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The city of Rey is burning. With smoke billowing, fires blazing and his people fleeing, Khalid races back to defend his city, and protect his queen. But Khalid is too late to do either. He and his men arrive to find the city in ruins, nothing but a maze of destruction, and Shahrzad is gone. But who could have wrought such devastation? Khalid fears he may already know the answer, the price of choosing love over the people of Rey all too evident.

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From Reader Review The Mirror & the Maze for online ebook

Sana says

yo Khalid,

YOU CUTIE, LET ME EAT YOU

Emer says

"And I shall take from you these lives, a thousandfold."

Consider my interest peaked for the next book!!! Which is surprising because I really wasn't a fan of The Wrath and The Dawn.... But as I said then, this series might be worth sticking with for the writing alone.

Two stars

This can be read here.

molly says

this has gotten me hyped for the sequel!

Mikee Andrea (ReadWithMikee) says

“Look around you, Khalid Ibn al-Rashid. Look around you with the eyes of a man, not the heart of a boy.”

Rating: { ★ ★ ★★ }

Khalid is a great king and an even greater man. No surprise there! This novella doesn't add much to the general storyline of The Wrath and the Dawn but we see more of the storm that builds within Khalid's mind as he finds out that Jalal has sent Shazi away with Tariq.

Khalid doesn't speak much but when he does, he means a lot. But I believe his character speaks more through actions than words and here we see his true love for Shazi and the conflict that he constantly battles between the duty of a king and the duty of a husband.

Now I'm going to go cry in the corner because I already finished reading The Rose and the Dagger and now this novella. I refuse to believe that it's over. CRYING. :(

Tabby says

Khalid my poor baby!

Rachel Maniacup says

This short story is a preparation for The Rose & the Dagger. It showed a glimpse of what happened in the first book, (The Wrath & the Dawn) after the **destruction of Rey City**.

My heart still breaks for **Khalid** here, my poor, handsome king! And in this book, my admiration for **Jalal** and **Despina** leveled up!

I'm loving this series and Renee Ahdieh even more!^^

? Poppy ? says

“And I shall take from you these lives, a thousandfold.”

Ohh Khalid Jan nothing is your fault. You're so perfectt, when you're going to accept that. Why do I forget how much I love khalid and every single side and main character of this story. If it would've been in my hands I would've made the author helpless to write a thousand books on khalid. Anything which is about Khalid will always be per-fect!!

The fear he'd felt before was nothing now. Nothing compared to the horror of certainty.

All this death. All this destruction.

My fault ...

In The Mirror & the Maze is written in Khalid's POV after he came back and saw his city in chaos of destruction. His fury and fear was so strong that I was feeling it in myself. The love of his for Shahrzad is just **WOW**. THE moment when Jalal told him about Shahrzad was amazing as well heart-wrenching.

“Look around you, Khalid Ibn al-Rashid. Look around you with the eyes of a man, not the

*heart of a boy.” It was spoken so softly. Not an admonition, but a plea. Jalal moved closer.
“Is it not for the better?”*

Can't wait to dive in The Rose & the Dagger and lose myself in this mesmerizing love story!! <33

Maggie says

“A maze to mirror his thoughts—lost. Directionless.”

Oh Khalid. The same boy-king who stole my heart in *The Wrath & the Dawn*. Of course he's worried about his city, his people, and of course he's worried about Shazi. His love and care for her is so cute it makes me so sad. It's such a cute love story and both of them together makes everything better.

This starts off where *The Wrath & the Dawn* left and nothing much is told. Jalal lets Khalid know Shazi is safe with Tariq and even when Khalid is furious because Jalal sent her with the man Khalid hates and cannot trust, he looks around him and sees that not only is he worried about Shazi, but he is worried about what is coming next. He needs to protect himself, his city, and his people and needs to be the King he wants to be. Khalid has to trust Tariq until he finds a way to get to their place, where Shazi is safe, and make sure she really is safe.

I think it's my time to cry again. Even though I read this months after finishing *The Rose & the Dagger* and didn't bother picking it up after, I can now go cry and remember all the good moments that happened in *The Wrath & the Dawn* and *The Rose & the Dagger*.

Lia says

3.5 stars

I am so **not** ready for *The Rose* and *The Dagger*. This novella reminded me that, a) Renee Ahdieh is capable of breaking my heart within the space of 7 pages and that, b) I am still very much in love with Khalid Ibn al-Rashid.

Aya Hamza says

*“And I shall take fro you these lives, a thousandfold”.
The fear he'd before was nothing now. Nothing compared to the horror of certainty.
All the death. All the destruction.*

My fault.

And Shazi left with Tariq because of the destruction, too!
Let's hope Khalid and Shazi will be together again.

Kassidy says

This was a great jump start to get me back into this world going into The Rose and the Dagger!

Stacee says

I don't know how I missed this last year. It was a good little snippet into Khalid's head, but I could have done with a million more pages.

Anniebananie says

Oh die Geschichte war genau das was ich zum Überbrücken bis zum nächsten Band brauchte! Sie spielt nach dem ersten Band bzw. zum Ende des ersten Bandes und dann war ja auch noch das erste Kapitel des zweiten Bandes als Leseprobe mit dabei, ich bin gespannt wie ein Flitzbogen wie es weitergeht mit Sharzad, Chalid und allen anderen! :)

Fafa's Book Corner says

Review posted on Fafa's Book Corner !

Beware spoilers ahead!

Initially I had no intention of reading The Mirror and the Maze. But once I saw that it was available on the publishers website I decided 'Why not'. I am surprised to say that I actually liked it!

The story begins right after The Wrath and the Dawn with Khalid returning home. Much to Khalid and his men's surprise they see smoke coming from their home. They get their horses to move faster and eventually make it. Khalid is in shock at the destruction. He's never seen so much destruction.

Once they make it Khalid spots Jalal and Despina but doesn't see Shazi anywhere. He hops off his horse and Jalal hugs him happy to him. Khalid then asks where Shazi is. Jalal replies that Shazi is safe. Khalid losing his temper asks again. Jalal explains that he sent Shazi with Tariq. Knowing that Tariq would protect Shazi. Khalid blows and asks why he did that and Jalal tells Khalid to look around him and see the destruction. Khalid then realizes that he doesn't have a choice and will have to trust Tariq.

I liked this more than The Moth and the Flame. I guess it's because it was more interesting and I was worried about their lives. But I still didn't find this to be 4 star worthy. It was just far too short. Needless to say that I did like it and will be reading The Rose and the Dagger.

Overall this was a good short story! I recommend it to those who want to know what happens before reading the second book. And to fans of the series.

P says

Khalid's story after what happened in The Wrath and the Dawn.

This novella is my favorite. Khalid rides back to his city to find out it's being ruined. What he feels for Shahrzad is unstoppable, though. Just wow !
