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The war is over. The false prophecy has been fulfilled. But the dragonets still have enemies. A dark evil, buried for centuries, is stirring.

And a young NightWing may have had the first true prophecy in generations . . .

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Unless the lost city of night can be found.

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Trixi #WATERFLAME says

I feel like nothing big was resolved in this book other than some events Tui planned to happen. So before I start my review, I'll just say I'm not expecting very much of Book 10. NOT because this book sucked (part 1 was boring, though) NOT because it's from Qibli's point of view (it's bound to be interesting) BUT it's because of the very abrupt way Tui ends her book series. The Brightest Night was a very abrupt ending in which Tui got rid of two sisters hurriedly in one chapter (they've lived for 20 years of war! Their abrupt deaths are just so forced.) And Tui's got a LOT of things to resolve in just one book, which means defeating Onyx, Darkstalker and crowning the new IceWing queen. It's an amazing series but things are always resolved at the last minute!

So, Turtle.

(".....the most boring prince on the planet." -Anemone)

It is actually half true since he was following Darkstalker around invisibly for the whole part 1. Continue for half of part 2.

Kinkajou is back and I'm so happy about that. I ship her with Turtle but then I realised the ship is quite similar to Starflight and Sunny (timid male dragon likes cheerful female dragon)

I hope Turtle and Kinkajou will happen, though.

Then we have the epic animus battle, Turtle is finally revealed, he loses his animus power (and I hate that part).

Now I have heard that some people ship Moon with DARKSTALKER.

Darkstalker is creepy and honestly I don't think he deserves Moon because he is just plain evil and he shows absolutely no sign of remorse for his actions. So no offense but I think Moon is happier and better off with Winter or Qibli (personally I ship Moon with Winter)

Characters are well-developed

I liked Anemone in book 2, she was so adorable back then and I was very disappointed to find that she is now a spoiled, bratty princess.

Kinkajou is my favourite character and I hope there will be a Winglets for her at least about her detailed experience in the Night Kingdom, how she persevered from the torture of being imprisoned and experimented on in such a horrible place.

Review Conclusion: actually my least favourite book in the second arc, though better than books 4 and 5.

Abby Sledden says

Loved the book! I think that Turtle's POV has probably been my favorite so far because we know so little about him and his history in all the other books and once you actually get to know him it just seems so right! I thought the connection between him and Anemone was so weird but interesting and how his view on animus' was so different than any other dragon in two thousand years (I think I agree with him though). Anyways, great book! I'm going to refrain from writing a super long review because it's late and I'm tired. I can't wait to read the Darkstalker Legend! I also want to read the Winglet series. And of course I can't wait until book #10! Keep up the awesome series Tui! It really just lets my imagination run free!

death says

THE COVER IS OUT AND ITS TURTLE GUYS! I actually quite liked Turtle and I'm interested on how things will turn out in Turtles point of view. Also the cover is beautiful love the colours on it!

Erin ??? Shin says

Great Series! There are lots of cliffhangers and otherwise EVERYTHING is amazing about this series. YOU MUST READ IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lightwavers says

Finally, the ninth book is out! Woohoo!

If you're wondering if you should read this: a huge YES, bearing in mind that it is the ninth book of the series, but beware it's just as much a cliffhanger as the last one.

WARNING: SPOILERS BELOW

The book starts out right after the last one. Pearl unwittingly freed Darkstalker after she burned his scroll of power, and now all his powers have flowed right back into him. Right after he's freed, Turtle enchants a stick to hide him from Darkstalker, because Turtle can smell evil intentions a mile away.

So now we have an invisible Turtle and a freed Darkstalker. Now that he's freed, he doesn't want a repeat of last time (read Darkstalker Legends if you haven't already) so he decides to enchant everyone he meets to be friends with him. We get a bit of Darkstalker's 2,000 year old hugeness inhabiting Jade Mountain and giving the Nightwings there trinkets that grant powers (such as mind reading and super strength) which are referred to as the 'Talons of Power'. He spends some time magnanimously forgiving everyone who attacks him and acting like a saint while Turtle watches, as well as acting the tiniest bit evil to put us on edge. Oh, and he gets Anenome on his side too, and since they both have soul protectors, the spells are a-flyin'. (Psssst, Anenome's bracers control the weather. How cool is that? Of course, we only see them once in the entire book, grumble grumble.)

