under the cover of night, they row towards both vessels and release the slaves, instructing them to flee at sunrise when a diversion will be created in town.The next evening, Celaena and Sam visit the local tavern, pretending to buy drinks for all the pirates in attendance. They secretly get everyone intoxicated and then instigate a brawl, causing chaos throughout the town. Meanwhile, they slip away to destroy the chain that could potentially damage ships fleeing the port. However, Rolfe is hot on their heels, prompting Celaena to use her face to distract him while Sam escapes with the key to fix the chain.Later, in a separate novella, "The Assassin and the Healer," Celaena passes through the downtrodden town of Innish, where she meets Yrene Towers, a skilled healer from Fenharrow. Yrene's mother was killed when magic was outlawed eight years ago, prompting her to seek further education on the Southern Continent. Celaena takes an interest in Yrene and teaches her self-defense skills after rescuing her from attackers.When Celaena departs for the Red Desert as punishment for disrupting the slave trade, she leaves behind a substantial amount of money for Yrene to use towards escaping Innish's miserable conditions. bf, and the Mute Masters son, Ilias, along with Celaena, discovers that Lord Berick, ruler of Xandra, consistently fails in his attempts to conquer the Red Desert. The Silent Assassins' training involves a grueling six-mile desert run with two buckets of water on one's shoulders, which Celaena effortlessly completes due to her royal background. She expresses frustration over not being trained personally by the Mute Master, but he advises her to be patient. Frustration grows as Lord Berick launches an attack on the fortress, and Celaena helps the assassins defeat his army. The next day, Ansel is sent to Xandra to confront Berick, and Celaena accompanies her. During their trip, they learn about the Ironteeth witches who overthrew the Crochan witches and have since terrorized the Western Wastes a crucial detail for Heir of Fire. In Xandra, Ansel meets with Berick while Celaena explores and stumbles upon a merchant selling Spidersilk. The merchant reveals that he traded twenty years of his life for it, which can only be regained if the particular spider is killed. Celaena expresses her desire to one day accomplish this feat, receiving six square inches of Spidersilk as a reminder that everything has a reward. She reunites with Ansel, who plans to steal Berick's Asterion horses and flees the city. Back at the fortress, the Mute Master is furious but calms down when Celaena takes the blame for their actions. As punishment, they receive stable duty. The Mute Master eventually begins training Celaena, teaching her to move like various animals, which enhances her own movements. During the Midsummer Eve festival, Ilias shows his admiration for Celaena, but she rebuffs him. Ansel reveals that the other assassins have been mocking her, sparking an argument between them. Celaena confides in the Mute Master about Arobynn's punishment, which he disapproves of. The next morning, Ansel feigns apology to Celaena before drugging and abandoning her in the desert with instructions to leave, but Celaena chooses to return. It becomes clear that Lord Berick's men have attacked the fortress, killing many assassins, including Mikhail, and leaving Ilias gravely injured. The Mute Master survives, and Celaena learns of Ansel's betrayal, working with Berick in exchange for an army to reclaim Briarcliff.Ansel is threatening to hurt Celaena if she doesn't leave by twenty-one minutes, but in reality, he waits till after that time because he's a nice guy. The Mute Master gives her cash to pay off her debts to Arobynn since he thinks she's flawless and precious. After that, Celaena heads back home. Upon returning to Rifthold, the Assassin and the Underworld welcomes her with heaps of presents from Arobynn, who also apologizes for beating her up earlier.Arobynn then gives her a special mission - to kill Benzo Doneval, who's in town trying to convince the king to build a road between Adarlan and Melisande. Apparently, this is all part of Leighfer Bardingale's plan, her ex-husband's, to improve Melisande's trade with them. The catch? Celaena has to take out both Doneval and his business partner. She runs into Sam while on a mission and shares an awkward moment together.When Arobynn beat him up earlier, Sam threatened to kill him for hurting her because he's head over heels in love with her. It turns out that Sam has been forced to hang out with Lysandra, one of Arobynn's protges who's a courtesan. Celaena is not a fan of Lysandra and her madam, Clarisse.Lysandra's Bidding is soon approaching, so Celaena goes to get ready after three months in the desert. When she gets back, Arobynn gives her a new suit with built-in blades made by a talented Melisande tinkerer. She gives him some Spidersilk to put in one of the suits, but it's actually for Sam's suit (though