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Isabella Zophie and Le Cirque de Magique

By Ana Fischel

"The moment the locket touched her skin a strange thing happened... it was as if a tiny electric shock went through her, making her feel quite odd and not like herself at all. Music was coming from somewhere and voices had started singing."

Isabella Zophie had tumbled headlong into Zartarbia - a previously uncorrupted paradise now threatened by the dark forces of the seven deadly sins, known as The Syndicate.

Initially she finds herself taken under the wing of a travelling circus headed by the roguish ringmaster, Krock O'Dile. As they journey via flying camels around Zartarbia, it quickly becomes apparent that Isabella is in grave danger from the evil Mistress Sectica (a syndicate member) and her demonic gliders.

Accompanied by Lujzka, and agent for the Federation Against Dark Forces (The FADF), Isabella gradually uncovers the true significance of the locket - the key to this strange world's future.

In a world where nothing is as it seems, who can she trust?



BOOK EXCERPT:

"Who are these people?", whispered Isabella, not liking the look of them as she clasped the crocodile's claw tightly. The woman wore a black veil and long coat that was covered with small insects, she fixed Isabella with such an intense gaze, that the girl felt it was burning a hole through her. The locket began to tingle again and then a strange thing happened, the woman's face began to flicker between youth and something so hideous and ugly that words were not sufficient to describe it.

"This is Sectica, the...the patron I was telling you about..." Krock said, squeezing her hand back. "Mistress Sectica to you", the woman said icily, "You should know by now how much disrespect angers me and I don't like to be kept waiting."

Krock took off his hat and bowed slightly, "I apologise Mistress Sectica."

"Just sit down!", she snapped her fingers and a table floated through the floor, along with a chair for each person. Isabella's chair caught her by surprise, so she almost toppled off it.

"So this is the girl", Sectica said strumming her fingers against the table. "How interesting."

Isabella Zophie and Le Cirque de Magique is the first of 7 books in the Zartarbia Tales

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