Then Darkstalker decides he still wants his kingdom, so he travels over to Gory's part of town, enchanting everyone he meets. Now the Nightwings there are actually having a pretty neat time of things, so Darkstalker postpones his "join me underlings!" speech in favour of making everyone like him. Of course, the passive "everyone must adore me" spell is going on in the background, but Darkstalker goes above and beyond by giving away more 'Talons of Power', while we get some quality Turtle Time. Darkstalker can sense animus uses now, so Turtle pretends to be a lil weakling and asks the Great Anenome to heal Kinkajou. Anenome heals her, but also puts a love spell on her. Now we've got the setup for a "spell gets broken, turns out she really loved him all along moment". But I digress. So Darkstalker's mass charming everyone. If I were Darkstalker, I'd think a bit (REMEMBER CLEARSIGHT?!) and try being honest for once, but noooooo. Ahem.

So Darkstalker gets his adoring fans—I mean, kingdom of Nightwings—and goes soaring off into the sunset. Turtle, Moon, and Kinkajou fly after to prevent evil horribad things that will happen because Sutherland just

couldn't let Darkstalker be a good guy. LIKE SERIOUSLY, WHY. I WAS LIKE CRYING ONCE I UNDERSTOOD THE PLOT. At least let him be a "oh I'm sorry I understand I was a bad boy I'll be good now" character after he's inevitably defeated in the next book.

The Nightwings reach the ancient kingdom of the night soon enough, and Anenome turns naughty and knocks poor Moon about because she's jelly over Darkstalker's mooning over Moon. So Darkstalker flies into a rage and banishes Anenome to the sea kingdom, telling her to go kill anyone who gets in her way. Because reasons. Now Turtle gets scared (And yes, I know scared's his default state. I mean scarder) and races after Anenome. Then we find out that, OH MY, Turtle was the one who gave Anenome her powers in the first place, because he wanted to not be noticed. Then Turtle finishes his flashback and actually finds Anenome. The odds look to be in his favour, because he finds her right before she's about to enchant a knife to kill her family. Awesome right? Well, if you like the royal Seawing family. I think it's about getting the readers to think NOOOO, BABY AUKLET, but anyway.

So we have an epic animus battle between Anenome and Turtle, where he accidentally turns himself invincible forever (but not immortal) and actually wins without killing Anenome, because of Plot Armour. And somehow he turns her into a good guy. Yay? I bet she'll never have to own up to beating Moon about with a mop. And also we get told that souls don't matter, it's pretty much just a "power corrupts" type thing.

But, OH NO, Darkstalker senses the huge animus battle going on, but only conveniently after the fight's finished, of course. He summons all the animus dragons in the world to his throne room, including an unknown Sandwing who teleports away in a split second before he even notices. Only THEN does he put a spell preventing other animus dragons in the room from using their power. Honestly, his brains must've partially frozen during his sleep. He could've done that BEFORE summoning everyone there, or even extended the spell to stop every other dragon from using animus powers, REGARDLESS of their location. Ugh. Moving on, he is smart enough to realise Turtle's there and Anenome wasn't just having a tantrum, but instead of saying "Make all spells from an animus dragon other than me stop working," he just brings in "a dragon important to the animus hiding in the room." I ask you...

Still, Darkstalker's incompetence is (somehow) greatly exceeded by the incompetence of every other dragon in the world, and he does reveal and then remember Turtle... but was too stupid to remove spells other than his in the throne room, so Turtle throws his invisibility stick to Anenome, who escapes. Through a window.

Meanwhile, Darkstalker goes all muahahaha, gotcha, but I would never really harm Kinkajou cause she's Moon's friend. Then he says the same of Turtle. After trying to burn him to death because Fathom, but invincibility spell. And then says his resemblance to Fathom is causing him to want to murder him, so Turtle's gotta go into the dungeons. And on the way Darkstalker zaps Turtle's animus power. So that's a bummer, Turtle's normal now. Sheesh, animus dragons can do anything, can't they. Makes me long for the sensible magic of Brandon Sanderson books...

But hey! At least Turtle's still invincible, right? Because Darkstalker wouldn't even THINK of removing animus enchants from a former animus. So we've got to wait for Anenome to inevitably save the day.