we find this out later). Celaena attends a play to check out Doneval and also because she loves music.After that night, she tries to play the same music, but it doesn't work out. She then asks Sam for help with her mission. They go spying on Doneval and his bodyguard, but nothing exciting happens. They also follow the bodyguard for a bit, but he's not doing anything important. Sam gives Celaena the sheet music from the concert because she's obsessed with it and it's really sweet of him. Arobynn, Celaena, and Sam get invited to Leighfer Bardingale's party, where he introduces her as his niece, Dianna. She goes off to talk to Doneval, using the excuse that she's a wealthy merchant's niece, and finds out the time of his meeting.Then she dances with Dorian Haviliard for a bit (though he's hidden behind a mask). Celaena also thinks about moving out of her apartment on top of a warehouse. The next day, she talks to Sam about their mission and plan to break into Doneval's house, but since Sam has to help Lysandra with pre-Bidding stuff, she goes by herself.Celaena manages to break in, finds the study upstairs where Doneval does his business stuff, but then gets knocked out. She wakes up in the sewer below the house and is tied to a chair by Philip, Doneval's bodyguard. He plans to leave her there until...Celaena manages to escape from her captor but faces additional challenges as she can't find a way out of the street. Sam's timely intervention helps her avoid almost drowning, and she shares her experiences with him, solidifying their bond. Celaena decides to pay off her debt after being convinced by Sam.However, Arobynn is not pleased, displaying both sadness and intense anger towards his behavior as an asshole. Celaena keeps her plans secret from him. In a tender moment, Celaena confesses to Sam that she's paid off Arobynn, but he hints at potentially leaving due to lack of reason to stay when Celaena leaves.In response, Celaena calls out Arobynn's behavior as idiotic and kisses Sam. The lovers share an intimate encounter in the sewers. After a shocking moment, they break into Doneval's house through the sewers. Celaena retrieves documents, kills several guards but fails to reach one who attempts to take his own life.Celaena gives Arobynn the documents, only for him to reveal that Doneval was not as villainous as portrayed and that it was Leighfer who desired handing over slaves. The revelation infuriates Celaena, prompting her to sell an Asterion horse to pay off Sam's debts and assert her independence.Arobynn's deceitful actions lead Celaena to decide she is leaving him. He responds by using all of her money to win a bidding, further incensing Celaena. The novella begins with Celaena in prison before shifting back in time eleven days earlier, when Celaena and Sam have parted ways to pursue their individual goals.Celaena is hesitant to leave but ultimately decides she needs financial stability if they plan to escape. She kisses Sam, emphasizing the importance of their relationship. The next day, Arobynn agrees to let them leave, however, only after they pay a substantial sum from Celaena's account.Farran Celaena's situation is quite complicated. Initially, Celaena agrees to join their mission mainly for financial gain. She discovers Jayne's house, where she observes Farran's behavior, leading to a decision to eliminate him first. This choice stems from her loyalty towards Sam, who wants to protect her, and her resolve to take out Jayne. Celaena returns home to find Arobynn waiting for her, which unsettles her due to his creepy nature. He criticizes Celaena's actions, urging her to reveal her true identity to Sam. During dinner with Sam, he confesses his fear but ultimately asserts his determination not to be afraid.As Celaena follows Farran, she witnesses him torturing people and is disturbed by his brutality. Meanwhile, Arobynn inquires about her heritage, yet responds dismissively until later on when it becomes relevant. Ultimately, Sam dies, causing immense distress for Celaena. Upon learning this, Arobynn reveals the news to her and they visit the Assassin's Keep.At the Keep, Celaena encounters Arobynn's lifeless body and learns of the circumstances surrounding his death. Subsequent events unfold as she attempts to avenge Sam's demise, despite facing obstacles including her imprisonment and ultimately deciding to take matters into her own hands at Jayne's house.In a fit of rage, the ruthless ruler sentences Celaena to a lifetime in the notorious Endovier prison, forcing her to abandon all hope. However, upon witnessing a majestic white stag, symbolizing Terrasen's magic and resilience, she rediscovers her resolve and declares her name and defiance to the tyrannical forces that seek to crush her. This summary delves into the pivotal events of Sarah J. Maas's The Assassin's Blade series, showcasing Celaena's unyielding spirit as an epic heroine rivaling Frodo and Jon Snow.

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