

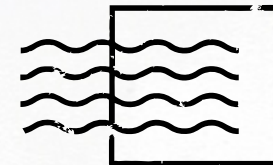


Seven Crowns  
Book 1

# Seven Crowns Recap



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# Hi, I'm Anabella Halt.

Last year, I discovered I'm from another world. It's ruled by seven royal families. Each selects one family member to serve on a powerful, all-seeing council. Some of them even have magical gifts, like foresight, persuasion, and plant growth.



# The Seven Families



The Nobles  
Technology



The Fleurs  
Gift of Plant Growth  
Medicine, Sciences



The Rockwells  
Military  
Gift of Foresight



# The Seven Families



The DuBoises  
Lawyers, Politicians  
Gift of Persuasion



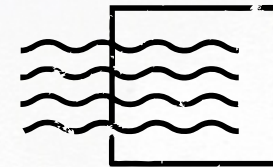
The Arkwrights  
Metals, Mining,  
Engineering



The Jacobses  
Banking, Accounting,  
Finance



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# The Halts

(That's me!)

My mom was royalty there, too. Not that she bothered to mention it to me or my adopted brothers... After her family line was murdered one by one, she fled to Earth, taking me with her. My mom took her secret to the grave. We're supposed to have the gift of healing, but I've got my doubts.



# Secrets don't stay buried.

But it didn't stay buried for long. Assassins tried to kill me, but a young homeless guy with beautiful eyes like a cat saved me. Turns out he's not so homeless. His name is Samuel, and he's the most secretive guy I've ever met. He's also one of the most brilliant and helpful, too. He smuggled me back to where my family's troubles began--a planet named Bellaton. He stuck around to help me.







Ophelia



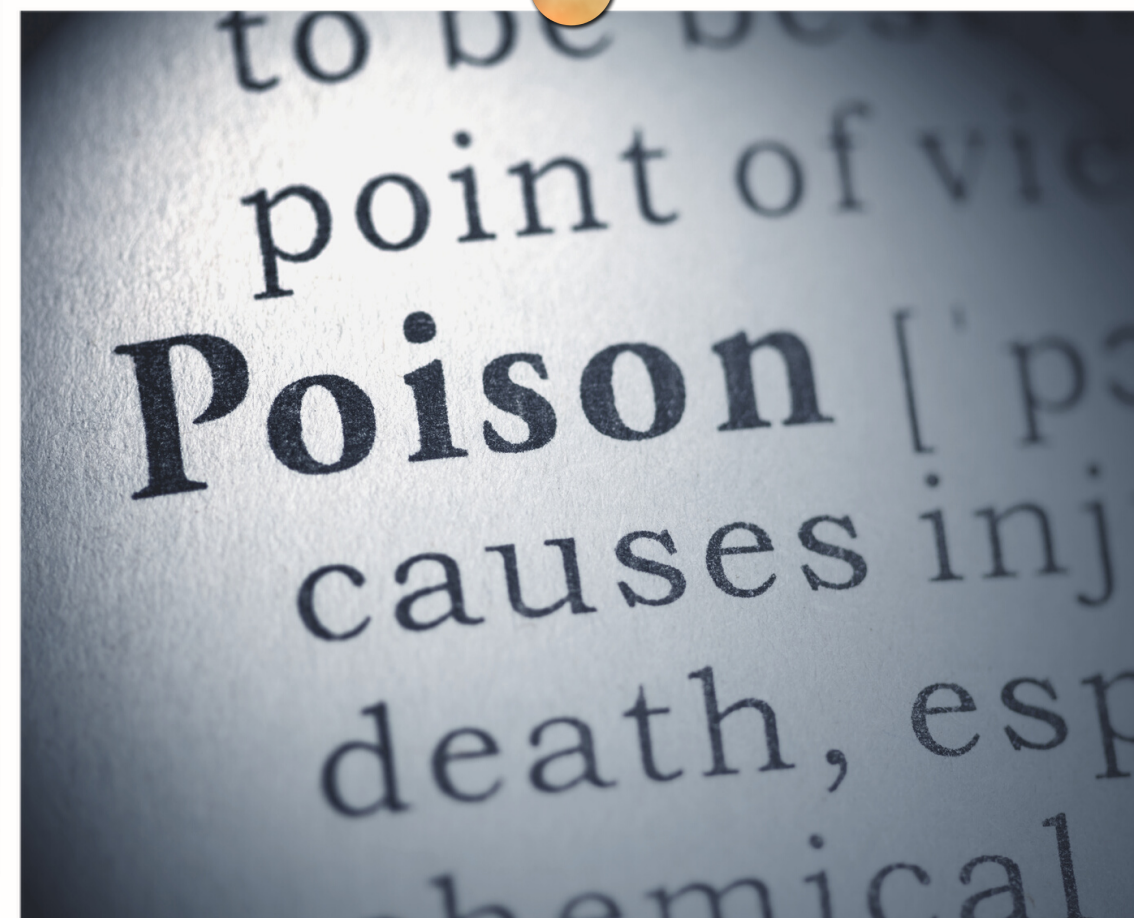
Adam

# Academy

There, I attended an academy for children of the royal seven and their favorites. I made new friends, like Ophelia Fleur who has the gift of plant growth, the gorgeous Adam Rockwell whose dad sits on the council, and Holden Rockwell who can see things before they happen.



But...




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**Poison** ['pɒzən]  
causes injury  
death, especially  
chemical

There were some minor  
hiccups along the way.

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Like when someone tried to  
poison me with chocolates  
and track my movements  
with a bracelet.



That's not the  
worst of it.

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The council didn't believe my  
familial claim. So, they gave  
me until the end of the school  
year to prove I had my  
family's magical gift of  
healing. The thing is...my  
attempts weren't successful.



