

A Ruin of Roses

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Book Discussion Resource Page

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Welcome to our spicy book club resource page, where we turn the page to a whole new chapter of fun! Get ready to dive into a world of plot twists and character arcs as we leaf through our current book selection. We've provided the Dirty Dozen; twelve spicy and intriguing questions to spark discussion and help you uncover the spine-tingling depths of the story.

The Dirty Dozen

Foreplay - Warm Up Questions

1. What's the overall spice level? 1 (Not Spicy) - 10 (Spiciest Thing I've Ever Read)?
2. How does the spice level compare to the other books we've read together?
3. At the start of the book, Finley is into "hate-f*ck smut" - what's your favorite genre or trope?

The Spicy Bits - Gettin' Down and Dirty with the Plot

4. Finley is constantly talking back, smirking, and pushing Nyfain's buttons—did the banter make the spice hotter for you, or did you ever want them to just shut up and get naked?
5. "Some hero. I'd slipped into full damsel, and honestly, I would not mind being saved." Finley makes it seem like needing a rescue isn't as good as being the hero. Do you agree or disagree?
6. What do you think of Hadriel? Do you like his character or is he too much?
7. "'We're never powerless,' I muttered, a sentiment I'd always repeated to myself when I did, indeed, feel utterly powerless." What are your thoughts on this? Is it toxic positivity? Is it an affirmation that leads to positive change? Do you think it's helpful?
8. Finley calls him 'Your Royal Fire-Breathing Jackass'—which insult or nickname was your favorite? And do insults make the spicy scenes spicier?

9. If you were part of this cursed kingdom, would you want to be a beast, one of the seamstresses/seamsters, or a sarcastic sidekick like Hadriel? (Bonus: what would your animal shift be?)

10. What do you think of authors using smells (and their descriptions) in their writing? Do you think Nyfain's fragrance of "pine, lilac and a hint of honeysuckle" matches his character?

11. Which spicy scene had you blushing, bookmarking, or needing a moment alone? Asking for science.

Aftercare - Final Thoughts

12. "I wanted you to know that when I look at you, I see the beauty of your soul, and I'm in rapture." What was your favorite quote from the book and why?

Bonus: What questions do you have for the author? If you could dog-ear a page with a question for the author, what would it be?

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