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SECRETS. SEDUCTION. SACRIFICE.

A GAME OF RETRIBUTION

- 1. Hades does not tell Persephone a lot of pertinent information at the beginning of this story. Do you think he is correct in trying to hide Leuce from her or is he wrong to leave out important information when he is with her?
- 2. Hades questions a lot of his choices when it comes to Persephone. He wants to give her independence, yet he is also obsessed with protecting her. Why do you think he is so indecisive when it comes to her?
- 3. Hera enlists Hades in performing tasks for her, all so she will bless his marriage to Persephone. Do you think Hades was right in performing these tasks, even though they ended in him killing people he cared about that didn't deserve it?
- 4. Hades and Persephone fought a lot throughout this book. Why do you think they were having so much trouble getting along? Do you believe one of them was more in the wrong or were they carrying equal blame for their transgressions?
- 5. Persephone bargains with Apollo for Lexa's life and Hades tells her that she has condemned Lexa to a fate worse than death. How do you look at Persephone's decision? Was it wise or not?
- 6. After the solstice celebration, Persephone is very upset that Hades never came. Why was him being there such a big deal for Persephone? Why did it hurt her so much that he didn't show up?
- 7. Persephone forgives Leuce even after she leads her to the Forest of Despair. Would you have forgiven her? Do you think it was wise of Persephone to accept Leuce back into her good graces?
- 8. Lexa ends up dying even after Persephone bargains for her life. What does this say about death? Do you think Persephone learned a lesson?
- 9. Hades asks Persephone to marry him three times before she agrees. Why do you think Persephone finally agrees at the waterfall?
- 10. Hades has many responsibilities as the King of the Underworld that he does not enjoy. At first, he has trouble understanding Persephone's grief over Lexa. How does he understand death in a different way than everyone else?