

Hook

The desert has taken ~~Badriya's mother, her friends, and even her freedom. nearly everything from Badriya: her mother, her friends, and even her freedom.~~ Using her magic and alchemy, she ~~desperately tries to~~ desperately tries to save the one thing that the sands have not stolen: her future.

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Badriya has a debt to pay.

The beautiful oasis city of Aran lies at the center of the Lost, a desert haunted by ghosts, demons, and Witches of the Lost who prey on unwary souls. Badriya ~~and her mother~~, having been exiled ~~with her mother~~ from their home on the coast, flees to the desert city for a new start. But after losing her mother to the desert—~~and Aran's King and Queen die swiftly after~~ and the ~~King and Queen of Aran dying swiftly after~~—Badriya is forced to live in the dark shadow of the new Queen, Solena.

Working as her assassin, Badriya is tasked with poisoning the ~~q~~Queen's unwanted suitors, rivals in love, and anyone else who dares ~~cross her. to cross her.~~ When a potential suitor and his advisor visit the palace, Badriya becomes ~~entangled in webs~~ a web of secrets and deceit. Desperately ~~wanting~~ to return to her seaside home, Badriya ~~is torn~~ finds herself torn between protecting ~~the young p~~Princess Najma, releasing her mother's soul from the ~~desert Witches, Lost,~~ and securing her own freedom. The silver she earns from her potions and cosmetics will pave the way, but she must remember: magic has its price.