BUT WAIT!!!! Before you go. Let's show some scenes from around the world! So... Uh... Sand Kindom, we've got terrorist dragons with black hoods (yeah, I don't know how they'd wear 'em either) and golden bird medallions blowing things up. Over in the Sea Kingdom, we've got the ghost of Albatross haunting people(?!?!?!), and in the Ice Kingdom everyone's caught a disease and is dying horribly. Queen's already dead too.

So. Loved the book, but yet ANOTHER cliff-hangar makes me mad, so 4 stars for you. Also, while character stupidity continues to irritate me, it IS a children's book, so I'm letting it slide. ;)

You can read this review on my blog at <https://xilandre.wordpress.com>

Madeline (Mrs. Will Toledo) says

warning-this text contains spoilers

I loved this book soooooo much! It was very interesting to see Turtle's POV, as well as Darkstalker. Now, about him...

Doesn't Darkstalker remind you a little bit of Donald Trump?

He came to the Rain Kingdom to challenge Glory for the throne, and most of the resident NightWings were hesitant about this, because of him being this TWO-THOUSAND YEAR OLD EVIL FREAK DUDE, but as soon as he started using his powers on them (and doling out superpowers to them..."You get a superpower! You get a superpower! EVERYONE gets a superpower!!!"), they immediately like him and most go with him to rebuild the Night Kingdom-MAKING THE NIGHTWINGS GREAT AGAIN.

I don't think this was intended, but this book actually makes a bit of a social commentary, which I enjoyed. Very interesting. And so, I made this:

/Users/Madeline/Desktop/Darkstalker is literally Trump.jpg

Anyway, another amazing WOF installment. I look forward to book 10!

Dylan S says

This is one of the best sequel books to the Wings of Fire series (In my opinion). It jumps right where the last book left off mostly. It's very entertaining and involves a lot of animus magic. You learn soooooooooo much about Turtle and his backstory. I think anyone who has read the Wings of Fire series should read this book and would like it a lot.

Chelsea says

My final book of 2016! **I thoroughly enjoyed the reading experience of Talons of Power, never finding myself uninterested. That being said, I think this is definitely the weakest book in the second arc and most of the book can be classified as filler.** 3 ½ stars

Before I get into my issues, let me preface this by saying I adore the Wings of Fire books and consider this one of my all time favorite middle grade series. My critiques of this book do not change that, and 3 ½ stars is a positive rating for me.

Other than the last 20 pages or so, this book is the same thing happening over and over again. Turtle follows Darkstalker, waiting for him to do something evil, Darkstalker doesn't. Repeat for 200 pages.

Turtle is a very...passive character. He spends nearly the entire book "invisible" and just hanging out observing everyone else. He rarely takes matters into his own hands, which I recognize is part of his character but it makes him so much less interesting compared to the other main characters like Moon or Peril.

Turtle is so infrequently involved in the story that he didn't even feel like the main character. Most of this book is slow and repetitive. A lot of the plot serves to bridge the gap to the series finale.

Though I was let down by this penultimate novel, I still enjoyed reading it. I love this series and world. **The characters of this arc are extremely endearing. I've been reading Tui's writing since I was very young, so I'm always happy to jump into her stories.**

I'm still super hyped for the finale (which I hope is the actual finale; this series does not need another extension). **There are so many ways this could go, and I can't wait to see.** Not to mention I think Qibli is the main character of the final book, and he is one of my favorites!

Amariah Dixon says

I read in an interview by the author last summer that this one was going to be the book in the series where the story "rips your heart out and stomps on it". I didn't really find that in here, but the ending is a major cliff-hanger! Darkstalker has definitely gotten on my nerves, even though he does have a sad background for why he does what he does.

Turtle, every once in a while, annoyed me with his "maybe someone else will save the world while I go hide safely in a corner!" bit. Okay, so he's terrified of Darkstalker discovering his powers, but his reactions sort of irked me.

On the other hand, I was drawn in to this story from the first page! I did feel sorry for Turtle, though. He was teased and criticized when he was younger. There is no doubt that I found this to be thoroughly engaging and the characters feel very real! I love the detail, and the suspense keeps you on the edge of your seat. I cannot wait to read the last book!

