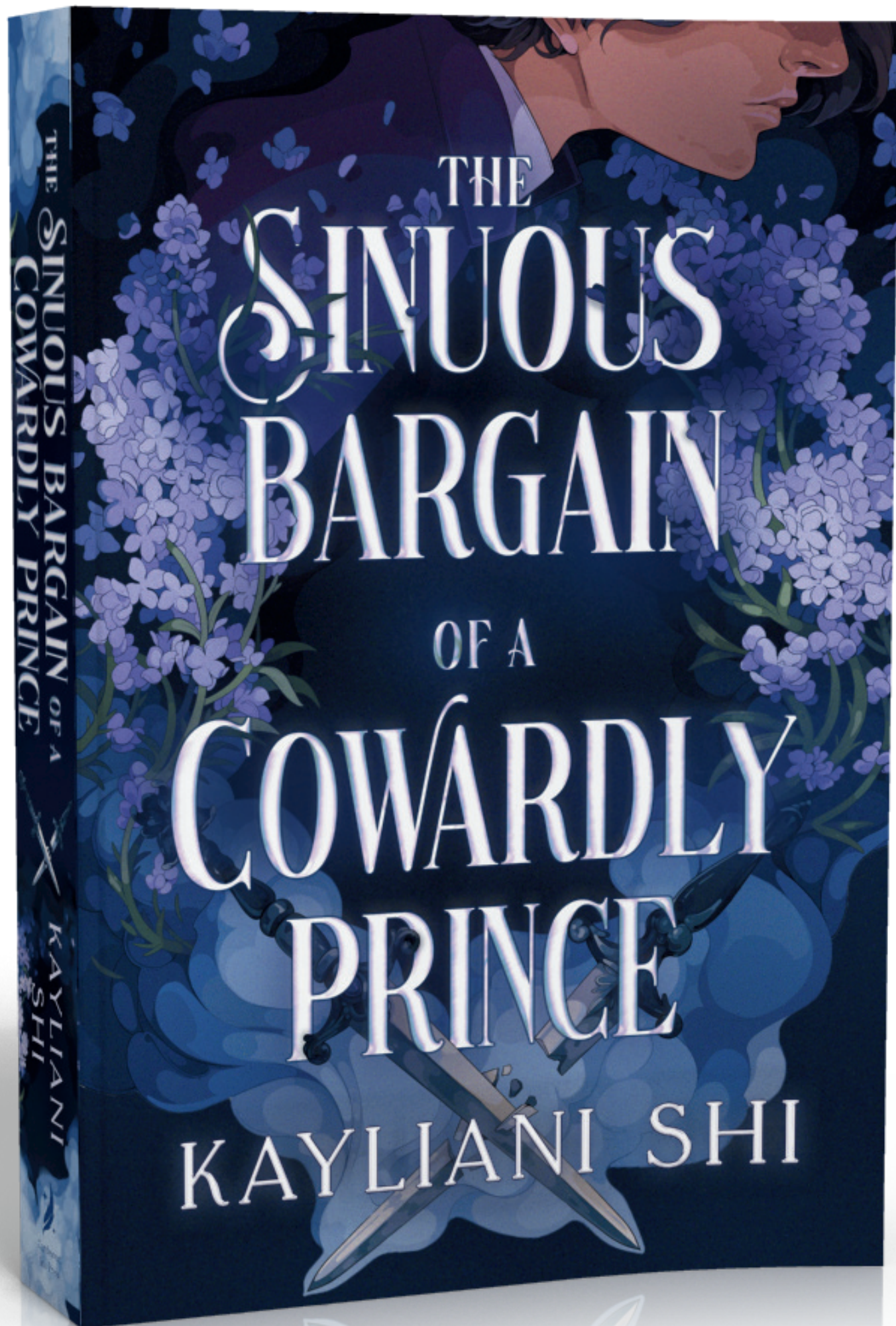


THE SINUOUS BARGAIN OF A COWARDLY PRINCE

*She was his chance for redemption. He was her key to freedom.
Fate had other plans.*



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The first installment of a character-driven romantic fantasy duology that subverts the chosen-one and fated-mates tropes.

Prince Ramiel Faundor is a bastard. His existence is the second best-kept secret in a kingdom built on blurred lines. But when his dragon-slaying brother dies in battle, Ramiel must stand in his place in the kingdom's coronation duel—an ancient trial meant to prove a ruler's worth. There's just one problem: no noble or soldier dares to train him.

Ether Malaphon is a ruthless elven warrior whose hatred for humanity burns almost as fiercely as her resentment for the fairies who murdered her parents. When she is dragged from her village to be sacrificed to a long-dead monarch, her fate seems sealed—until a desperate prince strikes a bargain that saves her life. In return, she must train him. But bargains in Ariocho always carry a cost.

As enemies close in and old powers begin to stir, Ramiel and Ether must navigate curses, buried secrets, and a history determined to repeat itself. And if the truth behind Ramiel's unlikely salvation is ever revealed, it may destroy far more than his chance at the throne.

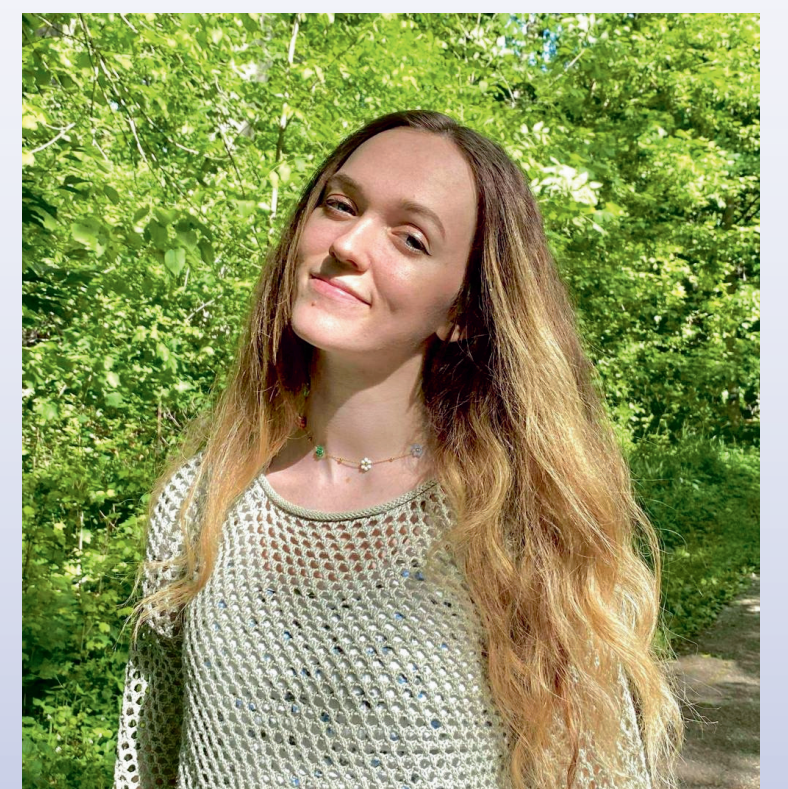
Kayliani Shi's debut fantasy reminds us that the hardest battles are fought over who to trust.

*“A compelling romantasy debut
with rich worldbuilding and
unpredictable twists.”*

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