The Lunar Chronicles #4.5: Stars Above

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The characters in the *Lunar Chronicles* have more stories to tell than the ones in the original series. In this short story collection, it answers questions and goes into more details about the lives of the original characters. Stories cover different topics from different parts of the character’s lives. In *The Little Android*, it talks about Cinder becoming a cyborg. In *Glitches*, the reader learns about Cinder’s first introduction to her new family. In *The Queen’s Army*, it discusses how Wolf joins the Queen’s Army. *Carswell’s Guide to Being Lucky* tells the story of thirteen-year-old Thorne wanting to get a Rampion spaceship. *The Keeper* tells the story of how Scarlet and Selene were cared for by Michelle Benoit. Another story, *After Sunshine Passes By*, tells the story of how Cress ends up on a satellite, and the Princess and the Guard talks about Winter and Jacin’s relationship. In *The Mechanic*, readers will see Kai and Cinder’s meeting from Kai’s perspective, and finally in *Something Old, Something New*, the friends get together for an important wedding.

Some of the stories are strong, but others aren’t as exciting. *Glitches* was fun in explaining Cinder discovering her talent for being a mechanic, forming a relationship with Iko, and meeting Adri and her family. *The Queen’s Army* didn’t tell readers anything new about the story. Winter’s story, however, goes into more depth on why she refuses to use her gift. Most readers will love the story of Scarlet and Wolf’s wedding and how their friends make sure it’s a special occasion for them. Most of the stories, however, don’t add new perspectives to the characters, explore new places, or give much more detail about the world. Overall, the stories don’t add anything significant to the characters or the story and short stories aren’t Meyer’s strong point, but fans who finished the *Lunar Chronicles* wanting more will be somewhat consoled in these stories about their friends from the series.