Sean says

Wowww. This is probably one of my favorites in the entire series—definitely my favorite in the second part of the series so far. I absolutely loved Turtle, and I was rooting for him the entire time. The pacing was super fast; I blasted through the pages of this one. I CAN NOT wait until the finale and I CAN NOT believe I still haven't ordered it yet !!!

etherealdragons says

Again hence I read a book in this superbly crafted series and wonder why it's not more popular. Why is this kids series my favorite series WHY IS IT SO GOOD.

So here, none of my fave characters died WAHOOIII LIKE BOI I WAS STRESSED NO SERIOUSLT WHY GLORY HAVE ALL DA ENEMIES AND DARKSTALKER DIDNT •REALLY• DO ANYTHING •BAD• PER SE I MEAN LIKE HE DID WHAT HE SAID BUT THIS GIRL IS SUSPICIOUS IF U WANNA KNOW WHY I HAVE SUCH A SUSPICIOUS STREAK •BOOKS•!!!!!!! Anyways my Kinkajou is still a glorious little smushface, Glory's still alive, Glory still hasn't had dragonets (a secret and futile hope of mine, seriously i'll take anything) and still no Ripnami in sight (yea yea I know Tsunami (also a fave of mine) is from the old series BUT I MEAN SERIOUSLY-), so nothing new. Anyways I always found Turtle

kinda bland but he's grown on me GO TURTLEJOU WHATEVER THEIR SHIP NAME IS YEA YEA AND STUFF!!! Anemone is a brat. She is a spoiled little princess brat snob selfish spoiled PRINCESS who is still adorable somehow. Um PROPHECY STILL MAKE NO SENSE ISH I DUNNOOOOOOOOO STUFFS I LOVE DADKSTALKER CEPT HE IS EVIL CEPT HE IS AWESOME AND SWEET EXCEPT HES EVIL READ DARKSTALKERS BOOK HIM AND CLEARSIGHT ARE SO SWEET EXCEPT HES EVILL AARRGGHHHHHHH WHAT IS LIFE. Hm what else.....
CANT WAIT FOR THE NEXT BOOK YO.
ALSO THE LOST CITY OF NIGHT IS FOUND YO AND JADE MOUNTAIN ISNT FALLEN BENEATH THUNDER AND ICE SO.....(and that rhymes)

My thoughts on the prophecy

Beware the darkness of dragons (the darkness in the souls of animuses? Animi?)
Beware the stalker of dreams(Queen Scarlet. But there's another dreamvisiter being used DUN DUN DUN)
Beware the talons of power and fire(ok last time I was like OMG TURTLE AND PERIL but they are good guys.... Also Talons of power just means animus... Animi bad here huh. But is it animus who is firey? Or is peril bad)
Beware the one who is not what she seems(not many main females whose intents we should question.... I always thought pyrite. Does this prophecy go in order of bewares? Should we beware of hailstorm?)

Something is coming to shake the earth(yahooi, Darkstalker has risen...)
Something is coming to scorch the ground(no seriously, major wild fires?)
Jade Mountain will fall beneath thunder and ice(still same old hypothesis. Icewings and ...Thunderclan will dramatically battle out everything. I guess Thunder is Nightwings. Or it will just be randomly snowing that night)
Unless the lost city of night can be found(BUT ITS ALREADY BEEN FOUND HUH anyways I was always like "major secrets will be uncovered here TAHT will explain everything yay")

Brody says

This book was amazing! So many plot twists. But it does leave you at a cliff hanger. *tear tear*

Raya | Shantisong | RayatheRayquaza says

I AM SO EXCITED FOR THIS BOOK IMA DIE OF WAITING AND NOW I'VE FINALLY READ IT AND I AM SOOOOO NOT DISAPPOINTED!!!!!!

#turtlejou for life!
#glorybringer

I love how Tui hints so much more at Qibli and Moon OTP XDddd

Carly says

This will be awesome! I can just tell!

**PrincessBreeze~??? ρ???σ? ω?σ ??ι?? ?σ ???ρ ?ν???σ?? ?αρρ? σf??? ??δ? υρ f???ι?g
??? ?σ???ι???~ says**

This book is gonna be so good!!!!!!! No, so epic!!!!
