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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. Do you think the touches that tie the story back to the original fairy tale are enjoyable or not? Which were your favorites?

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

4. Cade sees Amaya as "*sin wrapped in a fiery bow*" and "*like hellfire.*" How much of his lust is genuine desire versus the forbidden thrill of touching something he thinks he shouldn't?
5. Amaya says pole dancing is the only thing that's ever made her feel like herself. What would it take for you to step into something sensual and unapologetic purely for your own pleasure?
6. Cade claims the church saved him from "meaningless sex" and petty crimes — yet his obsession with Amaya seems anything but holy. Do you think his attraction to her is a relapse, or something deeper he never admitted wanting?
7. Amaya says selling her soul feels like nothing, not despair. What do you think that emotional numbness says about the cost of survival in this world?
8. Cade accuses Amaya of having "*more wickedness than the average person,*" yet he keeps returning for more. Is he projecting his own darkness onto her, or does she actually enjoy the role of temptress?

9. Amaya feels no remorse when someone who hurt her finally suffers; instead, she feels satisfaction and power. Do you think revenge can ever be erotic, or is it just another form of self-preservation?

10. Cade turns Amaya away at one point and later regrets it. Do you think he has any humanity in him? If so, when do we see it?

11. Amaya says the only thing she's ever lacked is courage. Do you think courage in this story means facing danger, or daring to take what (or who) you truly want without apology?

Aftercare - Final Thoughts

12. After everything between them — lust, guilt, revenge, and survival — what kind of ending would feel like true closure for Amaya and Cade: redemption, destruction, or something in between?

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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