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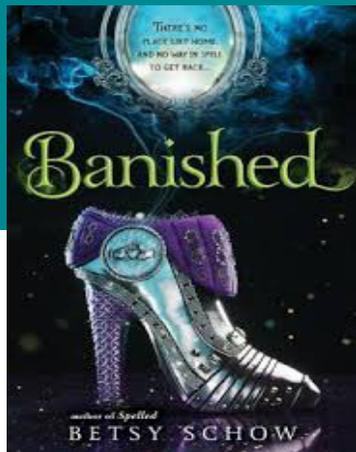
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Book Review

The Storymakers #3: Banished

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Excellent

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Rexi is in Camelot trying to put an end to Gwen's tyrannical rule. Modred is helping her in the hopes of using the grail to rewrite his own story. Kato is dead and his body is now being used by Morte to take over the world of Story. Dot wakes up from a coma in Kansas and is told her life in Story is just her imagination. Rexi struggles with the fate of Story as Hydra guides her and Modred through the three trials to reach the wishing well and hopefully reconnect with Dot, but one false answer is fatal. Dot must embrace her role as a storymaker and give up on her dreams of returning to Story if the world of Story and Rexi are to survive.

The final book in the Storymaker series, *Banished* wraps up the tale of Kato, Dot, and Rexi. The narrative switches between the two views of Dot in Kansas and Rexi in Story. Kato doesn't play as big of a role in this book, though his character is still important and influential. Developing the character of Modred is an interesting move because it drives home the point that fairytales are told from the victor's standpoint. Overall, *Banished* is a decent close to a series. The reader is left with several loose ends and isn't given the "and they lived happily ever after" storybook ending, reinforcing the running theme that the winner tells the story their way and you must work to find your happy ending.