# Winter Ball

Meanwhile, at the Winter Ball, I found out Adam was only dating me because his father told him to. He'd been hoping for an alliance.

I was furious! And... I made a scene. I drew way too much attention to Samuel who was supposed to be keeping a low profile, and he got arrested. It was my fault. I finally know one of his secrets now. He betrayed his family, the

Jacobses, when he discovered they were doing something incredibly unethical. My mom helped hide him on Earth. He only returned with me to repay his debt to her.

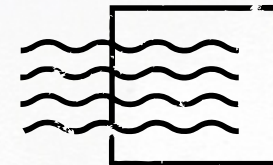


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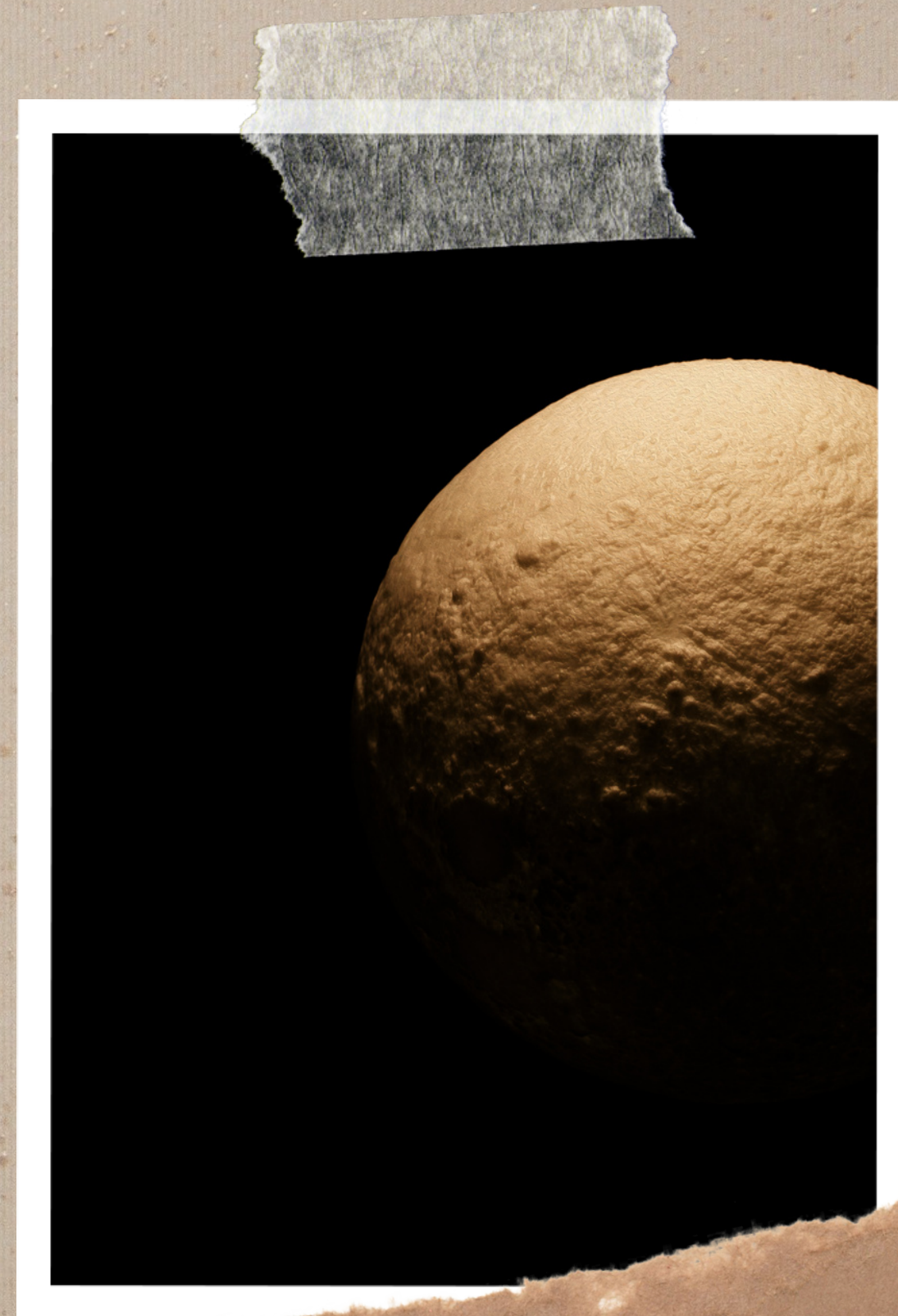
# Ugh.

Back at the academy, I refused to talk to Adam. You know what they say about coming between brothers? Well, it's true for cousins too. After a huge misunderstanding, Adam and Holden got in their worst fight ever. (Spoiler alert, it wasn't really about me. They were fighting because Holden was keeping a secret. It turns out he has the family gift of foresight.)



# The Challenge

The whole thing ended in a Rockwell family tradition called The Challenge where disputes are settled by team-based combat in a mostly safe place. I joined Holden's team. What can I say? I was still mad at Adam. It also seemed like the perfect opportunity to show the council how capable I really was.







# Something went wrong.



The game turned deadly. And the person behind it all... my advisor, Madame Bali. She shot a poisoned arrow at me, but Adam stepped in front of it. I healed him with some plants I stole from the Fleur's laboratory.





# I lied to the council.

Then, I lied to the council and pretended I healed him with my family gift. I demanded they free Samuel and made him my new advisor. Then, I passed out. Adam, ever the gentleman, took me back home to Earth, to my brothers.







# This isn't over.

But Adam's dad? Not such a gentleman. He wants us engaged. Yesterday.

They say Madame Bali is dead, but whoever hired her is still out there.

This isn't over.